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## COMBINED PUBLIC HEARING AND BOARD MEETING 211 AINSLIE STREET OCTOBER 10, 2019

Note to all speakers: All those who wish to speak during Public Session must sign and submit their speaker’s form at 5:45 PM, and no later than 6:15PM.

This meeting is live streamed courtesy of Council Member Stephen T. Levin.

### PUBLIC HEARING

#### ROLL CALL

Chairperson Ms. Dealice Fuller requested District Manager Mr. Gerald A. Esposito to call the roll. He informed the chairperson that there were 20 members present, a sufficient number to open the public hearing.

#### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Ms. Kaminski made a motion to approve the agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Ms. Teague. The motion was unanimously carried.

**UNENCLOSED SIDEWALK CAFÉ:** 18 BEDFORD AVENUE LLC, 18 BEDFORD AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11222-3102, Application # 1309076-DCA, 15 tables, 30 chairs. *Renewal.* There was no presentation made at this time. The item was referred to the SLA Review & DCA Committee.

**UNENCLOSED SIDEWALK CAFÉ:** VEBEH FIRST LLC, DBA HAVE & MEYER, BROOKLYN, NY 11211-6962, Application # 2048673-DCA, 6 tables, 12 chairs. *Renewal.* There was no presentation made at this time. The item was referred to the SLA Review & DCA Committee.

**UNENCLOSED SIDEWALK CAFÉ:** 174 BEDFORD AVENUE BAR LLC, DBA CHARLESTON, 174 BEDFORD AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11249-2902, Application # 1259219-DCA. *Renewal.* There was no presentation made at this time. The item was referred to the SLA Review & DCA Committee.

**PRESENTATION: SERVICES OFFERED AT NO COST TO NYC BASED BUSINESSES** – by Mr. William Vega, Small Business Advocate, NYC Small Business Services.

Mr. William Vega thanked the board for the opportunity to speak on behalf of Small Business Services (SBS). SBS makes available free/no cost services for businesses. They offer business education at all stages. They conduct one-on-one customized consultations. He noted that he was a member of the community here in Williamsburg. He is a trusted resource for the businesses of the neighborhood. They at SBS work with storefront compliance and are an advisor for services. They have trained staff (by the six different enforcement agencies) that impact stores. Although this staff are trained as inspectors, they go into the field as consultants, and their job is to educate businesses. They do not report findings to any enforcement agency. They are there to provide assistance. This staff works by appointment. As an advocate, it is his job to understand all stages of business and City government. He spoke about the Empire State Development and their services; the (NYC) Oath Office trial hearings and the SBS help center. He said that they can help businesses understand their leases before signing them. They will help a business understand the compliance (i.e. with the American Disabilities Act's wheel chair access and barriers). He spoke about the problems businesses were experiencing with getting natural gas hookups because of a moratorium on the utility's (NationalGrid) connections to new service. It could cost thousands of dollars for a business to switch to electricity, especially if it is a business like a bakery or a bread factory. Because of the expense, it may not be the right time to sign a lease. These are the types of things that they can advise on. He spoke about safety issues in commercial corridors. The use of cameras and signage are helpful. He related that camera recordings can be viewed in order to see a crime that may have happened in a given area. Neighbors can help each other thwart crime by having cameras.

**PRESENTATION: PROPOSED EVENT SPACE - 74 Wythe Tenant LLC, dba Space Factory** Williamsburg, at 74 Wythe Avenue – Plans for Taking Over the Former Output Event Space. They are noting an over 250 person capacity (around 795). – by Zach Weinberg, Principal/Owner, 74 Wythe Tenant LLC. [Robert S. Bookman, Pesetsky & Bookman PC/Rep.]

Mr. Joshua Kaiser, representative for the facility, was joined at the meeting by Mr. Zach Weinberg, who is a developer/investor of the new venue. They discussed the facility. The core business is event driven. They are intending to appeal to corporate events and social events like weddings, Bar Mitzvahs, and banquets of all sorts. They are transforming the core of the building into a ballroom, along with a mezzanine restaurant and a small cocktail lounge that seats approximately 70 people. They will have a large roof top terrace with full food service and cocktails. They had maps and floor plans of the facility to display. Mr. Weinberg is one of the investors in the property. They were joined at the meeting with their director of events: Ms. Chloe Levin. Ms. Levin noted that she has experience running event venues in NYC and was looking forward to working in Williamsburg. It was noted that the space is not near residences but they have reached out in the business/commercial district. They have received endorsements. It is a complex building. The building is almost 18,000 square feet. The primary room is a ballroom. It features seated dining for up to 200 people (like a standard wedding or corporate event). There is a large kitchen. They will be able to support catering/food service for the space and the split level mezzanine which has a restaurant open to the public seven days a week. The restaurant is intended to be open until 2AM, which is consistent with other restaurants in the area. The space on the rooftop is partially enclosed. They are adding a glass type of rooftop, with an enclosure to make it a seasonal space. It is like the Apple Store's signature design. The retractable enclosure will help keep in the noise. It is a roof top that is a power-driven retractable type. The enclosure ability also addresses some of the concerns

that neighbors had with sound. They will not operate the space like the former tenants did. They have removed that old sound system and are replacing it. They are planning on using largely ambient sound that will be channeled into all the rooms. People will be able to carry on conversations and be heard. They retained the "All Seasons Projections" company to work on various issues with a venue, and they have produced a security plan. Plans created also include: credential checking at entry points and for human health/safety practices throughout the building. The firm also provides fire marshals and people for operating the fire system. A traffic plan was also drawn up. Concerns were raised by the committee about traffic building up on Wythe Avenue. To help alleviate this they have added three additional entry points in the design. They have been meeting with neighbors and talking about solutions. It was noted that their rates would be consistent with what is already being offered in the area. Mr. Weinberg spoke about what was in the community around them and how they were wanting to provide support (to the local schools, provide local employment, philanthropy, etc.). They will also be focusing on using local businesses (such as florists to provide flower arrangements) for the events. Mr. Burrows asked that they address the board members and let them know about the space. The representatives answered questions that board members raised. It was related that they will offer the space available to nonprofits. They will continue to support local schools and meet with local groups. They are looking into local hiring. They are also looking to working with local businesses.

**PRESENTATION: LPC APPLICATION (DOCKET # LPC-19-389880 - 171 Calyer Street, Brooklyn - Block: 2573 Lot: 23) - Regarding The Proposed Development Of Property Within The Greenpoint Historic District, 171 Calyer Street, Brooklyn, NY11222 – by Sherida E. Paulsen, FAIA & Robert Bianco Architect AIA, PKSB Architects PC.**

Ms. Sherida Paulsen, from PKSB Architects, opened the presentation. They were representing the owners of 171 Calyer Street. The property is at the corner of Calyer Street and Lorimer Street. It is the site that was formerly a supermarket. It is proposed to demolish the building and construct a new mixed use building. The new building will be residential with retail space on the ground floor. A handout was distributed that included renderings and site plans. The plans showed the Greenpoint Historic District. She discussed the location, noting that there was supermarket structure, and where the Crunch Fitness Gym was. These were part of the same historical zoning. She noted that the zoning was not relevant to the application because it was an as of right application. She noted that it was an unusual site as it has one of the tallest buildings (a theater) in its footprint. Historic photos of the lots were shown, including the interior of the former theater. She discussed the context with the surrounding area. There were some larger scale apartment buildings, but these were a rarity. Views were shown of the bank and newer construction indicating the larger buildings. The illustrations in the handout illustrated the different massing in the historic district.

Ms. Paulsen related that they are proposing a building which is primarily clad in red brick and sits at its street walls on Lorimer Street - at a lower elevation - to match the height of the adjacent building and on Calyer rises up to the 7<sup>th</sup> floor. She discussed the site and the proposed development. There would be parking below the grade of the ground floor and retail in the lobby. They plan to use the existing curb cut from the supermarket to enter the parking garage. She discussed presenting to the Landmarks Preservation Commission and showing the various views and scale. The site with "Crunch Fitness" is not part of the development site - but has potential for future development. Mr. Burrows asked who was doing development of this other building. Ms. Paulsen said that at this moment, no one is developing it. She continued with the presentation. She pointed out contextual development and retaining development rights on the "Crunch Fitness" building for the future, so that it wouldn't always be a non-contributing one story.

Ms. Peterson raised concern about the "block" like look of the building. It needs better community planning. Ms. Paulsen spoke about the design and that they would be meeting with the CB#1's Landmarks Subcommittee. Ms. McKeever asked how they got to the bulk of the building. Ms. Paulsen related that the Calyer Street side has larger buildings. She continued to discuss scale, density and building's envelope. She spoke about the historical background of the area. She spoke about the garage and that they were looking into concerns that were raised. The core of the building is in the center. The owners are in charge of leasing the space. They were present at the meeting this evening. Mr. Weiser noted that there were objections to using the space for liquor serving establishments such as bars. There were concerns about the location of the entrance/exit of the garage driveway being dangerous and disruptive; and where trash (residential and retail) would be handled (there were objections about using Lorimer Street). They have targeted a layout of 33 units for larger family scale apartments. It was noted that larger family size units (not studios) are what the market is for the neighborhood. They will be engaging a marketing consultant. Questions were raised if it was a "Green" designed building? Ms. Paulsen said that would be looking into these elements. As a new building they have to address these issues. Mr. Burrows asked about the garbage? It was noted that there were staircases (there were two). The rear yard is small. It was noted that they were looking at incorporating 17 parking spaces. Residents raised concern about the traffic coming in and out of the building, especially Lorimer Street. There are no other garages on Lorimer Street. There are children who use these the blocks as a route to and from school. It was noted that they would be looking to use the existing curb cuts. Ms. McKeever related that as an as of right building, it will not be coming back to the board. Ms. Lauletta raised concern about noise from the building, especially with garbage removal. Mr. Rodriguez spoke about the curb cuts and moving them. He noted that the curb cuts were under DOB and not DOT. Persons who signed up to speak on the proposal came forward to make comments.

Mr. Ceasar Salama, of KSRNY, representing Elliot Chehebur/the Jackson Group. He spoke in support of the proposal for 171 Calyer Street. He read a letter that was written on behalf of the developer, supporting their design.

Mr. Kellen Brown, local artist from the area, spoke about using the space as a "pop up" art space. Other artists in the area will be able to use the space. The owners of the building are allowing local artists in November to do the "pop up". They are intending to have a relationship with the owners in the next phase. Maybe having something in the commercial space. They are bringing life into the space. Ms. Peterson said that they may not stay there in the free space. As artists they should look at the building and its design, so that the building is an asset to the area.

Mr. Jordan Preston, resident related that he has lived in the neighborhood for many years, noted that his family has owned property in the neighborhood and developed the CVS building on Manhattan Avenue and Milton Street. It has won preservation awards. He was in support of the proposed development at 171 Calyer Street. He was hoping that they would do the right thing and build contextual with the property.

Assemblywoman Maritza Davila addressed the board members to provide information about the work that they are doing in Albany. There were nine robust housing bills that were passed that really effect the community and its tenants. They also passed the Dream Act that would protect students going to college and allow them to receive financial aid. The "Green Light" bill passed to help immigrants get an active license and drive. They will be able to have an active license and insurance. It will make the streets safer. In January she was given the honor to chair the Puerto Rican and Hispanic Task Force of the entire New York State. She created another level of the task force that is almost on the road. They want to be able to

find those people who relocated to upstate because they can't afford to live in Brooklyn. She noted that there were two events coming up (10/23 regarding "Know Your Rights Tenants' Forum"; on 10/28 she will have a "Courageous Conversations" forum at the Bushwick Library. There will be information on the NY Children's Victim Act.). She want all people to attend and get the information. They will have a panel that explains everything. She is also working issues with day cay centers, domestic violence, and sexual abuse. She thanked the board for all of its hard work. Ms. Peterson if she will have a local forum for women? Assemblywoman Davila noted that she is working on violence and sexual harassment. She spoke about having more meetings.

**PRESENTATION: PROPOSED SPECIAL PERMIT - Revised Application for BSA # 2018-191-BZ, 215 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Brooklyn, (Block: 2299 Lot: 21):** Revised submission for a proposed special permit to reduce required parking for office use in connection with the development of a new mixed use building at 215 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Brooklyn. Initially proposed to include a small (868 sf.) retail storefront, the proposed building will now no longer include a retail component. – by Benjamin Stark, Law Office of Slater & Beckerman, PC. Item was previously reviewed and approved by CB#1. [The item would be voted on this evening.] Mr. Ben Stark presented on this special permit. He was representing the owners of the property at 215 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street. The application was previously reviewed by CB#1. The board had voted. Since then, they had continued to work on the cellar. There were some environment work that they were doing on the cellar. They are reducing the parking to 67 spaces. The project is still close to a 50-50 mix. Those aspects have stayed the same, but the parking lot now has a reduction. The building's basement is being reconfigured and the parking is going from 77 to 67. They studied the parking demand and found that the numbers were down. Ms. Teague said she will ask the committee if they want to revote on it. There were 7 extra spaces that they were planning to provide, but after reconfiguring the space. The original reduction was from 124 to 77 spaces. Now they are going down from 121 spaces to 67.

### **LIQUOR LICENSES:**

#### **NEW**

Fulgurances LLC, 132 Franklin Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest.)

Heritage Aristocraft Inc., dba TBD 198 Randolph Street Store 3, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest.)

Heritage Aristocraft Inc., 198 Randolph Street Store 3, (Catering Establishment - New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest.)

Hudson Table BK LLC., dba TBD, 88 Withers Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, event space)

Jack Iron Inc., dba TBD, 65 Kent Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)

Juicerie IV LLC., dba The Butcher's Daughter, 265-271 Metropolitan Avenue, (Alteration, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest.)

~~L & S Pure Plant Corp, dba Bar Verde, 87 Verde Avenue (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest.) [removed, not located in CB#1.]~~

Maverick Kwun Ming Wong, dba Kitsby Café Inc., 186 Grand Street (New, wine, beer, cider rest.)

Nola Brooklyn LLC, 360 Bedford Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern)

Piccoli 804 LLC, dba Piccoli Williamsburg, 804 Grand Street, (New, wine/beer, cider, rest.)

Red Table Catering Inc., dba Thompson Brooke, 631 Grand Street, (Class Change, liquor, wine/beer, cider, catering facility, private event)

Sauced Rooster LLC, 331 Bedford Avenue, (New, wine, beer & cider, rest.)

Shake Shack New York LLC, dba Shake Shack, 160 Berry Street, (New, wine, beer, cider, rest.)

Starlite Walker LLC, dba Ramona, 113 Franklin Street, (Alteration, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern)

Thukpa House LLC, dba Momo Ramen, 160 Havemeyer Street # Store - Number 3, (New, wine/beer, cider)

Travis Odegard, dba The Bees Knees, 135 Metropolitan Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest.)

Uncle Craig Inc., dba Long Haul Brewery, 52 Harrison Place, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, brewery rest.)

## **RENEWAL**

1 & 3 on 5<sup>th</sup> Corp, dba Fabianes Café & Pastry, 142 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, rest)

135 Studio N ADR Inc., dba Juliette Restaurant, 135 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest.)

221 North 4<sup>th</sup> Rest. Corp, dba Golden Years, 221 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer & cider)

227 Grand Corp., dba Beats Karaoke & Belly Korean Bacon Shop, 227 Grand Street, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, karaoke cafe, rest.)

258 Franklin LLC, dba Eagle Trading Company, 258 Franklin Street, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, rest.)

Aluk 888 Inc., dba Chinese Musician, 151 Greenpoint Avenue, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, rest.)

BK Noodles Inc., 280 Bedford Avenue, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, rest.)

Caribbean Catch LLC, dba Pearls Bake & Shark, 187 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer & cider, rest.)

City Cafe Inc., dba Fushimi Japanese Cuisine & Lounge, 475 Driggs Avenue Unit A, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest.)

Christina Polish Restaurant Inc., 853 Manhattan Avenue, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, rest)

Doctory LLC, dba Doctory, 353 Broadway, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, rest.)

El Golpe LLC, dba Llama Inn, 50 Withers Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest.)

Full Circle Bar LLC, dba Full Circle Bar, 318 Grand Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest.)

Grand Republic Inc., 19 Greenpoint Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern)

Jomyga Enterprises LLC., dba Oak & Iron, 147 Franklin Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar, tavern)

Karczma Inc., 136 Greenpoint Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest.)

Lafitte LLC, dba Sauvage, 905 Lorimer Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest.)

Motorino Broadway Inc., dba Motorino Broadway, 139 Broadway, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider)

M Shanghai LLC., dba M Shanghai, 292 Grand Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/bar, cider, rest.)

One Stop Beer Shop, LLC dba One Stop Beer Shop, 134 Kingsland Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)

Painting Lounge LLC., 309 Roebling Street, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, [paint & sip])

Peanut Industry Inc., dba Velvet Lounge, 174 Broadway, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider)

Sea Thai Hospitality Inc. 114 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)

Silenth LLC, dba Café Colette, 78 Berry Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider)

Snacky Inc. dba Snacky, 187 Grand Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)

Starlite Walker LLC, dba Ramona, 113 Franklin Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern)

The 709 Lorimer St Rest Corp, dba Pete's Candy Store, 709 Lorimer Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern)

Vabeh First LLC, dba Have & Meyer, 103 Havemeyer Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern)

Vanessas Dumpling House Inc., 310 Bedford Avenue, (Renewal, wine, beer, rest.)

Villain LLC, dba Villain, 307 Kent Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, event space)

Williamsburg Corp, dba Williamsburg, 373 Graham Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)

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## **BOARD MEETING**

### **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Chairperson Ms. Fuller called for a moment of silence. She asked that the moment of silence be dedicated to the four homeless persons who lost their lives in a recent brutal attack in Chinatown.

### **ROLL CALL**

Ms. Fuller requested a roll call. District Manager Mr. Esposito called the roll. He related that there were 30 members present, a sufficient number for a quorum.

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mr. Torres made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Nieves. The motion was carried.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Rabbi Niederman made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2019 Combined Public Hearing and Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weidberg. The motion was carried.

Chairperson Fuller noted that in the liquor license list, #7 is being removed because there was a question about the address being correct. It will be announced next month.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Board Budget Committee** – Ms. Viera presented a report. She noted that the committee had its very first meeting on Thursday, October 3, 2019. She noted that persons who signed up for the committee were encouraged to attend. The committee and its meeting were something that was promised to happen. She asked all to be proactive. She discussed the committee's meeting and the items that were on the agenda. A written report was also submitted. She noted that they deliberated on the discretionary funding that was received from the NYC Council. They talked about how to use the money. They discussed continuing the live streaming. The committee is going to wait until next month for a vote because they will have the time to come together. Ms. Viera noted that the money would have to be spent by June 30<sup>th</sup>. It will take time to put the paperwork in place. Ms. Peterson asked that the staff be asked about the needs. Chairperson Fuller said that she sent out an email to all chairpersons to speak with their committees for input. Ms. Viera spoke about the CRM system as there were concerns about its security. If the system is used, it is suggested that training be included. Ms. Viera also spoke about hosting an event. Training for the board members was also suggested (i.e. sensitivity training, bylaws). An environmental health study was suggested. There was question about co-sponsoring events. Further advisement from the City Council on use of the funds is requested. The Board's internal budget was discussed next. This is about \$5,000. These

funds are for the same items that she covered last time (i.e. paper supplies, etc.). The committee members decided unanimously to give latitude to the district manager in terms of this annual \$5,000 allocation.

Rabbi Niederman made a motion to approve granting the district manager the latitude of spending the internal budget (\$5,000) for OTPS. The motion was seconded by Mr. Torres. The motion was unanimously carried. Ms. Viera related that the next meeting of the Board Budget Committee is on October 28, 2019, at 6:30PM, in the CB#1's district office.

**Land Use, ULURP, & Landmarks [subcommittee] Committee** - Ms. Teague provided a written report. In the report was a request for a zoning change: Presentation- Preliminary Discussion Plans for Rezoning of 215 Moore Street. Mr. Ray Levin, the applicant's representative, gave a presentation to the committee one day prior to the scheduled scoping hearing with City Planning. CB#1 has been given an extension of time (one day) to send comments to NYC Department of City Planning. This is a re-zoning application for a change from M-2 M1-1 to M1-5 in order to build a 13-story office/retail building at 215 Moore Street. The applicant will also ask for a special permit to re-locate the rear yard equivalent from either frontage or central areas to the side areas. The allowable FAR would increase from 2 to 5. There would be retail on the ground floor and 12 floors of office space. There is no provision for light manufacturing. The presenters told the committee that the core essence of the building would be job creation. When the committee raised concern about our need for green space, the presenters stated the development would provide green roofs. However, they could not give any detail regarding how much or what kind of greenery would be provided. The committee also expressed concern that the presenters were not addressing the impact the development would have on the manufacturing businesses in the immediate area. Members noted there was no provision for manufacturing space, although several members believed the initial plan called for manufacturing spaces. The committee advised the presenters that it would recommend more outreach needed to be done with local manufacturers to evaluate any foreseeable negative impact on those businesses. In particular, several members felt there would be a significant conflict with the ability of the manufacturer adjacent to the proposed building to be able to deal with its truck deliveries and pick-ups. The majority of committee members felt the design of the proposed building was out of context with the surrounding area, raising questions about the impact on light, shadows, and overall infrastructure.

**Recommendation:** After much discussion the committee agreed on the following comments, all or some of which the full board can send to the city in reference to the scoping hearing:

- (1) The applicant has not adequately addressed the community's acute need for green space, which should be provided on the ground as well as on the roof structures;
- (2) Although this community board has recognized a need for office space in our district, the board has also recognized the need to protect our existing manufacturing businesses, and to provide new manufacturing spaces. We have concern that, while the development, as proposed, may meet the need for office space, it will begin a domino effect of pushing out our local manufacturers, and encouraging owners of nearby manufacturing buildings to seek similar re-zoning. The applicant should conduct open and quantifiable outreach with local manufacturers for their input on the effect the manufacturers expect the requested re-zoning will have on their businesses;
- (3) The applicant should address the community's need for affordable office space and should include space for light manufacturing; and
- (4) Considering the committee's opinion that the structure provided for in the renderings is out of context with the surrounding area, the applicant should address in detail the impact the structure will have on light, shadows, and the overall infrastructure of the neighborhood. Ms. Teague said that she would ask if anyone



had thoughts on supporting the recommendation. There were two speakers on the item.

Mr. Joe Fattorusso, resident of CB#1, spoke about 215 Moore Street. He was representing "Housing Justice 4 All". He related that he had toured the site. He felt that it could be an exciting development. He echoes Councilmember Reynoso comments. He noted that there needs to be protection for the workers because of displacement concerns. He also spoke about a forum being held at 40 Irving Place (Irving High School) on the protection of tenants and their rights.

Mr. Tommy Chin, Human Resources Manager, from Wonton Food, 220-222 Moore Street, spoke on the proposed zoning change. He said that Wonton Food has been in the community since the late 80's. He has only been with Wonton for 4 years but many of the employees that have been with the company for over 30 years have shared with him how they've seen the community change drastically over the years. It has improved for the better. The neighborhood is much safer than it was 30 years ago. But he wanted to bring up some concerns that they have. A new development is going up across from their factory. The new development on Moore Street has requested variances on the zoning, which if approved, will allow for the development a 13-story commercial use property which includes a boutique hotel, office and retail space, exposition space and a 200+ car garage in a neighborhood where most of the properties are 2-4 stories. Wonton Food does not want to stand in the way of any project that can further improve the community but they are worried that approving of such a development will impact their operations and more importantly affect our ability to take care of over 300 employees we have working at our headquarters on Moore Street. At a recent City Planning Commission hearing, they brought objections with the 215 Moore Street Project. Wonton's Food distribution may be greatly affected by the short-term construction. Long term, they have concerns on safety due to the increased foot traffic on the street. On any given day, they have over 50 trucks making stops at the businesses loading docks. Moore Street (between White Street and Bushwick Avenue) has primarily been for industrial use. Wonton's loading docks are located on the Moore Street side. This serves as the distribution hub for all their New York factories. Not only will the business be impacted, but their customers and suppliers will also be impacted. Locally, Wonton is serving over 40 distributors daily within a 10-mile radius. Through those local distributors alone, Wonton Food products are in over 20,000 Asian restaurants on the East Coast from Florida to Canada. They have been hearing rumors that Wonton Food is looking at leaving Brooklyn. That is absolutely not true. Their roots are in Brooklyn. Brooklyn is the heart of all their operations. The 215 Moore Street project may create many new jobs in the neighborhood, but Wonton Food is very worried about the many jobs that they have already created. They started with less than 100 employees in the 80's and they now employ over 500 employees in New York with the bulk being in East Williamsburg. A negative impact to the business will affect everyone's job security including those of Wonton's customers and suppliers. Although the proposed project seems to paint a positive picture, he hopes that CB#1 will thoroughly review the negative impact it may have on existing businesses like Wonton and neighborhood businesses alike. He thanked all for providing him this time to speak tonight.

Ms. Teague said that with those comments, she will move on the report. She made a motion to support the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. McKeever. The motion was unanimously carried. The vote was: 34 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS" 0 "RECUSALS".

Ms. Teague moved to the next item that needed a vote: PROPOSED SPECIAL PERMIT - Revised

Application for BSA # 2018-191-BZ, 215 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Brooklyn, (Block: 2299 Lot: 21): Revised submission for a proposed special permit to reduce required parking for office use in connection with the development of a new mixed use building at 215 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Brooklyn. Initially proposed to include a small (868 sf) retail storefront, the proposed building will now no longer include a retail component. There will also be a reduction in the parking spaces (down to 67 spaces). Ms. Teague asked for a motion to support the request. Ms. Kaminski made a motion to support the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. McKeever. The vote was: 34 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS"; 0 "RECUSALS". The motion was unanimously carried.

Ms. Teague noted that the committee had established a new calendar for committee meetings.

**SLA Review and DCA Committee** – Mr. Burrows presented a written report on behalf of the committee.

**UNENCLOSED SIDEWALK CAFÉS:**

- Unenclosed Sidewalk Café: SJD 220 Corp., dba Bread Brother Bagel Café, 220 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206-4459 (Application # 2052885-DCA) 3 Tables; 6 Chairs (Renewal). The Committee Recommends Approval.
- Unenclosed Sidewalk Café: Grand Endeavors Inc., dba Clem's, 264 Grand Street, Brooklyn, NY 11211 (Application # 1145629-DCA) 5 Tables, 20 Chairs (Renewal). The Committee Recommends Approval.

Mr. Bachorowski made a motion to support the committee's recommendations. Mr. Caponegro seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

**LIQUOR LICENSES:**

**NEW**

- 1) \*\* 25 Broadway Brooklyn INC., dba TBD, 64 Meserole Avenue, (New, wine/beer, bar, tavern)  
Postponed.
- 2) 74 Wythe Tenant LLC, dba Spice Factory Williamsburg, 74 Wythe Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)  
Postponed.
- 3) 82 S 4<sup>th</sup> Restaurant & Café LLC, dba Casa Imelda, 82 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street, (Method of operation change, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)  
Applicant did not appear.
- 4) 245 S1st Bar LLC, 245 South 1<sup>st</sup> Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, bar, tavern)  
The Committee Recommends Approval.
- 5) \*\* 1118 Lorimer Cafe LLC, 148 Noble Street, (New, wine/beer, cider, rest)  
Applicant did not appear.
- 6) \*\* Alvla Café Inc., dba Alvla Café, 252 Franklin Street 1R, (New, wine/beer, cider, rest)  
Postponed.
- 7) \*\* Amant Café LLC, dba TBD, 932 Grand Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, café)  
Applicant did not appear.
- 8) Berry Street Associates LLC, dba Diviera Drive, 131 Berry Street, (Alteration, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)  
Postponed.

- 9) Bolero Proto LLC, dba Bolero, 177 Bedford Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)  
*The Committee Recommends Approval.*
- 10) Butternuts Beer and Ale LLC, 52 Harrison Place, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, restaurant Brewer)  
*The Committee Recommends Approval. Farm Brewer's License.*
- 11) Caro 187 LLC, dba Emblem, 187 Graham Avenue, (New, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)  
*The Committee Recommends Approval.*
- 12) Cherrytown LLC, 318 Grand Street Suite IJ, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar)  
*The Committee Recommends Approval.*
- 13) \*\* Chick N Scratch LLC, dba Bagoock Fried Chicken & Doughnuts, 173 Montrose Avenue, (New, wine/beer, cider, rest)  
*The Committee Recommends Approval.*
- 14) \*\* Chingoo Restaurant Corp., dba TBD, 373 Graham Avenue, (New, wine/beer, cider, rest)  
*Applicant did not appear.*
- 15) Carrol Hall LLC, 30 Morgan Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, catering facility (Private Events Only)  
*Applicant did not appear.*
- 16) Clouet LLC, dba Cassette, 113 Franklin Street Store FE, (Alteration, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)  
*The Committee Recommends Approval.*
- 17) Corp to be Formed By Laura Mc Carthy, 419 Manhattan Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, tavern)  
*Postponed.*
- 18) \*\* Fabio Pizza and Restaurant INC., dba Fabio's Pizza and Restaurant, 635 Meeker Avenue, (New, wine/beer, cider, rest)  
*Applicant did not appear.*
- 19) Fulgurances LLC, 132 Franklin Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar, rest)  
*Postponed. Applicant is to contact the Milton Street Block Association.*
- 20) Gemini Hospitality Groups INC., 151 Meserole Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar, tavern)  
*Applicant did not appear.*
- 21) Grand Street Food and Wine LLC & Night Moves Bar LLC, dba The Four Horsemen & Night Moves Bar, 295 Grand Street, (New liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest, cafe, cocktail bar, and extension of existing hours)  
*The Committee Recommends Approval. (Bar/Restaurant/Alteration – added a bar.)*
- 22) Gusto Latino Cafe 1 Corp. 583 Driggs Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)  
*The Committee Recommends Approval.*
- 23) Hand Stuff LLC, dba Nicky's Unisex, 90 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)  
*The Committee Recommends Approval. (Hours are to 2AM)*
- 24) JFW LLC, dba TBD, 134 Broadway, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)  
*The Committee Recommends Approval.*
- 25) Jook Sing Corp., dba Jook Sing, 135 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)  
*Postponed.*
- 26) Leo Grandpa Corp., dba TBD, 318 Grand Street Unit 1B and 1C, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)  
*The Committee Recommends Approval. (Midnight to 2AM. Was the "Lodge")*
- 27) Macias BK LLC, dba TBD, 457 Graham Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)  
*Applicant did not appear.*
- 28) Mighty Diamond Restaurant Corp, dba Mothers, 347 Graham Avenue, (Class Change, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)  
*Postponed.*

- 29) Night Village Bar & Grill, 247 South 1<sup>st</sup> Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)  
The Committee Recommends Approval.
- 30) North 10<sup>th</sup> Restaurant Company LLC, dba JJ's, 97 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street, (Method of Operation Change, liquor, wine/beer, cider, tavern)  
The Committee Recommends Approval.
- 31) \*\* Palenque Home Made Colombian Foods INC, 300 Graham Avenue, (New, wine/beer, cider, rest)  
Applicant did not appear.
- 32) \*\* Piccoli 804 LLC, dba Piccoli Williamsburg, 804 Grand Street, (New, wine/beer, cider, rest)  
Applicant did not appear.
- 33) \*\* Pinkfrog LLC, dba Pinkfrog Cafe, 221 North 9<sup>th</sup> Street, (New, wine/beer, cider, rest brewer)  
The Committee Recommends Approval.
- 34) Pink Metal LLC, dba Pink Metal, 253 Bushwick Avenue, South Store, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)  
The Committee Recommends Approval.
- 35) \*\* PLA Coffee LLC, dba Rose Wolf Coffee, 857 Metropolitan Avenue, (New, wine/beer, cider, bar, tavern)  
The Committee Recommends Approval.
- 36) Queen Bear LLC, dba Amor Y Amargo, 188 Havemeyer Street, (Method of Operation Change, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)  
The Committee Recommends Approval.
- 37) \*\* SNBP Inc., dba Simple Café, 124 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, (Corporate Change, wine, beer, cider, tavern)  
The Committee Recommends Approval.
- 38) \*\* The Grasshopper NYC Inc., dba The Grasshopper, 561 Lorimer Street, (New, wine/beer, cider, bar, tavern)  
Applicant did not appear.
- 39) The Wing Williamsburg LLC, 75 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)  
The Committee Recommends Approval.
- 40) Urban Outfitters Inc., and East Hae Inc. (as co-licensees), dba East Hae, 98 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)  
Applicant did not appear.
- 41) Vital East LLC, Vital Climbing Gym, 1 Nassau Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider)  
The Committee Recommends Approval. (Vote was 7-1 to approve.)
- 42) Viva DR. Corp., dba Viva Toro, 987 Grand Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, cider, rest)  
The Committee Recommends Approval. (Open 4:00PM-3:30AM)
- 43) \*\* Zero Ichi INC. dba Okozushi, 376 R Graham Avenue, (New, wine/beer, cider, rest)  
The Committee Recommends Approval.

*[Key \*\* - Beer and wine, cider license. No liquor.]*

Mr. Solano made a motion to support the committee's various recommendations. Ms. Bamonte seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

#### RENEWALS

- 1) 1&3 on 5<sup>TH</sup> Corp., dba Fabiane's Café & Pastry, 142 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 2) 48 South Fourth Street Corp. dba The Woods, 48 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern)

- 3) 77 North 6 Corp, dba Zenkichi, 77 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 4) 82 S 4<sup>th</sup> Restaurant & Café LLC, dba Casa Imelda, 82 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 5) (\*) 99 Scott Studio LLC, dba 99 Scott, 99 Scott Ave-Unit G, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, catering establishment) (\*) *Committee recommends denial. Problem Location.*
- 6) 104 South 4<sup>th</sup> Inc., dba Randolph Beer, 104 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 7) 146 Broadway Associates LLC, dba Baby's All Right, 146 150 Broadway, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider)
- 8) ADMA LLC, dba Torst, 615 Manhattan Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/ beer, cider, rest)
- 9) Amber Restaurant LLC, dba Amber, 119 Nassau Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 10) Action Burger Inc., 292 Graham Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 11) Arcestratus Books LLC , dba Arcestratus, 160 Huron Street, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 12) Baldracca LLC, dba Testo, 141 Leonard Street, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 13) BrooklynBaca LLC, dba Best Pizza, 33 Havemeyer Street, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 14) Brooklyn Winery LLC, dba Brooklyn Winery, 213 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest & catering facility)
- 15) (\*) Bunker Brothers LLC, dba Bun-ker, 97 Scott Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar, rest) (\*) *Committee recommends denial. Problem Location.*
- 16) BD & M Bar One LLC, dba Reclamation Bar, 817 Metropolitan Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 17) Café Argentino INC., dba Café Argentino, 499 Grand Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 18) Capri Social Club INC., 156 Calyer Street, ( Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 19) Caracas Cafe 1, dba Caracas Arepa Bar, 291 Grand Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 20) Clouet LLC, dba Cassette, 113 Franklin Street Store FE, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 21) Curiosity Rover LLC, dba Baby Grand, 55 McGuinness Blvd, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern)
- 22) Dish Food & Events LLC, 190 North 14 Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, catering facility, private events only)
- 23) (\*)Elsewhere LLC, dba Elsewhere, 599 Johnson Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, legitimate theater or concert. (\*) *Committee recommends denial. Problem Location.*
- 24) Good Move LLC., dba Good Move, 167 Nassau Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 25) Graham United Corp., dba New Mexico Place, 189 Graham Avenue, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider)
- 26) Grand Affairs LLC, dba Croxley's The Abbey, 63-65 Grand Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 27) Hummus Market LLC, dba Hummus Market, 361 Graham Avenue, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 28) Kettle Pie Inc., dba Allswell, 124 Bedford Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 29) Kinfolk Studios LLC, dba Kinfolk Studios, 90 Wythe Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest, bar)
- 30) Koja Grill LLC, dba Dokebi, 199 Grand Street,(Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 31) La Cocina II Restaurant Corp., 100 Moore Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 32) \* Las Tainas Bar & Restaurant LLC, 347 Broadway, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest) (\*) *Committee recommends denial. Problem Location.*
- 33) Lot No 50 LLC, dba Humboldt and Jackson, 434 Humboldt Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 34) Little Dokebi Inc., dba Little Dokebi, 85 Driggs Avenue, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 35) Manich Brothers LLC, dba El Born, 651 Manhattan Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)

- 36) Maracuja LLC, dba Maracuja Bar & Grill, 279 Grand Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/ beer, cider, tavern, bar and grill)
- 37) Marina Caffè LLC, dba Fabbrica Restaurant & Bar, 34 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 38) Muchmore's Café LLC, dba Muchmores 2 Havemeyer Street, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern)
- 39) New York Distilling Company LLC, dba The Shanty, 79 Richardson Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 40) Okamoto Holdings LLC, dba Patisserie Tomoko, 568 Union Avenue, Space 1G & H, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, café)
- 41) One Shot Away LLC, dba Jackbar, 143 Havameyer Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, tavern)
- 42) Original Music Workshop INC. & The Middle LLC., dba National Sawdust OMW, 80 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, Concert Venue)
- 43) Ontario Bar LLC ., 559 Grand Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, neighborhood bar with pool table)
- 44) Platinum Affairs LTD, dba The Continental Caterers, 75 Rutledge Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, catering facility, private events only)
- 45) Poquito Fesante LLC, dba Little Pheasant, 445 Graham Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 46) (\*)Privilege Lounge Inc. dba Privilege Lounge, 140 Graham Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, tavern)  
 (\*) *Committee recommends denial. Problem Location.*
- 47) Radegast Hall, dba, Radegast Hall and Biergarten, 113 -115 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, aka 186 Berry Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 48) Red Bowl Chinese Rest INC., 208 Bedford Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 49) Shelison Restaurant Inc, 492 Broadway, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 50) SNBP Inc., dba Simple Café, 124 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, (Renewal, wine, beer, cider, rest, cafe)
- 51) Spuyeten Duyvil LLC, dba Spuyeten Duyvil, 359 Metropolitan Avenue, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 52) Studio 299 LLC, dba Polygon Brooklyn, 299 Vandervoort Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 53) Taco Chulo LLC, 318 Grand Street, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 54) Taqueria El Fogon 2 Corp., 241 Cook Street, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, rest,)
- 55) Ten Eleven Holdings LLC., dba Pencil Factory, 142 Franklin Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar)
- 56) Tigercorn Inc. dba Burnside, 506 Grand Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 57) The Geezers LLC, dba Harefield Road Pub, 769 Metropolitan Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider)
- 58) The Gutter Bar LLC, 200 North 14 Street, (Renewal, Liquor, wine/beer, cider, bowling establishment)
- 59) Tres de Mexico LLC, dba Mesa Coyoacan, 372 Graham Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 60) Vera Cruz on Bedford Ave Corp., dba Vera Cruz on Bedford Avenue, 195 Bedford Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, rest)
- 61) Vinegar Hill NYC LLC., dba Lucky Dog, 303 Bedford Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest )

62) WD49 LLC, dba Du's Donuts and Coffee, 55 Wythe Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, cafe)

Mr. Burrows noted that the Committee recommends *approval for the renewals with the (\*) exception of #5, #15, #37 and #46 which are all problem locations*. Ms. Kaminski made a motion to support the various recommendations for the renewal applications and to deny the ones noted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bachorowski. The motion was unanimously carried.

#### Previously Postponed Items.

The committee reviewed the request for 315 Meserole Street. *The Committee recommends approval.*

Ms. Kaminski made a motion to support the recommendation for this new application. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bachorowski. The motion was unanimously carried

The next meeting of the SLA Review & DCA Committee is Tuesday, October 29, 2019, at 6:30 PM in the CB#1's District Office.

**Public Safety and Human Services Committee** – Mr. Burrows submitted a written report. They met on September 25, 2019. He highlighted the report and noted that there were "Build a Block" meetings with the precincts. They had a full agenda covering a number of topics: Shelters in CB#1; Farmers' Markets; Woodhull Hospital: The search for a Community Advisory Board member continues; Update from PSA 3. The committee was very pleased to have in attendance the Captain from PSA 3 and two Community Affairs officers (Captain Alison Esposito, Det. Daniel O'Connell and Det. Jeremy Eusebi).

The committee reminded Captain Skretch that the Community Board is still seeking a meeting with the Nightlife Mayor and stakeholders regarding the "nightlife district" that is developing in East Williamsburg, Bushwick and now Ridgewood and the need for the City to address various safety and infrastructure issues. The committee also raised concerns about placement of refrigerated containers and semi-trailers in the parking lanes along various streets. The committee brought up DOT's plans to reconfigure the exit ramp from the BQE onto Kent Avenue. The committee recommended that the 90th Precinct discuss the NYPD concerns with Eric Bruzaitis of CB#1 Transportation Committee. Sexual Assault issues were discussed at the Women's Issues Committee on the evening prior to the Public Safety Committee meeting. Mr. Radezky, of Assembly Member Joseph Lentol's office. was in attendance and provided an outline of bills in the state legislature. The Committee discussed with the Captains and Community Affairs officers concerns regarding liquor licenses, SLA and problem establishments. The Committee has also heard concerns from residents and businesses regarding the impact of Smorgasburg. Captain Skretch will provide assistance with the meeting with the Nightlife Mayor as well as keep the Committee informed of the next meeting of the Nightlife Committee of Patrol Borough Brooklyn North. The meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2019, at 4:00 PM. Mr. Radezky will assist with SLA concerns and with Smorgasburg.

The committee to urges CB#1 members to go to NYPD's "Build-The-Block" section of the NYPD's website (<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/nypd/bureaus/patrol/find-your-meeting.page>), and attend the meetings. NYPD was reminded to keep the Community Board informed of any budgetary needs they may have. The Committee was reminded all that the 94 Precinct Community Council meetings are the First Wednesday of each month and are usually held at St. John's Church on Milton Street at 7:00PM and the 90 Precinct Community Council is held in the Community Room at 30 Montrose Street on the Second Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm. The NYPD discussion segued into a continuation of the concerns raised at the previous evenings Women's Committee meeting. Ms. Bamonte and Ms. Viera queried the Captains regarding the treatment and responsiveness of NYPD to sexual assault victims. It was expressed that NYPD officers are not sensitive to the issues and should receive special training. Captains Esposito and Skretch spoke about Operation Safe Horizon and that there is a civilian social

worker assigned to all precincts to work with victims of sexual assault. There are also domestic violence officers. It was suggested that the social workers from the 90th & 94th precinct meet with the women's committee to discuss their concerns. Captain Skretch also discussed the North Brooklyn Coalition of Domestic Violence, and that it has a member in attendance at most Precinct Council meetings. The committee discussed tentative dates for meetings for the next year. They are: 1/22/20, 3/25/20, 5/27/20 and 9/23/20.

**Parks & Waterfront Committee** – Mr. Caponegro, the Committee's Chair, noted that the committee would meet on October 30, 2019, at 6:30 PM, in the CB#1's District Office. It is the day before Halloween.

**Transportation Committee** – Mr. Bruzaitis, the Committee's Chair, submitted a written report. The Transportation Committee met on Tuesday, September 17, 2019. In the CB #1 District Office, 435 Graham Avenue. There was one item that required a vote: the street co-naming application.

**Street Co-Naming Request, At 303 Broadway, To "Calle Frenchie"** - in honor of Mr. Santos "Frenchie" Ramos (deceased) who was the longtime owner of Frenchie's Gym. The request was made by his family and members of the community. Based on the strength of the presentation heard at the September full board meeting, and Mr. Ramos's reputation in the community, the committee voted unanimously to ask for a letter of support for this street co-naming.

The vote was: 35 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS"; 0 "RECUSALS."

**Safety Improvements For All Users** - The committee received a request for CB#1 to do whatever possible to improve the safety of streets for all uses. The request came from Mr. Kenny Lawrence, father of Aurilla Lawrence, who was killed on Broadway, between Marcy & Rodney Streets, by a truck while riding her bicycle on February 28, 2019. The Committee conveyed its deepest condolences to Mr. Lawrence and his family, and mentioned that there are many changes being implemented with the intention of increasing cyclist and pedestrian safety. As ever, the committee would continue to hear all voices, and offer its best advice to the full board and the City to meet these critical safety goals. The committee had a discussion on the campaign: **Make Meeker Move**. There was follow up conversation to both Meeker Avenue improvements as well as new Brooklyn side pedestrian/cyclist path entrance to the new Kosciuszko Bridge. **Maspeth Avenue Safety Improvements**. The committee had a brief discussion on GREC's letter to NYC DOT with a renewed call for traffic calming measures on Maspeth Avenue from Morgan Avenue to Woodpoint Road and adjacent streets. The committee asked Ms. Messer to focus on the intersections of Debevoise, Olive Street & Kingsland Avenue at Maspeth Avenue. Mr. Bruzaitis related that he will follow up with DOT and GREC to possibly schedule a new walk through of the fresh conditions at the study area. **Status of the substation at Maspeth Avenue and Humboldt Street**. The MTA had announced a June deadline for work to be closed at street level. This has not happened. Mr. Bruzaitis said that he will follow up with Mr. Inglesby, of the MTA, for an update on estimated completion at this location.

**Grand Street Redesign**: The committee briefly discussed current conditions since Spring 2019 to follow up with NYC DOT. Discussion on "permanent" changes to Grand Street in light of Governor Cuomo announcement to cancel April L Train shut down. The plan presented at the last full board meeting is being implemented without regard for the many concerns raised over the last year by businesses, residents and transportation activist. Persons were surveyed at the meeting and related the following concerns/needs: #1- Parking or standing in bike lanes; #2- Enforcement is not consistent; #3- Loading for businesses causes double and triple parking – dangerous and slows traffic; #4- Additional daylight is needed; #5- Debris in the bike lane is a hazard; #6- Pedestrian islands would be helpful. Although there



was some acrimony, those assembled at the meeting agreed on these things: Grand Street bike lanes were put in to make cycling safer...it has failed. It can be argued that conditions are now more hazardous for a cyclist. With respect to #5 above, the committee voted to ask the board to send a letter to both the NYC DOT and DSNY to invest in a fleet of smaller brush trucks to clean bike lanes.

Old Business: 1.) Brooklyn Navy Yard Access - The committee discussed the efforts. As of now, the board of BNY is not interested in opening Clymer to traffic. There are concerns about their private clients in the Navy Yard and security concerns. CB#2, who has jurisdiction over BNY, does not want access opened to traffic. Mr. Schlesinger noted that there remains a need to relieve congestion in the area adjacent to the Navy Yard within CB1. The controversy at the September full board meeting regarding the revised NYCDOT presentation on the Wythe Avenue exit onto Williamsburg Street West shows that all possible options must be explored to solve the issue. Opening Clymer to traffic will serve as a pressure valve. The committee voted to send a letter to Councilmember Stephen Levin requesting a study to determine the feasibility and benefits to opening the Navy Yard's streets to bicycle access. 2.) West Street - Mr. Elkins raised concerns regarding West Street, that after a year and a half, the conditions for sidewalk and bicycle lane access are still unresolved. One of the biggest flaws is the curb that was installed to prevent parking --- is so low. It is easy for vehicles to ride over it to illegally park. Ms. Messer (Brooklyn DOT) related that the issue is not with DOT since there is a "punch list" from the contractor that must be completed before DOT can re-stripe the area. The loading zones have been requested and ignored. The existing striping is both confusing and dangerous for both drivers and cyclists. A walkthrough is being scheduled to expedite fixes to this ongoing problem.

New Business: Mr. Chris Roberti (a speaker at the September full board meeting) attended the committee's meeting to reinforce his request that there are many unsafe conditions along Montrose Avenue and at the intersection of Graham Avenue. He asked that something be done to calm traffic, add bike lanes, and to fix the damaged areas of the roadway. The committee will take this up at a future meeting.

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is: Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 6:30 PM in the Board's Office, 435 Graham Avenue, Brooklyn, NY11211.

Capital Budget Committee – Mr. Weidberg, committee chair, related that last month at the full meeting, the board approved the committee report listing of budget priorities for 2021. He said that there were two requests that were made and that they wanted included in the report. He wanted to make sure that the board voted on them for inclusion in the report.

- 1.) Extra Hours for the Women's Swimming at Metropolitan Pool.
- 2.) McCarren Park Handball Courts Facility Improvements.

Mr. Weidberg made motion to include the items in the report. The motion was seconded by Ms. Iglesias. The motion was carried. The vote was: 34 "YES"; 1 "NO" (Burrows); 0 "ABSTENTIONS"; 0 "RECUSALS."

## PARKS DEPARTMENT MINUTE

It was noted that Ms. Salig was on vacation.

**PUBLIC SESSION** (Reserved for the Public’s expression. Board Members will not be allowed to speak.) Each scheduled participant for this session will have an allowance of two (2) minutes. (No questions will be entertained. Speakers are requested to submit their testimony in writing).

Ms. Natalie Biaggio, Event Coordinator, NYS River Park, noted that the Smorgasbord was ending the last Saturday in October. The day after (October 27<sup>th</sup>) they are having their annual Fall Festival. She said that it was a kid oriented event. It is from 11AM-3PM. She said that they are looking for volunteers and donors for the event.

Ms. Catherine Skrzypek, Branch Manager, Williamsburg Branch at Marcy Avenue, spoke about the importance of the Census and that the library was working on making sure that everyone in Brooklyn is counted. They will have a conference on October 28, from 8:30AM – 12:00NOON at the Central Library. It is open to nonprofits/community-based organizations and faith based organizations in Brooklyn. It will be an opportunity to convene and learn about the mechanics of the census. They are having recruiting events for the census jobs. There were other events being held at the Central Library to observe the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the arrival of enslaved American Africans. She urged all to participate with the library’s book group. They will reserve several copies of a book and also extent the time for borrowing them.

Mr. Eric Yearwood, resident, related that he was a social anthropologist. He raised concern about several businesses that are in the area of Morgan Avenue that are psychic boutiques. They offer supernatural services like tarot card reading, divination and amateur medications. He was concerned about these businesses and impressions on young people. He believes someone should look into this and pay attention to what is going on.

Mr. Auser Burke, from Churches United For Fair Housing.. He related that they are working on campaigns for fair housing. They are working with NYCHA tenants. He said that in another campaign, they are looking at racial studies in rezoned areas. He will be having committee meetings.

### **CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT**

A written report was submitted and distributed. Chairperson Fuller noted that there was a pilot program started by the Post Office for delivery of packages for NYCHA developments. They will provide trucks with packages on them and they will leave a note where and when it could be picked up. They would like to start the pilot program by the holidays. She asked for board members to let her know about the NYCHA developments and the tenants’ organization. The Post Office wants to put trucks at the developments and want find the best locations for them.

### **DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT**

A written report was submitted and distributed for review.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS: ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Mr. Alexis Rodriguez, from Council Member Reynoso’s Office, spoke to announce that there was a wake for Ms. Cruz who passed away. She was the Executive Director for Los Nuestros Niños for many years. He spoke about supporting the street co-naming for "Calle Frenchie" in honor of Mr. Santos Ramos, who had passed away. The Council Member is supporting it. He noted that there was a vigil from Washington

Park to the 90<sup>th</sup> Precinct. He spoke about participatory budgeting. He also noted a commercial waste equity bill that would limit truck traffic of private carters into specific zone areas. They are seeking to make the streets safer. Reducing the truck will improve the environment.

Ms. Elizabeth Adams, from Council Member Levin's Office, thank the board for holding a moment of silence for the homeless men who died. She said that compassion and sensitivity to our homeless neighbors is very critical. She provided some updates. There will be a vote on closing Riker's Island. They are looking to reform the prison system and make smaller jails. She also noted that they were still collecting ideas for participating budgeting until the end of the month. She spoke about street safety and bicyclists. On Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, Council Member Levin is holding a meeting in North Brooklyn, a the Polish Slavic Center, to talk about the rezoning.

Mr. Alvin Peña, from Senator Salazar's Office, spoke to provide some updates. Their newsletter should be arriving this week. It discusses the bills that are pending in Albany. He urged all to register to vote. He related that they will have a workshop/maternal health (December 6<sup>th</sup>) on women's health issues. They will be getting flyers out.

Ms. Danielle Zuckerman, from Senator Kavanagh's Office, spoke to provide a few updates. She noted that they were working on the NationalGrid moratorium. NationalGrid wasn't doing any gas hook ups for new customers. She said that they are seeking transparency in this matter and having an investigation. She announced that tomorrow was her last day at the Senator's Office. She going to work at DOT, but she will still live in CB#1. She raised concern about homelessness. She said it was great working with all at CB#1.

Chairperson Fuller noted that the quorum was lost for the meeting. The meeting would continue as a Committee of the Whole. The meeting will convene on November 12, 2019. Ms. McKeever asked for a roll call.

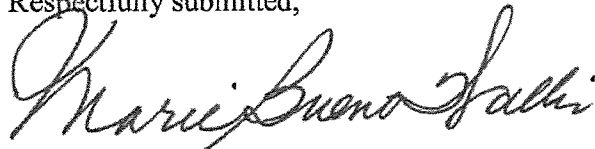
### ROLL CALL

Chairperson Ms. Fuller asked for a roll call. District Manager Mr. Esposito called the roll. There were 21 members present. Not a sufficient number for a quorum.

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was not adjourned on October 10, 2019 because there was a lack of a quorum. The meeting was continued to November 12, 2019. On November 12<sup>th</sup>, Chairperson Fuller requested a roll call. The roll call was called at 6:15 PM. There were 27 members present, a sufficient number for a quorum. She requested a vote to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bruzaitis made a motion to adjourn the October 10, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weidberg. The motion was unanimously carried. The vote was: 27 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS"; 0 "RECUSALS". The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Marie Bueno Wallin  
Assistant District Manager

Reviewed by:



Sonia Iglesias  
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**ATTENDANCE SHEET**

(26 Members Constitute a Quorum for the Board Meeting & Public Hearing) DATE: Thursday October 10, 2019

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* LOUIS BARRICELLI	-out-	WILLIAM KLAGSBALD	
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ERIC BRUZAITIS		* YOEL LANDAU	-out-
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## COMMITTEE REPORT

TO: Chairperson Dealice Fuller  
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FROM: Del Teague, Committee Chair  
Land Use, ULURP & Landmarks [subcommittee] Committee  
  
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A request to extend the comment period was made. DCP approved the extension.

## **-2- DISCUSSION – MEETING CALENDAR FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS-**

The committee voted to schedule the meetings on the first Monday of the month.

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TIME: 6:30 PM  
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## Comment Period Extension for the 215 Moore Street Proposal

Alexander McClean (DCP)

Mon 9/30/2019 6:19 PM

To: BK01 (CB) <bk01@cb.nyc.gov>

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Good evening Community Board 1 –

Thank you for attending the Scoping Meeting for 215 Moore Street proposal on September 24<sup>th</sup> and provide comments. We would like to inform the Board that we have considered the request regarding the comment period on the Draft Scope of Work and have extended it an extra week to October 11, 2019. This extension has been reflected on the Department of City Planning's website - <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/planning/applicants/scoping-documents.page>.

Thank you again and we look forward to any other comments that we may receive.

Best Regards,

Alex

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Ms. Olga Abinader, Director  
Environmental Assessment  
and Review Division  
NYC Department of City Planning  
120 Broadway, 31st Floor  
New York, N.Y. 10271

RE: Comments for Draft Scope  
of Work for Proposed Actions at  
215 Moore Street  
(CEQR No. 19DCP216K)

Dear Ms. Abinader:

Brooklyn Community Board No.1 met on October 10, 2019, at 6:00 PM, in the Swinging 60's Senior Citizen Center, 211 Ainslie Street, Brooklyn, NY 11211. At the regular board meeting the members reviewed the Land Use, ULURP, and Landmarks [subcommittee] Committee's report (attached.) In addition, at the public session of our board meeting we received comments regarding the item from the public. Attached is a copy of testimony received from Mr. Tommy Chin, from Wonton Food Inc., a business that is located at 220-222 Moore Street.

Kindly be advised that the members voted to support the committee's report and provide the following comments regarding the proposed actions at 215 Moore Street (CEQR Number 19DCP216K):

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Brooklyn Community Board #1 respectfully requests that our comments are included in the scoping document.

Working for a Better Greenpoint-Willamsburg.

Sincerely,



Dealice Fuller  
Chairperson

DF/mbw

Attachment

cc: Hon. Eric L. Adams, Brooklyn Borough President

Hon. Council Member Antonio Reynoso

Hon. Marisa Lago, Chair, NYC DCP



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Name: Tommy Chin  
Company: Wonton Food Inc.  
Date: 10/10/2019

I'm Tommy Chin. I am the Human Resources Manager at Wonton Food, Inc located on Moore Street in the neighborhood.

Wonton Food have been in the community since the late 80's.

I've only been with Wonton for 4 years but many of the employees that have been with the company for over 30 years have shared with me how they've seen the community change drastically over the years. It has improved for the better. The neighborhood is much safer than it was 30 years ago.

But I do want to bring up some concerns we have. A new development is going up across from our factory. The new development on Moore Street has requested variances on the zoning which if approved, will allow for the development a 13-story commercial use property which includes a boutique hotel, office and retail space, exposition space and a 200+ car garage in a neighborhood where most of the properties are 2-4 stories.

Wonton Food does not want to stand in the way of any project that can further improve the community but we are worried that approving of such a development will impact our operations and more importantly affect our ability to take care of over 300 employees we have working at our headquarters on Moore Street.

At a recent City Planning Commission hearing, we've brought objections with the 215 Moore Street Project. Our distribution may be greatly affected by the short-term construction. Long term, we have concerns on safety due to the increased foot traffic on the street. On any given day, we have over 50 trucks making stops at our loading docks. Moore Street between White Street and Bushwick Avenue has primarily been for industrial use. Our loading docks are located on the Moore Street side. This serves as the distribution hub for all our New York factories.

Not only will we be impacted, but our customers and suppliers will also be impacted. Locally, we are serving over 40 distributors daily within a 10-mile radius. Through those local distributors alone, our products are in over 20,000 Asian restaurants on the East Coast from Florida to Canada.

We've been hearing rumors that we are looking at leaving Brooklyn. That is absolutely not true. Our roots are in Brooklyn. Brooklyn is the heart of all our operations.

The 215 Moore Street project may create many new jobs in the neighborhood, but we are very worried about the many jobs we have already created. We started with less than 100 employees in the 80's and we now employ over 500 employees in New York with the bulk being in East Williamsburg. A negative impact to the business will affect everyone's job security including those of our customers and suppliers.

Although the proposed project seems to paint a positive picture, I hope you will thoroughly review the negative impact it may have on existing businesses like ours and neighborhood businesses alike.

Thank you for providing me this time to speak tonight.



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**ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Chairperson Dealice Fuller  
 and CB #1 Board Members

**FROM:** Rabbi David Niederman, Attendance Committee Chair

**RE:** Committee Attendance Compilation  
 September 10, 2019 – October 10, 2019

The following committee has met to date. Attendance at the meeting is indicated.

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Land Use, ULURP & Landmarks	9/23/19	Present: Teague; Mckeever; Barros; Chesler; Nieves; Sofer  Absent: Kaminski; Rabbi Niederman; Viera Weidberg; Weiser

SLA Review & DCA	09/24/19	Present:	Burrows; Bachorowski; Barros; Dybanowski Foster; Sofer; Solano; Stuart
		Absent:	Barricelli; Bruzaitis; Cohen; Torres
Women's Issues	09/24/19	Present:	Peterson; Cianciotta; Bamonte; Gallagher; Leanza; Torres
		Absent:	Carbone; Kaminski
Public Safety & Human Services	9/25/19	Present:	Burrows; Bamonte; Barros; Leanza; Rachlin; Viera
		Absent:	Cabrera; Chirichella; Foster; Gangone; Iglesias; Indig; Kaminski; Katz; Landau; Low
Executive	9/26/19	Present:	Fuller; Weiser; Teague; Weidberg; Iglesias; Caponegro
		Absent;	Viera
Board Budget	10/03/19	Present:	Viera; Caponegro; D'Amato; Foster; Torres
		Absent:	Peterson; Teague



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October 10, 2019

**BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT**

TO: Chairperson Dealice Fuller  
 and All Board Members

FROM: Mr. Stephen Weidberg, Capital Budget Committee Chair

RE: FY 2021 Budget Priorities

The Capital Budget Committee previously submitted a report for the board members' consideration at the September 10, 2019 meeting. In addition, a public hearing was held on September 10, 2019 regarding the budget for Fiscal Year 2021. Comments were received at the hearing regarding extending the hours of the women's swimming at the Metropolitan Pool. There were also requests to improve the handball courts at McCarren Park. No additional comments were received from CB #1 board members or from the public.

The budget priorities package is to be submitted this month to the Department of City Planning and the Office of Management & Budget, and incorporated with the Statement of District Needs FY 2021.

The Capital Budget Committee seeks the Board's approval of the package.

Thank you

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 Attachments



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## BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 1

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ATTACHMENT 1.

### SUBJECT: CAPITAL BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021

1. Creation of a new firehouse in the Northside area.
2. Fund construction & rehabilitation of subsidized/affordable housing, including waterfront and upland areas, in the CB#1 area.
3. Funding for development of parkland per Greenpoint-Williamsburg waterfront rezoning and the Administration's Points of Agreement.
4. Funding to continue the development of Bushwick Inlet Park (including additional construction of the park itself/remediation of the Bayside Fuel Oil site).
5. Surveillance Cameras for the Williamsburg Bridge (roadways, walkway and bikeway).
6. New Comfort Station for the WNYC Transmitter Park.
7. MTA/NYCTA – Continuation of the Station upgrading program (G, L, J, M lines) to also include surveillance cameras for "L" (Bedford Avenue station) & "G" lines (Metropolitan/Grand/Lorimer Street Station) and a public address system on the "G" – Greenpoint Avenue Station. Identify/fund subway train stations in CB#1 that are to be upgraded with elevator access.
8. Department of Education projects scheduled in SD-14 to start or complete (i.e. renovations to include Automotive Trades HS, 850 Grand Street Campus, Van Arsdale Campus).
9. Redevelop NYCHA Playground on Roebling & South 9th Street.
10. Construct a new schoolyard at PS 18.
11. Advance construction proposed for a new school (P.S./I.S.) at the Dupont Street site.



12. Trench Restoration/Reconstruction for Withers Street, between Humboldt Street and Woodpoint Road.
13. Reconstruct Grand Street from Grand Street Bridge to River Street.
14. Reconstruct Metropolitan Avenue from Varick Avenue to Scott Avenue.
15. Reconstruct Meserole Street between Bushwick Avenue and Union Avenue.
16. Reconstruct Driggs Avenue from Lorimer Street to Division Avenue.
17. Reconstruct Montrose Avenue from Union Avenue to Bushwick Avenue.
18. Reconstruct and widen Grand Street Bridge (aka the Penny Bridge).
19. Reconstruct Scholes Street from Morgan Avenue to Union Avenue.
20. Reconstruct Lorimer Street from Broadway to Nassau Avenue.
21. Replace sidewalks on Frost Street (NYCHA Development/Cooper Park Houses) from Debevoise Avenue to Morgan Avenue. Expand improvements to adjacent sidewalks that also surround the development.
22. Replace sidewalks around Williams Plaza (aka Jonathan Williams Development/NYCHA) from Division Avenue/South 9th Street/Broadway/Marcy Avenue/Roebling Street/Havemeyer Street)
23. Reconstruct Maspeth Avenue, from Vandervoort Avenue to the Newtown Creek.
24. Renovation of McCarren Park Handball Courts.
25. Restore and fund redevelopment of "Sand Park" under the Williamsburg Bridge.
26. Improved lighting at the Mt. Carmel Triangle Park and Monument (BQE Park).

### **CONTINUED SUPPORT ITEMS**

- Support needed improvements for McGolrick Park.
- Expand Neighborhood Park and Playground Restoration Program.
- Install Lighting for the Tennis Courts at McCarren Park.
- Complete all phases of development for the waterfront area/parkland at: (a.) the foot of Greenpoint Avenue – WNYC Transmitter Park (Old WNYC Tower Area); (b.) Division Avenue Ferry Park.
- Support needed improvements for Cooper Park.
- Support of the Plaza Project at Moore Street Market.
- Complete construction of an elevator for “L” line at Bedford Avenue – ADA Access.
- Completion of the Replacement for the Greenpoint Branch of the Brooklyn Public Library (at existing footprint, 107 Norman Avenue/corner of Leonard Street).



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ATTACHMENT 2.

### SUBJECT: EXPENSE BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021

1. Increase funding for Community Boards.
2. Fund the operations of a newly created firehouse (FDNY) in the Northside.
3. Reinstate funding for the Greenpoint – Williamsburg Tenant Legal Fund (\$2 million), including anti-harassment provisions per the Administration’s Points of Agreement regarding the Greenpoint-Williamsburg waterfront rezoning.
4. Increase significantly park maintenance funds and increase operations/recreation staffing at specific CB #1 parks and playgrounds (including support equipment). Include additional hours for women’s swim time at Metropolitan Pool.
5. Increase significantly the Department of Youth and Community Development Agency’s community board fair share, after school, and summer and recreation funding for CB #1.
6. Funding to support subsidies to lower rents for senior citizens, to reduce an increase in homelessness.
7. Increase funding of Homecare Services and the Homebound Meals.
8. Create a new fund for the Affordable Housing and Infrastructure Fund (\$10 million) created under the Administration’s Points of Agreement regarding the Greenpoint-Williamsburg waterfront rezoning.
9. Provide safe street crossing/continued presence (NYPD Crossing Guard Post) at Jackson Street and Kingsland Avenue for children attending various local schools/after school programs (St. Francis Developmental School, PS 132, St. Nicholas/Rosary Academy, IS 49 Campus, Grand Street Campus/Beacon Program, IS 126/Beacon Program, School Settlement House Association).
10. Expand funding for library operations – Brooklyn Public Library, including branches within CB #1; fund extended days/hours; fund computer catalogue and increase book budget.

11. Fund new science labs for schools (including middle school grades) in District 14/Region 8 located within the confines of Community Board No. 1's district.
12. Establish additional daycare or head start programs to serve Greenpoint/Williamsburg that are now under-served.
13. Expand park enforcement patrol project to incorporate McCarren Park (including Park Rangers).
14. Fund a new school library for PS 250.
15. (a) Fund a comprehensive air quality study/anti-asthma initiative for Greenpoint and Williamsburg; (b) funding of a comprehensive study of the environmental health hazards and its cumulative effect on CB #1, including DEP waste water treatment plant.
16. Fund a comprehensive traffic "Blue Print Study" for Greenpoint-Williamsburg.
17. Establishment of a senior citizen center to serve southwest area of Williamsburg, central to Division Avenue and Clymer Street (continued funding).
18. Fund a Greenpoint/Williamsburg Water Transportation Study, including ground/land based connections.
19. Expand the refuse collection program for NYCHA and other large housing developments (to include the Board of Education and Senior Citizens facilities).
20. Increase the staffing of outreach programs that handle education, testing and counseling for infectious diseases (i.e. TB/AIDS/ZIKA), nicotine cessation (smoking/vaping), and drug abuse.
21. Increase funding of the "Green Street Program" for projects in CB #1, including the much needed improvements, and replace fencing of park triangles.
22. Increase allocation for rehabilitation loan programs.
23. Continue/expand the building inspector training program; increase the number of inspectors (DOB) for CB # 1.
24. Increase funds of street signage for designated truck routes.
25. Acquisition of a replacement site for relocation of the MTA facility (Emergency Response Unit & Depot of cross town buses) at 65 Commercial Street.



## **District Manager's Report Community Board No. 1 Brooklyn**

**TO: All Board Members**

**FROM: Gerald A. Esposito  
District Manager**

**RE: October 10, 2019**

1. Complaint Tally Sheet for September 2019.
2. District Service Cabinet Meeting Minutes September 19, 2019.
3. MTA New York City Transit RE: Bus Schedule Enhancements Effective January 2020.
4. New York City Department of Transportation RE: Grand Street Bridge Topographic Survey Grand Avenue from 47<sup>th</sup> Street to 49<sup>th</sup> Street.
5. News from Congresswoman Nydia M. Velázquez RE: Lawmakers Press National Grid on Gas Moratorium.
6. BMCC Center for Continuing Education and Workforce Development RE: No Cost Technology Training Opportunity Course.
7. New York City Department of Sanitation RE: 2019-2020 Draft Snow plan for the Borough of Brooklyn.
8. Metropolitan Transportation Authority RE: Announces Updated Fine Structure for Bus Lane Violations Using New Bus-Mounted Camera Technology; Program Begins on M15 SBS on Oct. 7.
9. New York City Department of Sanitation RE: Curbside Collection Program of Electronic Items Now Available to All Eligible 1-9 Buildings IN THE Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island.
10. New York City Department of Sanitation RE: Notice of Public Hearing and Opportunity to Comment on Proposed Rules.
11. Board of Elections in the City of New York RE: Vote Early or Vote on Election Day From October 26, 2019 to November 3, 2019.



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**TO: ALL BOARD MEMBERS**  
**FROM: GERALD A. ESPOSITO, DISTRICT MANAGER**  
**RE: COMPLAINT TALLY SHEET – September 2019**

	TALLY	Sep-19
DEP		
AIR		1
NOISE		2
WATER		
SEWER BREAK		
SEWER BACKUP		1
CATCH BASIN		2
HYDRANT		
<b>DOS</b>		
DERELICT AUTO/BIKES		2
BULK PICKUP		3
REGULAR PICKUP		3
LOT CLEANING		
UNSWEEP STREET LITTEP		2
SNOW REMOVAL		
ENFORCEMENT		1
BASKET REQUESTS		
SIGNS		
RECYCLING		1
HEALTH DEPT		
PEST CONTROL		
LOT CLEANING		
ASSISTANCE		1
DOCUMENTS		1
HOUSING AUTHORITY		
APPLICATION		
SERVICE		
ELEVATOR		
OTHER		
<b>SENIOR HOUSING</b>		
<b>FIRE DEPT</b>		
SERVICE		2
EQUIPMENT		
ANIMAL CONTROL		1
<b>HPD</b>		
SEAL-UP		
DEMO		
HEAT/HOT WATER		
CODE ENFORCE.		2
RELOCATION		
RENT CONTROL		2
OTHER		
<b>BUILDINGS DEPT</b>		6
<b>REFERRALS</b>		
LEGAL		6
STATE		2
FEDERAL		2

NATIONALGRID		
EDUCATION		
SCHOOL REGION		2
SCHOOL PS		
JHS		
HS		1
COLLEGE		
OTHER		1
HRA		
SOCIAL SERVICES		3
MEDICAID		2
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		1
FOOD STAMPS		
OTHER		
DCAS		
REAL ESTATE		1
<b>PARKS DEPT</b>		
TREE REQUESTS		1
TREE REMOVAL		1
PRUNING		1
SPRAYING		
POOLS		
GREENSTREET		1
PARKS		2
<b>POLICE DEPT.</b>		
PROTECTION		6
DRUGS		
PARKING		17
CRIME		3
MTA		1
DOT		
HIGHWAYS		1
POT HOLES		1
PLATES		
SIDEWALK		1
CAVE-IN		
METERS		
SIGNS		1
TRAFFIC LIGHTS		1
TRENCH WORK (& DEP)		
STREET LIGHT		2
CON EDISON		2
<b>INFO REQUESTS</b>		321
VERIZON/CABLE		1
<b>DCA</b>		
LICENSE		1
ARCADE/RIDES		
OTHER		
<b>TOTAL</b>		419

Respectfully submitted,  
Marie Bueno Wallin  
Assistant District Manager



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## DISTRICT SERVICE CABINET MEETING SEPTEMBER 19, 2019 435 GRAHAM AVENUE

### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

District Manager Mr. Gerald A. Esposito called the District Service Cabinet Meeting to order and noted that on the agenda was an update regarding the opening of the Kosciuszko Bridge's walkway. Agency representatives in attendance were also asked to provide any updates.

The following points were raised about the bridge:

- NYPD – Policing/Regular Patrol; Surveillance Cameras; Call Boxes; Enforcement (Unlicensed Scooters; Skateboarders etc.); Safety Barrier to Roadway/Vehicular traffic; Emergency Services; Monitoring of the Outfall?
- FDNY/EMS – What company is assigned to the bridge? Which engine company is it and where is it located? Any special equipment needed? Call boxes; What about emergency services? Emergency response? Telephone/911 Assistance?
- DOT/Arterials – What agency conducts snow removal on bike lanes and walkway? Roadway? How? What equipment is used? Where is the snow disposed of? Trash receptacles? Signage? Fishing?
- DSNY – Does the agency do regular cleaning of the roadway, bike path/pedestrian path? What about trash removal? Litter baskets? What about snow removal and de-icing?

District Manager Mr. Esposito welcomed all to the meeting. The matter about the pedestrian path and access to a call box for emergencies was raised. Mr. Robert Adams, NYS DOT, related that the setting up a meeting in October to review this matter. They will be installing a new box on the Brooklyn side. A box was already on the Queens side of the bridge. District Manager Mr. Esposito asked about the kind of box that would be used? Mr. Adams noted that it would be a more modern one.

District Manager Mr. Esposito raised concern about the bridge being a venue because of the view of the Manhattan Skyline. He pointed out that people can congregate there and litter pathway with bottles and other debris. There may be issues with the homeless setting up encampments. Police Officer Rivera, from

the 94<sup>th</sup> Pct., related that they would monitor the Brooklyn side of the bridge. They usually do half and half tours. Cameras would help. Mr. Adams related that they have three cameras (two on top and one in Queens, at this time there is none on the Brooklyn side. These are feeds that are recorded. PO Rivera noted that there was a safety barrier at the walkway to deter vehicle access on the path. Mr. Adams reported that someone tried to go up the path with an Uber car. The bike ramps are wide and there is also the pedestrian walkway.

PO Rivera noted that for EMS/Emergency vehicles they can access the path. It is the same like with the Pulaski Bridge.

Chief Gannon discussed access. He noted that the 405<sup>th</sup> battalion on Greenpoint Avenue (by the cemetery) response with an engine and truck from Queens. There is also response from the Brooklyn side, usually from the Firehouse at Hooper Street. They come up the service road. He spoke about needing water to bridge on the Brooklyn side. They have not installed the stand pipe yet. They have to access the water from over the bridge to the street below. They drop a hose down. Medical emergency vehicles (FDNY engines and ambulances) will have to go over the barrier. Traffic is slowed down for the response. It was noted that the call boxes need to be up and running and visible so they can be located. District Manager Mr. Esposito spoke about the length of the bridge being about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile. There also needs to be a better way to be able to relate where someone is located on the bridge. There is now way to know if you are on the Brooklyn side or the Queens side when calling in an emergency. It is very much desolated and a little dangerous with cars whizzing by. People go up there to capture pictures around sunset.

Chief Scotti, BK1 DSNY, spoke about maintenance on the bridge. DSNY handles the roadway for snow removal. Ms. Messer, Brooklyn DOT, spoke about the NYS and Bridges Division working together on the bridge. She related that they are still in discussion. District Manager Mr. Esposito asked about the garbage receptacles on the bridge. He noted that in the past there were problems with water drainage freefalling below. This was to be addressed. Mr. Adams noted that this is still part of the discussion. Mr. Adams said that they were still coordinating services for the bridge. A concern is about snow removal. District Manager Mr. Esposito asked for a report on this. There are issues with the railing in Brooklyn. Mr. Adams noted that they are creating a punch list. They are restoring the area under the bridge.

Mr. Macias, NYC DOT spoke about closing out the contract at the end of the year. He said that the westbound direction on the bridge was greatly improved. District Manager Mr. Esposito asked about the bike lane outfall. They will be doing signage on Driggs Avenue and Meeker Avenue. They will be working on it over the winter. District Manager Mr. Esposito said that there are needs for improvement. He was concerned about people walking and trying to cross to get to the new park. It is difficult to maneuver. Mr. Adams noted that the bridge sign will be placed where the pedestrian. The Kociuszko Foundation was handling the installation. The City will maintain the colored lights. It is easier than the other type of lighting. The bridge is metalized and not painting is needed. It is an all steel bridge. It is protected against pitting.



**Community Board Information – September 2019**

**National Preparedness Month**

September is National Preparedness Month, and it serves as a reminder to take action to prepare for the types of emergencies that could affect where we live, work, learn, and worship.

- As a way to promote emergency preparedness citywide, NYC Emergency Management will be hosting & promoting emergency preparedness events throughout the five boroughs.

<p><b><u>Brooklyn: (free)</u></b></p> <p><b>National Preparedness Month Kick-off</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Date:</b> Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• <b>Time:</b> 10 AM - 2 PM</li> <li>• <b>Address:</b> Brooklyn Borough Hall - 209 Joralemon St Brooklyn, NY 11201</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Manhattan: (free)</u></b></p> <p><b>Pet and Service Animals Preparedness</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Date:</b> Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• <b>Time:</b> 11 AM - 3 PM</li> <li>• <b>Address:</b> Union Square Park - New York, NY 10003</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Queens: (free)</u></b></p> <p><b>Senior ReadyFest</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Date:</b> Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• <b>Time:</b> 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM</li> <li>• <b>Address:</b> Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 101-41 91st St, Queens NY 11416</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Bronx: (Visit the Bronx Zoo website for fees)</u></b></p> <p><b>Bronx Zoo Preparedness Event</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Date:</b> Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• <b>Time:</b> 10 AM - 4 PM</li> <li>• <b>Address:</b> The Bronx Zoo - 2300 Southern Blvd Bronx, NY 10460</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Staten Island: (free)</u></b></p> <p><b>Staten Island Children’s Museum Emergency Preparedness Event</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Date:</b> Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• <b>Time:</b> 12 PM - 5 PM</li> <li>• <b>Address:</b> Staten Island Children’s Museum - 1000 Richmond Terrace Staten Island, NY 10301</li> </ul>	

**Hurricane Season**

NYC’s hurricane season is from June 1 through November 30<sup>th</sup>. With the highest potential for hurricanes in NYC occurring from August through October, make sure you understand the risks NYC faces and know the zone that you live in. Join us in promoting our annual awareness campaign: [www.nyc.gov/knowyourzone](http://www.nyc.gov/knowyourzone).

If you are interested in a hurricane/emergency preparedness presentation, please reach out to [intergov@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:intergov@oem.nyc.gov) to set up a date.

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## New York City Transit

September 18, 2019

Mr. Gerald A. Esposito  
District Manager - Community Board No.1  
435 Graham Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11211

### **Re: Bus Schedule Enhancements Effective January 2020**

Dear Mr. Esposito:

I am writing to inform you that NYC Transit is proposing to implement bus schedule changes on five bus routes in January 2020, as part of its regular bus schedule review and evaluation process.

Through this ongoing effort, our goal is to ensure that bus schedules accurately match current ridership demand and operating conditions, as well as to ensure that resources are available where they are most needed to provide customers with the most efficient and effective bus service possible. NYC Transit routinely adjusts service to reflect changes in customer demand consistent with MTA Board-adopted bus loading guidelines.

Under the bus schedule review program, our Operations Planning team evaluates all NYC Transit bus routes each year and undertakes in-depth reviews of bus routes shown to have changes in ridership or running time that may necessitate service adjustments. Where necessary and feasible, schedules on these routes are modified to reflect changes in operating conditions and ridership demand consistent with MTA Board-adopted guidelines.

Increases in service frequency are proposed on four routes (S53, S93, Q55 and Q28). These service increases are needed to alleviate crowding and to be consistent with MTA loading guidelines for bus operations. In addition, the B46 Select Bus Service route is being converted to articulated buses. This conversion will enhance service by significantly increasing seating capacity by nearly 14 percent on weekdays, nearly 18 percent on Saturdays and over 30 percent on Sundays. This will address crowding issues during the morning peak hours. The details associated with these changes are shown in Attachment 1.

The bus schedule enhancements will be presented to the NYC Transit and Bus Committee of the MTA Board on Monday, September 23, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the 20<sup>th</sup> floor boardroom at 2 Broadway. Speaker registration will be conducted during the 15 minutes preceding the meeting.

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September 18, 2019

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If you have questions, require any additional information, or if you would like to confirm the date of the meeting at which these matters will be reviewed, please have a member of your staff contact Robert Marino, NYC Transit's Acting Vice President for Government and Community Relations, at 646-252-2660.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andy Byford".

Andy Byford  
President

Enclosure

cc: William Schwartz  
Craig Cipriano  
Sarah Meyer  
Tim Mulligan  
Judith McClain  
Robert Marino

Attachment 1

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The table below shows the headways and percent of guideline capacity at the maximum load point for four selected one hour time periods during the service day. It does not necessarily reflect all changes in the schedules, some of which take place during time periods not shown in the table.

Weekday	AM Peak				Midday				PM Peak				Evening				Revenue Seat Miles Change
	Schedule Headway in Minutes		Percent of Guideline Capacity		Schedule Headway in Minutes		Percent of Guideline Capacity		Schedule Headway in Minutes		Percent of Guideline Capacity		Schedule Headway in Minutes		Percent of Guideline Capacity		
Route	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	
S53	6	6	95%	95%	12	12	96%	96%	9	8	101%	89%	10	10	95%	95%	+3.2%
S93	9	8	69%	60%	12	12	73%	73%	9	9	61%	61%	12	12	67%	67%	+4.0%
B46SBS*	3	3	108%	88%	5	9	87%	88%	3	5	83%	82%	5	7	85%	87%	+13.7%

Local bus guidelines call for standees during peak periods and up to a seated load during non-peak periods and on weekends. Express bus guidelines call for up to a seated load at all times. Weekday AM and PM peak headways and percent of guideline capacity based on peak hour. Midday, evening, and weekend headways and percent of guideline capacity based on a representative hour during the time periods described in the headings.

(\*) Articulated Bus Conversion, "Current" represents Standard Bus service, "Proposed" represents Articulated Bus Service.

Articulated Conversion	Artic Conversion	No Change
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**Attachment 1  
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The table below shows the headways and percent of guideline capacity at the maximum load point for four selected one hour time periods during the service day. It does not necessarily reflect all changes in the schedules, some of which take place during time periods not shown in the table.

Saturday	Morning				Midday				Afternoon				Evening				Revenue Seat Miles Change
	Schedule Headway in Minutes		Percent of Guideline Capacity		Schedule Headway in Minutes		Percent of Guideline Capacity		Schedule Headway in Minutes		Percent of Guideline Capacity		Schedule Headway in Minutes		Percent of Guideline Capacity		
	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	
Route Q55	15	12	125%	95%	15	15	74%	74%	12	15	56%	74%	15	15	40%	40%	-1.8%
B46SBS*	7	8	102%	82%	9	10	121%	91%	6	8	91%	81%	7	10	68%	73%	+17.9%
Sunday	Morning				Midday				Afternoon				Evening				Revenue Seat Miles Change
	Schedule Headway in Minutes		Percent of Guideline Capacity		Schedule Headway in Minutes		Percent of Guideline Capacity		Schedule Headway in Minutes		Percent of Guideline Capacity		Schedule Headway in Minutes		Percent of Guideline Capacity		
	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	
Route Q28	15	12	114%	86%	12	12	67%	67%	12	12	59%	59%	20	20	72%	72%	+1.2%
B46SBS*	12	12	104%	67%	8	10	74%	55%	8	10	89%	79%	10	10	87%	56%	+32.3%

Local bus guidelines call for standees during peak periods and up to a seated load during non-peak periods and on weekends. Express bus guidelines call for up to a seated load at all times. Weekday AM and PM peak headways and percent of guideline capacity based on peak hour. Midday, evening, and weekend headways and percent of guideline capacity based on a representative hour during the time periods described in the headings.

(\* ) Articulated Bus Conversion, "Current" represents Standard Bus service, "Proposed" represents Articulated Bus Service.

Service Decrease	Service Increase	Artic Conversion	No Change
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Polly Trottenberg, Commissioner

## Grand Street Bridge over Newtown Creek

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Brooklyn, Queens

September 2019



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# Construction Bulletin

The New York City Department of Transportation Division of Bridges, as part of the **Reconstruction of the Grand Street Bridge over Newtown Creek project**, is in the preliminary stages of design to replace the existing Grand Street Bridge with a new bridge. The project is considering a complete reconstruction of the existing bridge with new movable span structure and new approaches.



**NYCDOT will be conducting topographic surveying on both sides of the Grand Street Bridge sidewalks. No closures will result from these preliminary surveying efforts.**

During the surveying sidewalks and traffic lanes will be open to pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles in both directions.

## Grand Street Bridge – Topographic Survey

Grand Avenue from 47<sup>th</sup> Street to 49<sup>th</sup> Street

Jessica Ortiz, Community Construction Liaison, is available to provide information about this project at (917) 933-7440 or [thenewgrandstreetbridge@gmail.com](mailto:thenewgrandstreetbridge@gmail.com). For all NYC non-emergency services, including inquiries regarding NYCDOT construction projects, dial 311.

# News from Congresswoman NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

Representing New York's 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District • Brooklyn, Manhattan & Queens  
Chairwoman, House Small Business Committee



For Immediate Release  
September 26, 2019

Contact: Alex Haurek  
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## Lawmakers Press National Grid on Gas Moratorium

*Washington, DC* –Rep. Nydia M. Velázquez (D-NY) today led seven Members of the New York City Congressional delegation to the Chief Executive of National Grid, demanding that the company provide a plan as to how it will restore service for 2,600 customers who are being denied gas.

“At best, National’s Grid has failed to plan capacity appropriately and, at worst, the company is holding consumers hostage for its environmentally questionable pipeline,” said Velazquez. “Regardless of the reason, as the weather gets colder, it becomes even more pressing that service be restored. Today, we are calling on National Grid to provide a detailed plan about how it will get gas flowing again to these Brooklyn, Queens and Long Island residents and small businesses. I’ve heard from small restaurants in my district that have had to keep their doors shut because they don’t have gas to operate. This situation needs to be remedied immediately.”

In addition to Velázquez, the letter was signed by Reps. Gregory Meeks, Max Rose, Yvette Clarke, Jerry Nadler, Grace Meng, and Jose Serrano.

The full text of the letter is below and [a .pdf is online here](#).

September 26, 2019

John Pettigrew  
Chief Executive  
National Grid  
P.O. Box 11741  
Newark, NJ 07101-4741

Dear Mr. Pettigrew:

We write to express our serious concerns regarding your company’s decision to place a moratorium on new residential, business and industrial accounts in Brooklyn, Queens and Long Island until the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation approves an extension of the existing Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Co.’s pipeline. Many small businesses

are at risk of failing<sup>1</sup>, affordable housing units are being delayed<sup>2</sup>, and residents may have to scramble to find alternative heating equipment or, we fear, go without as winter approaches<sup>3</sup>. This is unacceptable. Therefore, we are requesting a detailed implementation timeline on how you plan to provide service to the 2,600 customers who are currently in your service backlog.

After reviewing documentation provided by your company, we remain very worried about the lack of gas service to new customers. Though we can appreciate your concerns about the long-term impact on National Grid's ability to sustain gas delivery service with its current infrastructure, in no way does the current plan appropriately address those who require gas for business today and will require it to warm their homes as the weather gets colder. As National Grid is the sole gas provider in the area, those who need the service have no other utility options. Though accessing alternative resources to provide gas, such as purchasing it at spot prices, may not be the best alternative for National Grid, having no heat in the winter is not acceptable for any resident in your service area.

In addition to the lack of residential services, we are sure you can understand how this decision has negatively impacted small business constituents. For example, the Almonte Family was scheduled to open their restaurant in Bushwick in June but have been delayed indefinitely, putting their business at risk. Additionally, a constituent that previously had gas service but, following building renovations, was informed that his request for resumption of service was on hold until the Northeast Supply Enhancement Project is approved which will have a direct impact on his tenants.

By stating that your company will begin offering services only if the application for the Northeast Supply Enhancement Project is approved, National Grid is essentially using customers as leverage to secure regulatory approval for an environmentally questionable project.

Regardless of whether this is an intentional tactic or the result of poor business planning, it is apparent to us that your company's practices are inflicting significant hardship on your ratepayers – our constituents. It is incumbent on your company to ensure gas service is made available regardless of the status of permits, approvals and construction on any future pipelines. Time is of the essence. We therefore ask you to provide us with a detailed plan as to how you intend to supply service to affected ratepayers by October 11th.

Sincerely,

Nydia M. Velázquez  
Gregory Meeks  
Max Rose  
Yvette Clarke

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<https://brooklyneagle.com/articles/2019/09/18/national-grid-gas-moratorium/>

Jerrold Nadler  
Grace Meng  
Jose Serrano

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September 17, 2019

Dear Sir or Madam:

CUNY BMCC has an exciting new NO COST Technology training opportunity to share with you and your constituents! Individuals interested in starting a career as a Computer Network Support Technician should come to BMCC for tech training with industry certifications and job placement assistance. Join us at an upcoming scheduled Information Session for eligibility requirements.

To register to attend an info session: <https://www.campusce.net/bmcc/course/course.aspx?catId=190>

Apply for one of the two upcoming training at an info session:

**Evening/Saturday schedule**

October 28, 2019 to July 12, 2020 (37 weeks)

**Daytime schedule**

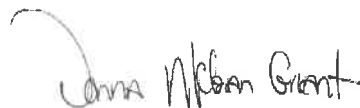
Monday to Friday, 9:30am to 4:30pm

Nov. 18, 2019 to May 22, 2020 (22 weeks)

Please post/circulate the training opportunity at your organization and circulate the info with your constituents or community members.

Applicants please contact the BMCC CUNY TechWorks project team with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Dr. Donna McLean-Grant, Ed.D  
Program Director, ACE



Adult Continuing Education is offering **NO COST** CompTIA A+ & CISCO CCNA Training & Job Placement Assistance



CUNY TechWorks and The Borough of Manhattan Community College Center for Continuing Education and Workforce Development, are now offering **No Cost** computer training program in **Computer Network Support**, for qualified participants. As IT jobs continue to grow, the need for people to learn the latest technology and become **certified** skilled professionals remain in high demand. To prepare for today's competitive workforce students will go through a series of **Career Development** workshops in soft skills training, resume preparation and mock interviews. You will meet industry leaders and graduates of our program who will share best practices on how to be successful in the IT field. Upon completion of the course, you will be referred to **jobs** & students can earn up to **4 college credits** towards their **Associate's degree** at BMCC.

**GET YOUR CAREER IN IT STARTED TODAY!**

**Pre-Eligibility**

- Unemployed or Underemployed
- 18 years of age & older
- Authorized to work in the U.S.
- Minimum HS Diploma or HS Equivalency (GED)
- Passing of assessment exams:
  - \* TABE—Reading & Math
  - \* Technical Assessment
- IT work experience preferred but not necessary
- Demonstrate a passion for learning technology

**Next Training Dates**

Evening/Saturday schedule:

**Oct. 28, 2019 to July 12, 2020 (37 weeks)**

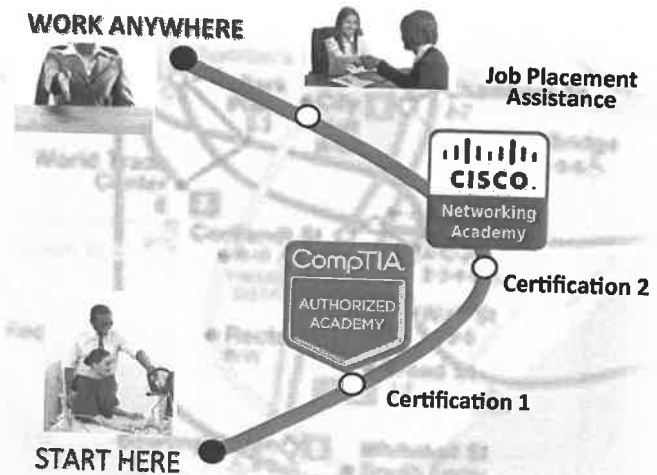
Monday to Thursday, 6:00pm- 9:30pm and  
Saturday, 9:30am - 4:30pm

Daytime schedule:

**Nov. 18, 2019 to May 22, 2020**

Monday to Friday, 9:30am to 4:30pm (22 weeks)

**SEATING IS LIMITED!**



**Register to attend Information Session**

Evening session on Mondays at 5:30pm

Daytime session on Wednesdays at 9:30am

By visiting website at [www.bmcc.cuny.edu/ce](http://www.bmcc.cuny.edu/ce)

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# sanitation

**Kathryn Garcia** Commissioner

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October 1, 2019

Honorable Corey Johnson  
Speaker, New York City Council  
City Hall  
New York, New York 10007

Dear Speaker Johnson:

Pursuant to Local Law 28 of 2011, and on behalf of the New York City Department of Sanitation ("DSNY"), I am pleased to submit to you the agency's Draft Borough-Based Snow Plans for each borough in the City of New York.

These Draft Snow Plans detail DSNY's preparedness and response for possible snow events in the coming 2019-2020 winter season inclusive of the criteria set forth under Local Law 28. The Final Borough-Based Snow Plans are due on November 15, 2019. Therefore, if you have any comments you wish to share with us, please send them to my office by electronic mail no later than Thursday, October 31, 2019.

We appreciate your review of the respective Draft Snow Plan for each borough, and will consider all comments received.

Sincerely,

  
Kathryn Garcia

cc: Council Member Antonio Reynoso, Chair, Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management



**The City of New York  
Department of Sanitation**



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**2019-2020 DRAFT Snow Plan for the  
Borough of Brooklyn**

**Pursuant to Local Law 28 of 2011**

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**Kathryn Garcia, Commissioner  
September 2019**

The Department of Sanitation (DSNY) Borough Snow Plan describes measures DSNY will take to fight winter weather, clear streets for safe transportation, and address issues of public safety related to snow and ice conditions. This document is published pursuant to the requirements set forth under Local Law 28 of 2011.

## **I. INTRODUCTION**

The Department of Sanitation keeps New York City healthy, safe, and clean by collecting, recycling, and disposing of waste, cleaning streets and vacant lots, and clearing ice and snow. A critical component of this mission is to clear snow and ice from New York City's more than 19,000 lane-miles of roadways in a prompt, reliable, and equitable manner.

Winter conditions on the City's roadways introduce potential hazards to all forms of travel. Snow, ice, and other winter weather can impede first responders, temporarily close businesses and schools, and restrict the mobility of all New Yorkers. Snowfall can be expected to lead to the disruption of normal traffic patterns and public transportation. In prolonged or severe snowfall, disruption can last for extended periods of time.

While DSNY makes every reasonable effort to clear snow and ice from the City's highways and streets as quickly and effectively as possible, it can be a lengthy process, particularly when persistent or heavy snowfall occurs combined with falling temperatures and high winds. This Snow Plan concentrates on the planning, organization and response to winter weather conditions, the execution of operational tasks to perform salt spreading on roadways, and the plowing, piling, hauling, and melting of significant snow accumulations from the City's roadways.

## **II. PLANNING**

DSNY's preparation and planning process for winter weather is continuous and ongoing. In the spring and summer, DSNY staff review the approximately 1,500 snow-plowing routes ("Snow Routes") throughout the city and adjust them as necessary based on the prior year's experiences and changes in the physical cityscape (i.e., construction of a new school or hospital). DSNY also performs preventative maintenance on all snow-related equipment and upgrades equipment as necessary.

At the end of each winter season, DSNY's Operations Division performs a review and assessment of its response to all winter storms during the previous season. Operational changes and adjustments, such as improving equipment training and improving communications between snow removal equipment and supervisory personnel, are made as needed. For example, following the January 2016 "Jonas" Blizzard, DSNY prepared an After Action Report assessing the City's storm preparedness and response. As a result of that report, the City invested \$21 million in capital funds to purchase additional snow equipment to more effectively remove snow from narrow streets, especially during storms with accumulations over 12 inches.

In the fall, DSNY holds meetings internally to coordinate operations, discuss snow staffing, and plan snow-drill exercises. DSNY also meets with other city agencies to coordinate asset dedication for its snow operations and to discuss putting City agencies on notice during a Snow Alert. A Snow Alert indicates the type of winter weather, amount expected, temperature and timing of the event as forecasted by weather services contracted by DSNY. As a result of these

meetings, DSNY and other City agencies have adopted procedures and made assets available as outlined in Section VI-D, below.

DSNY representatives also attend Community Board district service cabinet and Borough service cabinet meetings to report on DSNY's snow operations plan.

In the months before the snow season begins, DSNY ensures it has adequate equipment, parts and supplies to carry out this Snow Plan. DSNY has established contracts with multiple vendors for the replenishment of salt stockpiles, and salt and calcium chloride are delivered to DSNY storage locations located in each borough. (See Appendix E). Citywide, DSNY has 31 permanent and 11 seasonal salt storage sites, with the capacity to store over 300,000 tons of rock salt. DSNY also has 52 calcium chloride locations citywide with the capacity to store 365,500 gallons of calcium chloride. Calcium chloride system components are inspected and tested prior to snow season to insure pumps, nozzles and associate hardware are fully functional. The Department ensures that it has sufficient snow chains on hand to have an adequate supply for the snow season.

Night Plow season is a specified period of time during the snow season where DSNY increases staffing of personnel on night shifts to ensure sufficient personnel are available to address weather related issues. This year, the Night Plow season will begin on October 28 and end the first Monday in April. During this time period, personnel are scheduled for regular cleaning and collection functions on three shifts (0001 hrs to 0800 hrs, 0600 hrs to 1400 hrs, and 1600 hrs to 2400 hrs).

Every year, a snow-drill exercise is conducted at the beginning of the Night Plow season to get everyone in "Snow Mode" and identify areas that may need strengthening. This exercise involves all DSNY divisions, including both operational and administrative functions.

### **III. TRAINING**

Training for winter operations is held each year from September through December. Training for Sanitation Workers includes, but is not limited to, spreader operation, attachment of plows and chains, use of two-way radios and the use of Magellan return to route navigation.

Personnel from the Bureau of Motor Equipment and personnel from the Bureau of Cleaning and Collection, together train field personnel on the proper attachment of chains, on the use of the Automatic Traction Control Mud/Snow mode and Inter-Axle Differential Lock (for vehicles equipped with these features), and on proper plow maintenance. Additionally, plow operators are retrained on how to make proper turns into side streets when ridges of snow are present. Materials are then distributed to personnel to serve as a handy reference for these topics.

Front end loaders are a vital piece of snow removal equipment. Each year Sanitation Workers are selected for training to operate Front End Loaders at the DSNY training center located at Floyd Bennett Field. Additional classroom training is conducted for instruction on procedures when employing Hired Equipment and "Load and Dump" procedures for hauling and snow disposal operation.

In fall of 2019, DSNY will conduct a comprehensive snow training program for all Sanitation Workers and Supervisors. This full-day training program will combine a classroom module on

proper techniques and procedures with a real-world driving training, with workers operating plows and spreaders on sector routes.

#### **IV. SNOW REMOVAL PRIORITY DESIGNATION CATEGORIES**

To formulate an effective snow removal response, routes are designed to address roadways and categorized into the classifications:

- **Critical Routes:** These routes are comprised of highways (main beds, entrances, exits interchanges), arterial roadways, main travel thoroughfares (single lane and multi-lane), bus routes, that contain emergency services & first responder facilities (Hospitals, EMS, FDNY, NYPD) and schools.
- **Sector Routes:** Designed to encompass all streets that are not classified as Critical Streets and are wide enough to accommodate a full size DSNY collection truck with a plow attached.
- **Haulster Routes:** Designed to service dead ends and streets that cannot be serviced with a collection truck or salt spreader with a plow attached due to narrow street width or tight turning radius (either entering or exiting the street).

In a heavy storm with significant expected accumulation, the Department begins plowing of critical, sector and haulster routes at the same time, providing more timely service for many residents. First tested during the 2013-2014 snow season, the successful new methodology was expanded each year and fully implemented in 2016-2017.

#### **V. ASSIGNED EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL**

For a full list of equipment and personnel assigned to each district, see Appendices A and B.

#### **VI. IMPLEMENTATION**

The following is a step-by-step overview of how DSNY fights an impending snowstorm.

##### **A. Forecast and Preparation**

DSNY's Operations Office monitors weather forecasts through the contracted weather reporting services 24/7. The following services will be contracted for the 2019-2020 Snow Season: Accu Weather, Compu Weather, and Metro Weather.

When a risk of snow is indicated by the forecast, the Bureau Operations Chief will brief the Commissioner, First Deputy Commissioner and Bureau Director. At this stage the First Deputy Commissioner will consider the need to activate personnel for snow response. If the forecasted amount of frozen precipitation would result in the need to deploy plows, personnel are re-scheduled into two 12 hour shifts (normally 0700 hrs to 1900 hrs and 1900 hrs to 0700 hrs). During these situations, regularly scheduled days off for Sanitation Workers and Uniformed Officers are cancelled to ensure maximum personnel availability. DSNY formulates staffing needs 24 hours in advance of snowfall based on weather forecasts and other factors. After an

assessment is made as to the necessary action, DSNY will issue a "Snow Alert" informing Department personnel, the Mayor's Office, and other City agencies of a pending snow event. In addition to receiving the snow alert, DEP, DOT and DPR may be notified of the need for their resources to address the pending snowfall if forecasts warrant it. (See Section VI-D for City agency responsibilities).

DSNY's Bureau of Public Affairs will issue a "snow alert declaration" to all media and the public via a news advisory and all social media channels. Such advisories will also be posted on NYCEM's Severe Weather page, available at: <http://www.nyc.gov/severeweather>. Subsequent weather forecasts are monitored, and DSNY's Operations Office maintains ongoing communication with contracted weather forecasting services.

Before the storm, Department staff prepares equipment to begin snow fighting operations. This may include loading spreaders with salt and calcium chloride, attaching plows to spreader equipment and vehicles used for plowing, and attaching chains to spreaders and vehicles used for plowing, based on precipitation type and the amount of precipitation forecasted. Based on forecasted conditions, vendors with which DSNY has entered into requirements contracts may be contacted to prepare for piling, hauling, or towing operations.

In the hours prior to snowfall, weather condition reports are submitted hourly from DSNY's field weather stations located at DSNY facilities. Salt spreaders are equipped and pre-positioned to begin operations at the first trace of precipitation.

## **B. Salting and Plowing Operations**

At the first trace of snow or frozen precipitation, salt spreaders begin dispensing salt on roadways. Spreaders are DSNY's first line of defense against snow and ice conditions. Large spreaders have plows attached and have the capacity to hold approximately 16 tons of salt. Spreaders are equipped with tanks of liquid calcium chloride for pre-wetting salt to enable the melting of snow and ice at lower temperatures. Each spreader can hold up to 180 gallons of liquid calcium chloride. DSNY will also pilot the use of a sodium brine solution this 2019-2020 season. Not more than 24 hours prior to predicted accumulation, DSNY will pre-treat roadways with a sodium brine solution designed to reduce the adhesion of snow and ice to the pavement. This process suppresses snowfall accumulation, increases effectiveness of plowing operations and helps provide greater traction for motorists.

Plowing operations begin when snowfall exceeds two inches. Plowing clears snow from the roadways, moving it out of the way of the path of moving traffic. Plow blades are fixed to the right to avoid blocking oncoming traffic and keep intersections clear. Plows must follow their designated routes in the proper order, or they may miss some street segments. As a result, plows cannot be diverted from routes to resolve customer complaints until after snow has stopped falling and assigned roadways are clear. After streets have been addressed, municipal parking lots, bike lanes, and pedestrian infrastructure are also cleared of snow.

DSNY also deploys specialized equipment as needed to meet local conditions. V-plows are deployed to areas where drifting or considerable accumulations of snow have made plowing too difficult for truck plows alone. Utility haulsters are small spreaders with plows attached for treating areas with limited accessibility. These spreaders can hold approximately 2 tons of salt. Front end loaders are used for salt loading, snow plowing in narrow streets, and snow hauling operations.



Additionally, in heavy snowfall events the Department may activate emergency hired equipment contracts as needed.

### **C. Situational Awareness**

DSNY maintains situational awareness throughout a storm using a range of technologies and channels of communication. Department officers monitor operations in the field, and district offices submit progress reports on the status of spreading and plowing operations.

DSNY headquarters, located at 125 Worth Street in Manhattan, maintains a Radio Control Center. All spreading and plowing equipment are outfitted with two-way radios and GPS to maintain communication with Supervisory personnel, Borough Commands and the Radio Control Center throughout the event. GPS units are installed on all DSNY equipment as well as the units in DOT, DPR, and DEP that may be assigned to DSNY during storms. This allows DSNY to track all resources engaged in snow fighting efforts.

Radio communication is DSNY's best tool for relaying orders and information to and from the field during a storm. Each Borough Command transmits on a separate assigned radio talk group. Additional talk groups may be utilized to alleviate radio traffic during emergency situations.

When the NYC Emergency Management Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is activated in response to a snow event, DSNY will send the following representatives to liaise and coordinate with NYCEM officials and representatives of other city agencies:

Christian Hourihan	Assistant Chief	0700 to 1900 hours
Adam Brewington	Superintendent	0700 to 1900 hours
Kathleen Kuonqui	Deputy Chief	1900 to 0700 hours
David Hartenstein	Supervisor	1900 to 0700 hours

DSNY coordinates with other City agencies through NYCEM as to the needs of those agencies including, but not limited to, emergency vehicles, NYCHA developments, hospitals and other areas. This coordination will continue through the EOC throughout the snow event. DSNY also embeds staff in the NYPD and DOT command centers to monitor those agencies' camera feeds in real time.

### **D. Other City Agencies**

City agencies are responsible for clearing snow from their own facilities in order to comply with their Charter-mandated responsibilities. During a snow event, DSNY is in constant contact with NYCEM and other City agencies. In some cases, DOT, DPR, and DEP may provide plowing equipment and operators to DSNY, as described below. Should an emergency situation necessitate such action at an earlier stage, NYCEM will coordinate the reallocation of resources.

**DOT:** The Department of Transportation provides truck plows with operators (See Appendix F). When plowing operations are completed, these trucks may also assist in snow hauling operations. During a snow event, DOT will send a representative to DSNY Operations Command Center to facilitate coordination between DSNY and DOT. All DOT employees

assigned will be directed by DSNY personnel. DOT services the four lower East River Crossings and calls upon DSNY to assist as necessary during a snow event.

JCDecaux, DOT's bus shelter contractor, is responsible for maintaining and clearing the interior of bus shelters. During a snow event, JCDecaux will send a representative to NYCEM to liaise and coordinate snow removal from bus shelters.

**DEP:** The Department of Environmental Protection provides plowing assistance after completion of snow removal work at DEP locations (See Appendix F). DEP also advises DSNY on sewers suitable to support snow melting operations.

**DPR:** The Department of Parks and Recreation provides plowing assistance after completion of snow removal work at DPR locations (See Appendix F). When necessary, DPR supplies light duty vehicles with plows, which are able to perform snow removal work after initial large accumulations have been cleared by heavy-duty DSNY plows. In addition, DPR provides front end loading equipment as necessary to assist during piling and hauling operations.

**NYPD:** DSNY meets with NYPD to exchange contact information with the NYPD Traffic & Tow and Highways Divisions and to review the use of NYPD tow trucks during and after heavy snow. DSNY also sends representatives to liaise and monitor street conditions via private and public streaming video feeds received from hundreds of cameras located throughout the 5 boroughs.

**FDNY / EMS:** The Tow Truck Task Force, which is coordinated through NYCEM, may involve the use of Front End Loaders from DSNY to clear snow from streets to provide access for NYPD tow trucks to tow snowbound ambulances.

**MTA:** DSNY attends the MTA's Annual Snow Operations Meeting to discuss issues and concerns going into the new snow season. MTA submits priority locations for DSNY salting and plowing, including turn-around locations for bus lines.

**Port Authority & TBTA:** The Port Authority of NY & NJ is responsible for managing bridges and tunnels between New York and New Jersey as well as airports in New York City and Northern New Jersey. The Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority (TBTA) manages the toll bridges and plazas within New York City. Although DSNY does not directly coordinate with the Port Authority or the TBTA, those authorities have seats at NYCEM's Emergency Operations Center and are in constant contact with City agencies during a snow event. If necessary, DSNY will assist as able.

## **E. Customer Service**

311 is New York City's main source for non-emergency services and information about City government, including information and services related to snow events. DSNY has worked very closely with the City's 311 Customer Service Center to provide a medium for public information and when appropriate for registering service requests and complaints related to snow events. Throughout snow events the DSNY Bureau of Community Affairs sends regular updates to 311 about snow operations, laborer and private equipment hiring, enforcement of sidewalk clearing responsibilities and collection service.

During the snow event, 311 uses Rapid Service Requests, allowing customers to submit reports of locations of concern during DSNY snow operations. Because DSNY is actively salting/plowing snow or ice from highways, roadways and streets, it cannot respond to individual

plowing or spreading requests. This information is used to provide an overview of the storm situation and snow operations. These locations are mapped periodically during and immediately after the storm, and these maps are used to evaluate the effectiveness of snow operations and allocate resources as necessary.

After the snow event ends and the Mayor and/or the Commissioner have announced that snow clearing operations have concluded; all complaints and service requests are sent immediately from 311 directly to the district garage and/or Enforcement Zone for action. The local district supervisors determine priority needs based on street designations (see Section IV) and local conditions.

The following are examples of complaints and/or service requests received by 311: (1) unplowed streets (those streets where it is apparent that a plow has missed the location); (2) conditions where a plow has been down a street but residents have been throwing snow into the street creating new conditions; (3) unsafe icy patches on City streets; (4) icy conditions not caused by a storm or natural event; and (5) enforcement service request for failure to clear snow/ice from sidewalk area.

The following Department representatives from the DSNY Bureau of Community Affairs are available to liaise with government and elected officials and community boards regarding snow events by providing updates and maintaining communications. The Bureau of Community Affairs also serves as liaison to the City's 311 Customer Service Center.

Henry Ehrhardt, Director, Bureau of Community Affairs  
Debra Barreto, Deputy Director, Bureau of Community Affairs  
Stephen Caruso, Citywide Community Affairs Officer  
Nicholas Circharo, Assistant Director, Bureau of Community Affairs

New Yorkers can use the PlowNYC online mapping tool to track the progress of DSNY snow operations throughout the five boroughs. PlowNYC is activated when DSNY snow clearing operations begin. When PlowNYC is active, residents are able to access a map displaying city streets that have been serviced by DSNY snow clearing equipment. Streets are color-coded based on the amount of time that has elapsed since a plow or spreader last passed down the street, and the map is updated every 15 minutes. PlowNYC data is available to the public and software developers through the City's Open Data Portal. To access PlowNYC, go to: <http://maps.nyc.gov/snow/>.

NYC Service has taken on the role of assisting organizations such as local not-for-profit organizations, civic organizations and community groups to establish registries of recruited volunteers willing to help remove snow on behalf of persons who are unable to do so due to infirmity, illness or disability.

## **F. Snow Clearing Operations**

Spreading and plowing operations continue until all public streets are serviced.

After precipitation ceases, piling operations begin as needed. When snow accumulations approach the 6 to 8 inch range, the operation of piling follows plowing. Snow is plowed to keep main arteries open. This ridge created is then pushed into piles for scheduled removal. DSNY updates piling routes as needed each season.

DSNY has an established requirements contract for supplemental snow piling and hauling equipment that includes equipment for the incidental towing of vehicles. (See Appendix G). With this contract, contractors will be expected to have equipment readily available for DSNY employment throughout the snow season.

DSNY does not pile snow to be left on the public streets. Piles temporarily made by DSNY are hauled to approved snow disposal locations and left to melt or are transported to snow melter locations to be melted. Additional piles made by the public should be reported to 311 for DSNY removal.

When forecasts warrant, DSNY stages snow melters in pre-determined locations. The City has 34 small melters each capable of melting 60 tons of snow per hour. Seven larger "mega-melters" are each capable of melting 135 tons of snow per hour. Melters are used in conjunction with hauling operations. Water from the melted snow is discharged directly into City sewers preapproved for melting operations by DEP. (See Appendix C for approved locations).

Additional snow disposal locations during hauling operations to expeditiously remove piles of snow from streets to a location where snow can be piled and left to melt. (See Appendix D for authorized snow disposal locations).

Alternate side parking regulations may be suspended before, during, or after a snow event. After roadways have been serviced and the temperatures are expected to be above freezing, the process of clearing snow from street cleaning routes begins. Alternate side parking regulations will be reinstated to facilitate this process. A combination of front end loaders, plows, spreaders and haulsters may be used to clear snow away from curbs.

### **G. Clearing Pedestrian and Bicycle Infrastructure**

After salting and plowing operations have stopped, DSNY addresses snow and ice removal from bike lanes, pedestrian overpasses and step streets, bus stops and crosswalks. DSNY has a fleet of 100 skid-steer loaders to more quickly and efficiently clear these areas. (See Appendix B).

After major snow events, DSNY employs individuals as temporary snow laborers to clear crosswalks, pedestrian curb cuts, catch basins, paths for loading and unloading at bus stops, sidewalks adjacent to vehicular overpasses, and pedestrian bridges. All work performed by temporary snow laborers is supervised by DSNY supervisors. Once DSNY issues a request for temporary snow laborers to report for duty, laborers typically report at 8 A.M. at the district garage where they initially registered. In cases where there are insufficient temporary snow laborers who report for duty in a specific district during a major snow event, temporary snow laborers from nearby district garages will be transported to assist in the manual snow removal efforts of the district where there is a shortage and transported back at the end of the work shift to their original assigned garage where they reported for duty. DSNY supervisors monitor conditions of areas that have been shoveled. Laborers will be re-deployed to address areas that may be re-covered by subsequent plowing.

Each year in October DSNY seeks individuals interested in registering as temporary snow laborers during major snow events via its website and through the media, and by providing information through 311 upon request. Persons interested in becoming a temporary snow laborer can register at any local district garage between the hours of 7 A.M. to 3 P.M. The rate of pay begins at \$15.00 per hour and increases to \$22.50 per hour after completing the first 40

hours in a given week. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, eligible to work in the United States, and capable of performing heavy physical labor. All applicants must bring two small, passport-sized photos, and originals and copies of two forms of identification together with their social security card at the time of registration.

Citibike is New York City's bike sharing system and is operated by NYC Bike Share LLC (NYCBS). NYCBS is required to remove snow from a six foot radius around bike stations. This will help create an adequate buffer around which DSNY plows can navigate. NYCBS will be responsible to remove any snow that is inadvertently plowed against Bike Share stations. In cases where severe snow storms are predicted, NYCBS will be responsible for removing bikes and deactivating stations in advance.

# APPENDIX

**APPENDIX**

**A**

**ASSIGNED SNOW PERSONNEL BY DISTRICT**

The following reflects planned personnel to respond to snow events.

Personnel available from other units such as Solid Waste Management and Lot Cleaning will be assigned to Boroughs on a citywide basis as needed.

<b>Brooklyn North Borough Chief - Jarrit Scotti</b>				
<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>G/S</b>	<b>SUPV</b>	<b>S/W</b>
BORO OFFICE	161 VARICK STREET			
BROOKLYN NORTH 1	161 VARICK STREET	1	8	89
BROOKLYN NORTH 2	465 HAMILTON AVENUE	1	6	66
BROOKLYN NORTH 3	525 JOHNSON AVENUE	1	6	53
BROOKLYN NORTH 4	161 VARICK STREET	1	6	34
BROOKLYN NORTH 5	606 MILFORD STREET	1	6	92
BROOKLYN NORTH 8	1760 ATLANTIC AVENUE	1	6	52
BROOKLYN NORTH 9	356 WINTHROP STREET	1	6	30
BROOKLYN NORTH 16	922 GEORGIA AVENUE	1	6	48
BROOKLYN NORTH 17	105-02 AVENUE	1	6	70
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>534</b>

<b>Brooklyn South Borough Chief - Daniel Lindley</b>				
<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>G/S</b>	<b>SUPV</b>	<b>S/W</b>
BORO OFFICE	1824 SHORE PARKWAY			
BROOKLYN SOUTH 6	127 2nd AVENUE	1	6	70
BROOKLYN SOUTH 7	5100 1st AVENUE	1	6	54
BROOKLYN SOUTH 10	5100 1st AVENUE	1	8	72
BROOKLYN SOUTH 11	1824 SHORE PARKWAY	1	6	79
BROOKLYN SOUTH 12	5602 19th AVENUE	1	6	64
BROOKLYN SOUTH 13	2012 NEPTUNE AVENUE	1	6	52
BROOKLYN SOUTH 14	1397 RALPH AVENUE	1	8	57
BROOKLYN SOUTH 15	1750 EAST 49 STREET	1	8	92
BROOKLYN SOUTH 18	105-01 FOSTER AVENUE	1	6	125
BROOKLYN SOUTH 6A	93 VAN BRUNT ST			1
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>666</b>

**GRAND TOTAL      18                      116                      1200**

### DSNY INVENTORY OF AVAILABLE SNOW MANAGEMENT EQUIPMENT

BORO	DIST.	Large Spreader	Utility Haulster	Plowable Trucks	Front End Loaders	Plow Blades Assigned	V-Plows Assigned	Skid Steers	Snow Melter	
									Small	Large
B R O O K L Y N	1	9	3	44	9	57	6	2		
	2	7	2	25	5	57	4	2		
	3	5	2	46	5	46	4	1		
	4	4	1	42	6	61	5	2		
	5	9	3	39	5	60	7	2		
	8	4	1	32	7	46	5	2		
	9	3	1	24	2	45	3	1		
	16	5	1	28	4	37	3	1		
	17	8	2	42	4	60	5	1		
BORO									4	1
LCU				12						
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>54</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>

BORO	DIST.	Large Spreader	Utility Haulster	Plowable Trucks	Front End Loaders	Plow Blades Assigned	V-Plows Assigned	Skid Steers	Snow Melter	
									Small	Large
B R O O K L Y N	6	7	4	35	6	49	4	2		
	7	7	1	39	6	49	5	2		
	10	11	2	40	4	64	5	3		
	11	8	1	48	8	63	7	3		
	12	7	2	45	4	70	7	1		
	13	6	3	17	2	39	4	1		
	14	6	3	38	3	36	5	1		
	15	10	4	55	4	61	5	2		
	18	15	2	53	4	90	11	2		
	BORO									4
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>77</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>

BORO	BORO	Large Spreader	Utility Haulster	Plowable Trucks	Front End Loaders	Plow Blades Assigned	V-Plows Assigned	Skid Steers	Snow Melter	
									Small	Large
B O R O U G H  R E C A P	<b>BKN</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>BKS</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>



**C**

### Snow Melter Staging Areas

DEP locations (TBD)

Location	From	To
North Side Tillary Street	Cadman Plaza East	Cadman Plaza West
Flatlands Avenue	Milford Street	
Buffalo Avenue	Eastern Parkway	East New York Avenue
Clinton Street	Bay Street	Halleck Street
Bay Parkway	60th Street	McDonald Avenue
Ave D	East 105 Street	East 101 Street

**D**

#### Authorized snow disposal locations: (TBD)

- Calvert Vaux Park
- Forbell Street

**E**

#### Salt and Calcium

There are **(12)** salt storage sites.

Usable capacity is **(72,100)** tons.

There are **(15)** tank locations for the storage of calcium chloride.

Total storage capacity is **(95,500)** gallons.

**F**

#### OCA's

DOT will provide **(18)** truck plows with operators.

DEP will provide **(3)** truck plows with operators.

DPR will provide **(10)** truck plows with operators.

**G**

#### Piling and Hauling Contracts

	<u>Minimum Pieces of Equipment</u>
Bestway Carting	10
Dragonetti	20
Natural Landscaping	14
Ricceli	27
Cherry Hill	5
Breen Brothers	6
Bedford Lanscaping	2

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## [BULK] Press Release on New Bus-Mounted Cameras

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To: Inglesby, Andrew <Andrew.Inglesby@nyct.com>;

Hello—please see the below press release regarding new bus-mounted cameras that will be coming to the B44 bus route by the end of November 2019. More information will be provided in the coming weeks.

Best,  
Andy Inglesby

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# News

October 02, 2019

### **MTA Announces Updated Fine Structure for Bus Lane Violations Using New Bus-Mounted Camera Technology; Program Begins on M15 SBS on Oct. 7**

*NYC Department of Finance Upgrades Fines to Graduated Fee Structure to Heighten Awareness of Repeat Bus Blockers*

*New Automated Enforcement System Will Expand to Include B44 and M14 Select Bus Service Routes This Fall*

*New Enforcement Actions Advance NYC Transit's Fast Forward Plan to Improve Bus Service*

MTA New York City Transit announced today that the fines associated with bus lane violations captured using a new automated bus-mounted camera system will be subject to a new graduated fee structure starting at \$50 and going up to \$250 for repeat bus blockers. Cameras mounted on buses serving the M15 Select Bus Service route will begin capturing real-time violations starting October 7.

NYC Transit is using an Automated Bus Lane Enforcement (ABLE) system on 51 buses that travel on the M15 SBS route using a dedicated bus lane implemented by the New York City Department of Transportation. ABLE camera systems can capture evidence such as license plate information, photos and videos, as well location and timestamp information, of vehicles obstructing bus lanes to document clear cases of bus lane violation. The system collects multiple pieces of

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evidence to ensure that vehicles making permitted turns from bus lanes are not ticketed. This information will be transmitted to NYCDOT for review and processing, and the program will be administered in partnership with NYCDOT and the NYC Department of Finance.

“A graduated fine structure shows how serious we are about keeping bus lanes clear as we strive to improve service for customers and speed up everyone’s rides,” said Craig Cipriano, Acting MTA Bus Company President and Senior Vice President for Buses of NYC Transit. “The message will be crystal clear: If you’re a repeat bus blocker, you will be penalized accordingly.”

Motorists who block bus lanes during the initial 60-day grace period are issued a warning, which does not carry a fine. After the grace period ends, motorists who continue to block bus lanes will be subject to a fine of \$50 for the first violation, and for additional violations within a 12-month period: \$100 for a second offense, \$150 for a third offense, \$200 for a fourth offense; and \$250 for a fifth violation and each subsequent offense thereafter within a 12-month period. Each violation also carries a \$25 late fee.

The automated bus lane enforcement program will expand to the B44 SBS and M14 SBS by the end of November, with the ABLE system to be deployed on a total of 123 buses across the three routes. The proposed 2020-2024 Capital Plan includes \$85 million for further expansion of the program.

NYC Transit is working with NYCDOT and NYPD to increase bus lane enforcement in highly congested areas as part of [NYC Transit’s Fast Forward plan](#) to improve bus service, increase bus speeds and attract new ridership. Results so far have yielded faster bus speeds by as much as 19% on a portion of Fifth Avenue and as much as 30% near the Hugh L. Carey Tunnel’s Manhattan approach. Other strategies include redesigning every borough’s bus network to better meet customer needs, installing traffic signal priority technology, implementing more transit priority street designs, and deploying new modern buses with better reliability and customer amenities.

[A sample warning is available here.](#)

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# Bronx and Eastern Queens Residents: Curbside E-Waste Collection is Coming to You!

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### **Bronx and Eastern Queens Residents: Curbside E-Waste Collection is Coming to You!**

#### **Curbside Collection Program of Electronic Items Now Available to All Eligible 1-9 Unit Buildings in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island.**

The New York City Department of Sanitation today announced the expansion of curbside electronics collection to the Bronx and eastern Queens. Residents can make an appointment for curbside collection of unwanted electronics items covered under the New York State electronics disposal ban. This announcement continues the expansion of the Department's curbside electronics collection program, which is now available in all neighborhoods in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island and is just one of many options available to city residents.

The latest communities to be added to the expansion include all community boards in the Bronx, and Queens Community Boards 7,8,10,11,12,13 and 14. The curbside electronics collection program is available to residents of 1-9 unit buildings within the designated boroughs. Residents living in buildings with 10 or more units can enroll in ecycleNYC, a free, in-building e-waste collection program for large buildings.

“We are excited to be able to continue to expand our curbside collection of certain e-waste and make it available to all communities in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island,” said **Sanitation Commissioner Kathryn Garcia**. “Electronics often contain harmful materials, including lead, mercury and cadmium. We want to keep these toxins from polluting the air, soil, and water. Our curbside collection program, along with our ecycleNYC initiative, drop off locations and special events, give residents across the city a number of options when looking to dispose of their e-waste.”

To request an appointment, residents can call 311 or go to [nyc.gov/electronics](http://nyc.gov/electronics) starting Monday, September 30th. Pickups will take place Monday through Friday, except city holidays. Items must be placed at the curb; Sanitation Workers cannot enter private property. After collection by Sanitation, Veolia Environmental Services and ERI remove the e-waste for proper and safe recycling.

Not all items with a plug are considered covered e-waste. Covered items include:

- Televisions (including cathode ray tubes)
- Computer peripherals, including any permanently attached cable or wiring
- Monitors, laptops
- Electronic keyboards
- Electronic mice and other pointing devices
- Fax machines, document scanners, and printers that are meant for use with a computer and weigh less than 100 lbs.
- TV peripherals, including any permanently attached cable or wiring
- VCRs
- Digital video recorders
- DVD players
- Digital converter boxes
- Cable or satellite receivers
- Electronic or video game consoles
- Small-scale servers
- Portable devices, including any permanently attached cable or wiring
- Portable digital music players

Other mostly plastic and metal items such as fans, toasters or vacuums are able to be placed with regular recycling.

Before making an appointment for curbside collection, residents should consider selling or giving away unwanted, but working, electronic items. For information on donation options, visit [nyc.gov/donate](http://nyc.gov/donate).

Residents with electronic items may also visit our Special Waste Drop-Off locations or attend one of our SAFE Disposal Events. Both accept e-waste covered by the NYS law. More information is available at [nyc.gov/electronics](http://nyc.gov/electronics).

“Today’s announcement of the expanded curbside electronics collection program confirms the Department of Sanitation’s commitment to environmental sustainability,” said **Council Member Antonio Reynoso**. “Now, thanks to the expansion, all Bronx residents and an increased number of Queens residents will be able to take advantage of the City’s curbside collection of electronics. The expansion of this program will offer residents a more convenient way to ensure that harmful materials stay out of our general trash refuse and recycling streams all while helping to meet our City’s Zero Waste goals.”

“When I worked with Commissioner Garcia to launch the pilot program for eWaste Curbside Pickup on Staten Island three years ago, we believed there was a real need for this service not just in my borough, but across the city. After collecting more than 100,000 eWaste items and keeping tons of toxic materials out of our landfills and our environment, the success of this program has proven that we can provide this service efficiently and relatively inexpensively,” said **City Council Minority Leader Steven Matteo**. “I applaud the Department of Sanitation for their outstanding work on eWaste collection and strongly encourage residents to take advantage of this great program.”

“Expanding the Department’s e-waste curbside collection program will provide Northeast Queens residents with a convenient avenue to recycle their unwanted electronics and keep toxins out of New York landfills,” said **Council Member Paul Vallone**. “This is an important change for my District's senior and homebound residents, who, until now, were faced with the challenge of transporting these items to disposal events and drop-off sites. I thank Sanitation Commissioner Kathryn Garcia for her attention to this issue and I look forward to continued partnership with the Department in improving quality of life for all.”

“I am thrilled that curbside collection of certain e-waste will be available to all the communities in the Bronx!” said **Council Member Andrew Cohen**. “It is important that our harmful materials are disposed of properly to protect our environment and our health- but for so long it has been a burden to do so. Now that my constituents can simply schedule an appointment and their e-waste will be dealt with, I hope that proper disposal of harmful products will increase dramatically. Thank you to NYC Department of Sanitation for expanding this important service.”

“Queens Community Board 7 has advocated for the expansion of curbside e-waste pickup for all of Queens since the NYC curbside pilot program began in Staten Island three years ago,” said **Chuck Apelian, Vice Chairman of Queens Community Board 7**. “Curbside pickup allows responsible citizens of Community Board 7 and the rest of Queens a convenient way to properly dispose their obsolete electronic equipment. This will translate into the recovery and responsible recycling of millions of pounds of e-waste that previously had been stored in Queens homes because homeowners did not know how to correctly dispose of it.”

“We are honored to continue to be part of this constructive collaboration and this historic and successful partnership with the great city of New York,” said **John Shegerian, Co-Founder and Executive Chairman of ERI**. “The curbside pickup program is yet another advancement and added convenience to a residential program that already regularly provides responsible, effective recycling for millions of New Yorkers’ electronic waste. It’s rewarding to be able to help so many in our city do the right thing and collect and responsibly recycle their e-waste and keep toxic electronics out of New York landfills!”

### **About the New York City Department of Sanitation**

The Department of Sanitation (DSNY) keeps New York City healthy, safe and clean by collecting, recycling and disposing of waste, cleaning streets and vacant lots, and clearing snow and ice. The Department operates 59 district garages and manages a fleet of more than 2,000 rear-loading collection trucks, 450 mechanical brooms and 693 salt/sand spreaders. The Department clears litter, snow and ice from approximately 6,500 miles of City streets and removes debris from vacant lots as well as abandoned vehicles from City streets.

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mobile phones



MP3 players



video game consoles

Not accepted\*:



air conditioners



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batteries



light bulbs or ballasts

Available in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island. To schedule an appointment visit [nyc.gov/electronics](https://nyc.gov/electronics).

If you live in a 10+ unit building, sign up for ecycleNYC at [nyc.gov/ecycle](https://nyc.gov/ecycle).

\*Visit [on.nyc.gov/HowToGetRidOf](https://on.nyc.gov/HowToGetRidOf) for disposal options.

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## New York City Department of Sanitation

### Notice of Public Hearing and Opportunity to Comment on Proposed Rules

**What are we proposing?** The New York City Department of Sanitation (“DSNY”) is proposing a rule that would expand organic waste source separation requirements for large commercial food retailers and food service establishments.

**When and where is the hearing?** DSNY will hold a public hearing on the proposed rule. The public hearing will take place at 9:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. on November 20, 2019 in the Second Floor Auditorium at 125 Worth Street, New York, NY 10013 (DSNY Headquarters).

**How do I comment on the proposed rules?** Anyone can comment on the proposed rules by:

- **Website.** You can submit comments to DSNY through the NYC rules website at <http://rules.cityofnewyork.us>.
- **Email.** You can email comments to [nycrules@dsny.nyc.gov](mailto:nycrules@dsny.nyc.gov).
- **Mail.** You can mail comments to DSNY, Bureau of Legal Affairs, 125 Worth Street, Room 710, New York, NY 10013.
- **Fax.** You can fax comments to DSNY at 212-788-3876.
- **By speaking at the hearing.** Anyone who wants to comment on the proposed rule at the public hearing can sign up in the hearing room before the hearing begins on November 20, 2019.

**Is there a deadline to submit comments?** Comments will be due to the Department of Sanitation by 5:00 P.M. on November 20, 2019.

**What if I need assistance to participate in the hearing?** You must tell the Office of Legal Affairs if you need a reasonable accommodation of a disability at the hearing. You must tell us if you need a sign language interpreter. You can tell us by mail at the address given above. You may also tell us by telephone at (646) 885-5006. Advance notice is requested to allow sufficient time to arrange the accommodation. Please tell us by November 13, 2019.

This location has the following accessibility option(s) available: Wheelchair and Sign Language Interpretation.

**Can I review the comments made on the proposed rules?** You can review the comments made online on the proposed rules by going to the website at <http://rules.cityofnewyork.us/>. A few days after the hearing, copies of all comments submitted online, copies of all written comments, and a summary of oral comments concerning the proposed rule will be available to the public on DSNY’s website.

**What authorizes DSNY to make this rule?** Sections 1043 and 753 of the New York City Charter and section 16-306.1 of the New York City Administrative Code authorize DSNY to



make this proposed rule. This proposed rule was included in DSNY's published regulatory agenda for this Fiscal Year 2020.

**Where can I find the DSNY's rules?** DSNY's rules are in title 16 of the Rules of the City of New York.

**What laws govern the rulemaking process?** DSNY must meet the requirements of Section 1043 of the City Charter when creating or changing rules. This notice is made according to the requirements of Section 1043 of the City Charter.

### **Statement of Basis and Purpose of Proposed Rule**

Food scraps and other organic waste make up more than one-third of all commercial waste in New York City. Diverting this material from landfills to produce soil enhancing compost, or as an energy source through aerobic and anaerobic digesters, is a key component of the City's goal of sending zero waste to landfills.

Under Local Law 146 of 2013, codified in §16-306.1 of the New York City Administrative Code, the Sanitation Commissioner must evaluate, at least annually, whether there exists sufficient regional organic waste processing capacity to require that certain food-generating businesses in the City, or a subset of them, engage in source separation of organic waste and ensure its beneficial use through composting, anaerobic digestion or other process as approved by the Commissioner.

DSNY has determined that there is currently sufficient organics processing capacity available to allow for an increase in food waste diversion and thus proposes to apply the requirement to additional large food-generating businesses in the city. These businesses would be required to separate their organic waste for collection and handling either by engaging private carters, transporting organic waste themselves, or managing the waste on-site using in-vessel composting or aerobic or anaerobic digestion systems (subject to compliance with the City's sewer discharge regulations). A designated covered establishment could also donate food to a third party (such as a charitable organization) that would otherwise be thrown away, sell or donate the food to a farmer for feedstock, or sell or donate meat by-products to a rendering company (one that converts animal fats into lard). Food disposed of through such donations or sales would not be included within the meaning of "organic waste" as defined in DSNY's existing rules (§ 1-01 of Chapter 1 of Title 16).

The proposed amendments to the existing rule provide that the following types of establishments would be "designated covered establishments" and would have to comply with the source separation, storage, labeling and set out requirements for organic waste set forth in Section 1-11 of Title 16 of the Rules of the City of New York ("Section 1-11"):

- 1) any building or premises where food service establishments having a total combined floor area of at least eight thousand square feet are located and where the owner of the building or premises, or its agent, arranges or contracts with a private carter for the removal of waste from food service establishments having at least eight thousand square feet of such building or premises;

- 2) a location at which a food preparation establishment has a floor area of at least six thousand square feet;
- 3) a catering establishment that is required to provide for the removal of waste pursuant to Administrative Code § 16-116 whenever the anticipated attendance for any particular event is greater than one hundred persons; and
- 4) sponsors of a temporary public event with an anticipated attendance of greater than five hundred persons per day, excluding activities conducted pursuant to a valid permit for filming, demonstration, parade, or block parties.

Additionally, the proposed rule would change the criteria regarding certain covered establishments previously designated under Section 1-11 as follows:

- 1) a food service establishment located in a hotel having at least one hundred sleeping rooms, which would be lowered from the current requirement of one hundred fifty sleeping rooms, in addition to removing the requirement that such food service establishment operate under common ownership or control of such hotel and receive waste collection from the same private carter that services the hotel;
- 2) a food service establishment that has a floor area space of at least seven thousand square feet, which would be lowered from the current requirement of fifteen thousand feet;
- 3) a food service establishment that is part of a chain of two or more locations in New York City, which have a combined floor area of at least eight thousand square feet and that (i) operate under common ownership or control; (ii) are individually franchised outlets of a parent business; or (iii) do business under the same corporate name, which would be lowered from the current requirement of a chain of one hundred or more locations in the City; and
- 4) a retail food store that has a floor area space of at least ten thousand square feet, or any retail food store that is part of a chain of three or more retail food stores that have a combined floor area space of at least ten thousand square feet, which would be lowered from the current requirement of twenty-five thousand square feet, and that operate under common ownership or control and receive waste collection from the same private carter.

DSNY's authority to promulgate these rules is found in New York City Charter §§ 753 and 1043, and Administrative Code § 6-306.1.

New material is underlined.

[Deleted material is in brackets.]

“Shall” and “must” denote mandatory requirements and may be used interchangeably in the rules of this Department, unless otherwise specified or unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

Section 1. Subdivision (a) of Section 1-11 of Chapter 1 of Title 16 of the Rules of the City of New York, relating to the handling of organic waste generated by certain commercial establishments, is amended to read as follows:

**§ 1-11 Organic Waste Generated by Commercial Establishments.**

(a) *Designated covered establishments.* Pursuant to § 16-306.1(b) of the New York City Administrative Code, the following commercial establishments are "designated covered establishments" for purposes of this section and shall comply with the requirements set forth in this section:

- (1) an arena or stadium having a seating capacity of at least fifteen thousand persons;
- (2) a food service establishment that [(i)] is located within a hotel having at least one hundred [fifty] sleeping rooms [, (ii) operates under common ownership or control of such hotel, and (iii) receives waste collection from the same private carter as such hotel];
- (3) a food manufacturer that has a floor area of at least twenty-five thousand square feet;
- (4) a food wholesaler that has a floor area of at least twenty thousand square feet;
- (5) a food service establishment that has a floor area of at least [fifteen] seven thousand square feet;
- (6) (i) a food service establishment that is part of a chain of [one hundred] two or more locations in the City of New York, have a combined floor area of at least eight thousand square feet and that [(i)] (A) operate under common ownership or control; [(ii)] (B) are individually franchised outlets of a parent business; or [(iii)] (C) do business under the same corporate name.  
  
(ii) Any person who owns or operates two or fewer food service establishments may request a waiver from the [sanitation] commissioner of the requirements of this section if no single food service establishment has a floor area of at least seven thousand square feet, the food service establishment or establishments are individually franchised outlets of a parent

business covered by this subparagraph, and the owner or operator establishes that the food service establishment or establishments do not receive private carting services through a general carting agreement between a parent business and private carter; and

(7) a retail food store that has a floor area of at least [twenty-five thousand] ~~ten~~ thousand square feet, or any retail food store that is part of a chain of three or more retail food stores that have a combined floor area space of at least ten thousand square feet and that operate under common ownership or control and receive waste collection from the same private carter;

(8) any building or premises where food service establishments having a total combined floor area of at least eight thousand square feet are located and where the owner of the building or premises, or its agent, arranges or contracts with a private carter for the removal of waste from food service establishments having at least eight thousand square feet of such building or premises;

(9) a location at which a food preparation establishment has a floor area of at least six thousand square feet;

(10) a catering establishment that is required to provide for the removal of waste pursuant to section 16-116 of the administrative code of the city of New York whenever the anticipated attendance for any particular event is greater than one hundred persons; and

(11) sponsors of a temporary public event with an anticipated attendance of greater than five hundred persons per day, excluding activities conducted pursuant to a valid permit for filming, demonstration, parade, or block parties.

For purposes of this section, the “floor area” of an establishment has the same meaning as defined under Section 12-10 of Chapter 2 of Article 1 of the Zoning Resolution.

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**CERTIFICATION / ANALYSIS**

**PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 1043(d)**

**RULE TITLE: Expansion of Organic Waste Source Separation Program**

**REFERENCE NUMBER: DSNY-19**

**RULEMAKING AGENCY: Department of Sanitation**

I certify that this office has analyzed the proposed rule referenced above as required by Section 1043(d) of the New York City Charter, and that the proposed rule referenced above:

- (i) Is understandable and written in plain language for the discrete regulated community or communities;
- (ii) Minimizes compliance costs for the discrete regulated community or communities consistent with achieving the stated purpose of the rule; and
- (iii) No cure period is provided but DSNY will not enforce the rule for a period of six months from the effective date of the rule, in accordance with Local Law 146 of 2013, in order to provide outreach and education to affected businesses.

/s/ Francisco X. Navarro

Mayor's Office of Operations

September 25, 2019

Date

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**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
CHARTER §1043(d)**

**RULE TITLE:** Expansion of Organic Waste Source Separation Program

**REFERENCE NUMBER:** 2019 RG 074

**RULEMAKING AGENCY:** Department of Sanitation

I certify that this office has reviewed the above-referenced proposed rule as required by section 1043(d) of the New York City Charter, and that the above-referenced proposed rule:

- (i) is drafted so as to accomplish the purpose of the authorizing provisions of law;
- (ii) is not in conflict with other applicable rules;
- (iii) to the extent practicable and appropriate, is narrowly drawn to achieve its stated purpose; and
- (iv) to the extent practicable and appropriate, contains a statement of basis and purpose that provides a clear explanation of the rule and the requirements imposed by the rule.

/s/ STEVEN L. GOULDEN

Date: September 25, 2019

Acting Corporation Counsel

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October 10, 2019

**PUBLIC SAFETY & HUMAN SERVICES  
COMMITTEE REPORT**

TO: Chairperson Dealice Fuller  
and CB#1 Board Members  
FROM: Thomas J. Burrows, Committee Chair  
Bamonte, Committee Co-Chair  
RE: Committee Report

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The Public Safety & Human Services Committee held its meeting on Wednesday, September 25, 2019, at 6:30 PM, in the CB#1 District Office, 435 Graham Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11211.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Present – Burrows; Bamonte; Barros; Leanza; Rachlin; Viera  
Absent – Cabrera; Chiricella; Foster; Gangone; Iglesias; Indig; Kaminski; Katz; Landau; Low.  
(A quorum was not met)

(Guests: Capt. Alison Esposito, Commanding Office, PSA3/NYPD; Det. Daniel O’Connell, PSA3/NYPD; Det. Jeremy Eusebi, PSA3/NYPD; Capt. Timothy Skretch, Commanding Officer, 90<sup>th</sup> Pct./NYPD; P.O. Kenneth Melendez, Community Affairs/90<sup>th</sup> Pct./NYPD; Mr. Eric Radezky, District Office Director/Assemblyman Joseph Lentol’s Office.)

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We had a full agenda covering a number of topics:

1. Shelters in CB#1: It had been hoped that Ms. Yuri Sanchez, Brooklyn Borough Director, Intergovernmental & Legislative Affairs, NYC Department of Social Services would have been able to attend. She contacted the chair and advised that she could not. We are still awaiting current lists of membership on Community Advisory Boards (CAB) to facilities within CB#1 to see that they are current and accurate and to ascertain who is on the CABs and attending to assure that the Community Board is informed of any issues and concerns.



2. Farmers' Markets: Michael Stiegman, Down to Earth Farmers' Markets had requested an opportunity to present to the Committee. He did not appear.
3. Woodhull Hospital: The search for a Community Advisory Board member continues.
4. Update from PSA 3: We were very pleased to have in attendance the Captain from PSA 3 and two Community Affairs officers. Captain Alison Esposito, Det. Daniel O'Connell and Det. Jeremy Eusebi.

Captain Esposito has been the commander of PSA 3 for approximately 8 months. PSA 3 provides policing for NYCHA Housing Developments in the 90th, 94th, 81st, 83rd, 88<sup>th</sup> and 79th precincts.

PSA 3 participates in the NCO program of NYPD and the NCO's are development based and work closely with the Tenants Associations. Primarily in the 90 Precinct shooting incidents are down and were mostly in the Bushwick and Borinquen Houses. PSA 3 conducts a monthly Precinct Council meeting which is the First Wednesday of every month and community members interested in attending should contact Det. Eusebi.

5. Update 90 Precinct: Captain Skretch reported on a very good working relationship with Captain Esposito and PSA 3. He discussed the Precinct's focus would be on events related to the High Holy Days and also reminded us that the New York City Marathon is November 3, and there would be many street closures for most of the day.

The committee reminded Captain Skretch that the Community Board is still seeking a meeting with the Nightlife Mayor and stakeholders regarding the "nightlife district" that is developing in East Williamsburg, Bushwick and now Ridgewood and the need for the City to address various safety and infrastructure issues.

We also raised concerns about placement of refrigerated containers and semi-trailers in the parking lanes along various streets. Captain Skretch indicated that permits are issued by the Mayor's Street Activity Permit Office (SAPO). He is aware of the traffic safety concerns but the Mayor's office issues the permits.

We brought up DOT's plans to reconfigure the exit ramp from the BQE onto Kent Avenue. We recommended that the 90 Precinct discuss the NYPD concerns with Eric Bruzaitis of CB#1 Transportation Committee.

Sexual Assault issues were discussed at the Women's Committee on the evening prior to the Public Safety Committee meeting and Eric Rudezky of Assembly Member Joseph Lentol's office was in attendance and provided an outline of bills in the state legislature.

The Committee discussed with the Captains and Community Affairs officers concerns regarding liquor licenses, SLA and problem establishments. There are numerous complaints regarding Diviera Drive at 131 Berry Street. We have also had problems with locations that received licenses for indoor catering space and then expand into outdoor spaces without licenses alterations or proper review by CB#1.

The Committee has also heard concerns from residents and businesses regarding the impact of Smorgasburg.

Captain Skretch will provide assistance with the meeting with the Nightlife Mayor as well as keep the Committee informed of the next meeting of the Nightlife Committee of Patrol Borough Brooklyn North. The meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2019, at 4:00 PM.

Mr. Rudezki will assist with SLA concerns and with Smorgasburg.

All NYPD members reminded the Committee to urge CB#1 members to go to NYPD's "Build-A-Block" and locate their Patrol District within the precincts and to attend NCO meetings. NYPD was reminded to keep the Community Board informed of any budgetary needs they may have that could be included in our District Budget request. The Committee was reminded that the 94 Precinct Community Council meetings are the First Wednesday of each month and are usually held at St. John's Church on Milton Street at 7:00PM and the 90 Precinct Community Council is held in the Community Room at 30 Montrose Street on the Second Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm.

6. Women's Issues: the NYPD discussion segued into a continuation of the concerns raised at the previous evenings Women's Committee meeting. Ms. Bamonte and Ms. Viera queried the Captains regarding the treatment and responsiveness of NYPD to sexual assault victims. It was expressed that NYPD officers are not sensitive to the issues and should receive special training.

Captains Esposito and Skretch spoke about Operation Safe Horizon and that there is a civilian social worker assigned to all precincts to work with victims of sexual assault. There are also domestic violence officers. It was suggested that the social workers from the 90 & 94 precinct meet with the women's committee to discuss their concerns. Captain Skretch also discussed the North Brooklyn Coalition of Domestic Violence who has a member in attendance at most Precinct Council meetings.

7. Department of Youth and Community Development. Mr. Burrows is a member of the Neighborhood Advisory Board (NAD) for BK01 of DYCD. Surveys have been collected over the past few months and a public hearing will be held on October 23, 2019, regarding community priorities for DYCD funding of programs with BK01. Attached is a copy of the notice. Jeff Kohn, the representative of DYCD, was unable to attend the Committee meeting.
8. Meeting schedule for the upcoming year. The committee discussed tentative dates for Committee meetings for the next year. They are: 1/22/20, 3/25/20, 5/27/20 and 9/23/20.

Assemblyman Joe Lentol is the Chairman of the NYS Assembly Codes Committee. These are bills related to sexual assault, domestic violence, and others that passed through his committee in 2019.

### The Laws of 2019 – Codes Committee

#### **Sexual Assault:**

**Revenge Porn:** This legislation creates a class A misdemeanor for the crime of unlawful dissemination or publication of an intimate image. The legislation provides a private right of action for damages for threats of dissemination or actual dissemination of an intimate image. It also provides for injunctive relief against a person who disseminates such image, or against a website that has posted an intimate image. Websites are included to ensure victims can have an image removed in the case where they do not know who originally posted it. (A.5981/S1719-C; Chapter 109 of 2019)

**Prosecution of Rape:** This bill increases the time periods in which a prosecution for rape in the second or third degree, criminal sexual act in the -second and third degree or incest in the first and second degree may be commenced and increase the time in which a civil suit may be brought. (A8412 – Chapter 315)

#### Domestic Violence Bills

**Domestic Violence Survivors Justice Act:** This legislation provides for discretionary sentencing and re-sentencing by judges for victims of domestic violence who meet the requirements that he or she (1) was a victim of domestic violence at the time of the offense, (2) the abuse significantly contributed to the crime, and (3) another sentence would be unduly harsh. (A.3974/S.1077; Chapter 31 of 2019)

**Increases Statute of Limitations for Civil Actions for Domestic Violence:** This legislation increases the statute of limitations for a civil action to recover damages for an injury arising from domestic violence from one year to two years. (A.1945/S.2416; Chapter 245 of 2019; Judiciary).

**Early Lease Termination for Domestic Violence Survivors:** This bill amends Real Property Law 227-c to streamline the procedure for early lease termination by domestic violence survivors, allowing more survivors to exercise this provision when necessary to ensure both their immediate physical safety and long-term financial security. The bill prohibits disclosure of the termination of tenancy by the landlord to future landlords and imposes penalties for violations of these provisions on the landlord. (A.4267-A/S.4281-A; Passed Both Houses; Housing).

**Expands Domestic Violence Definition:** This legislation expands the definition in the Social Services Law of "victim of domestic violence" to include victims of identity theft, grand larceny and coercion. This conforms to a recent change in the Criminal Procedure Law and assures that these persons are eligible for certain victim services. (A.5608/S.2625; Chapter 153 of 2019; Social Services).

**Early Contract Termination for Domestic Violence Survivors:** This legislation enables domestic violence victims to cancel contracts with telephone and cable providers without incurring cancellation fees upon providing proof of a police report, domestic incident report, order of protection, or a sworn affidavit from an appropriate party. (S.5318/S.2356; Chapter 186 of 2019; Corporations).

**Modifies Laws related to Compensation for Domestic Violence Survivors:** This legislation gives domestic violence victims access to compensation for serious psychological and social harm against any liable defendant that the law now provides for medical expenses and lost wages. Generally, multiple wrongdoers are only liable for their proportion of the harm for non-economic losses. This legislation provides an exemption to this rule of proportional liability for victims of domestic violence. (A.5614/S.1868; Chapter 180 of 2019).

**Increases Discrimination Protections for Domestic Violence Survivors:** This legislation prohibits employers from discriminating against victims of domestic violence and requires that they provide reasonable accommodations to employees classified as such victims. (A.5618/S.1040; Chapter 176 of 2019; Governmental Operations).

**Simplifies Information Provided to Victims of Domestic Violence:** This bill would simplify the language used by law enforcement to provide information to victims of domestic violence, including information about safety and shelter as well as what legal protections are available under the law. (A.7395/S.6158; Passed Both Houses; Judiciary).

### Ensuring Equality and Fairness

**Prohibits Workplace Discrimination based upon Reproductive Health Choices:** This bill would prohibit retaliation against employees for their reproductive health choices or the choices of such employee's dependent. An employee would be able to bring a civil cause of action against an employer who retaliates against the employee under these proposed provisions. (A.584/S.660; Passed Both Houses; Labor)

**Increases Protections to Employees who experience Discriminatory Harassment:** This legislation increases protections to employees of all protected classes who have been subjected to discriminatory harassment in the workplace. This legislation expands human rights law to cover all employers; modifies statute of limitations in relation to sexual harassment claims and broadens the scope of employees protected under the human rights law. (A.8421/S.6577; Chapter 160 of 2019)

- ✓ Provides increased protections for protected classes and special protections for employees who have been sexually harassed;
- ✓ Prohibits non-disclosure agreements from prohibiting the disclosure of the underlying facts and circumstances to the claim or action unless the condition of confidentiality is in the plaintiff preference in all discrimination cases.
- ✓ requires employers to provide employees notice of their sexual harassment prevention training program in writing in English and in employees' primary languages;
- ✓ extends the statute of limitations for claims resulting from unlawful or discriminatory practices constituting sexual harassment to three years;
- ✓ requires review and update of the model sexual harassment prevention guidance document and sexual harassment prevention policy;
- ✓ Directs the commissioner of labor to conduct a study on strengthening sexual harassment prevention laws.

This legislation implementation is staggered over this year many to allow institutions to allow for the training of personnel and court administration and other human resource programs.



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October 10, 2019

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

TO: Chairperson Dealice Fuller  
 and CB#1 Board Members

FROM: Mr. Thomas J. Burrows, Committee Chair  
 SLA Review & DCA Committee

RE: SLA Review & DCA Committee Report  
 for September 24, 2019

The SLA Review & DCA Committee met on Tuesday, September 24, 2019, at 6:30 PM, at the Swinging 60's Senior Citizen Center, 211 Ainslie Street, Brooklyn, NY 11211 (Corner of Manhattan Avenue).

ATTENDANCE: Present – Burrows; Bachorowski; Barros; Dybanowski; Foster; Sofer; Solano; Stuart.  
 Absent –Barricelli; Bruzaitis; Cohen; Torres. (A quorum was present).

**AGENDA**

**I. UNENCLOSED SIDEWALK CAFÉS:**

A. UNENCLOSED SIDEWALK CAFÉ: SJD 220 CORP., DBA BREAD BROTHER BAGEL CAFÉ, 220 BUSHWICK AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11206-4459 (Application # 2052885-DCA) 3 Tables; 6 CHAIRS (RENEWAL)

*The Committee Recommends Approval.*

B. UNENCLOSED SIDEWALK CAFÉ: GRAND ENDEAVORS INC., DBA CLEM'S, 264 GRAND STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11211 (Application # 1145629-DCA) 5 Tables, 20 Chairs (RENEWAL)

*The Committee Recommends Approval.*

## II. LIQUOR LICENSES:

### NEW

- 1) \*\* 25 Broadway Brooklyn INC., dba TBD, 64 Meserole Avenue, (New, **wine/beer**, bar, tavern)  
Postponed.
- 2) 74 Wythe Tenant LLC, dba Spice Factory Williamsburg, 74 Wythe Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)  
Postponed.
- 3) 82 S 4<sup>th</sup> Restaurant & Café LLC, dba Casa Imelda, 82 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street, (Method of operation change, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)  
Applicant did not appear.
- 4) 245 S1st Bar LLC, 245 South 1<sup>st</sup> Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, bar, tavern)  
The Committee Recommends Approval.
- 5) \*\* 1118 Lorimer Cafe LLC, 148 Noble Street, (New, **wine/beer**, cider, rest)  
Applicant did not appear.
- 6) \*\* Alvla Café Inc., dba Alvla Café, 252 Franklin Street 1R, (New, **wine/beer**, cider, rest)  
Postponed.
- 7) \*\* Amant Café LLC, dba TBD, 932 Grand Street, (New, liquor, **wine/beer**, cider, café)  
Applicant did not appear.
- 8) Berry Street Associates LLC, dba Diviera Drive, 131 Berry Street, (Alteration, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)  
Postponed.
- 9) Bolero Proto LLC, dba Bolero, 177 Bedford Avenue, ( New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)  
The Committee Recommends Approval.
- 10) Butternuts Beer and Ale LLC, 52 Harrison Place, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, restaurant Brewer)  
The Committee Recommends Approval. Farm Brewer's License.
- 11) Caro 187 LLC, dba Emblem, 187 Graham Avenue, (New, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)  
The Committee Recommends Approval.
- 12) Cherrytown LLC, 318 Grand Street Suite IJ, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar)  
The Committee Recommends Approval.
- 13) \*\* Chick N Scratch LLC, dba Bagoek Fried Chicken & Doughnuts, 173 Montrose Avenue, (New, **wine/beer**, cider, rest)  
The Committee Recommends Approval.
- 14) \*\* Chingoo Restaurant Corp., dba TBD, 373 Graham Avenue, (New, **wine/beer**, cider, rest)  
Applicant did not appear.

- 15) Carrol Hall LLC, 30 Morgan Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, catering facility (Private Events Only)  
**Applicant did not appear.**
- 16) Clouet LLC, dba Cassette, 113 Franklin Street Store FE, (Alteration, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)  
**The Committee Recommends Approval.**
- 17) Corp to be Formed By Laura Mc Carthy, 419 Manhattan Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, tavern)  
**Postponed.**
- 18) \*\* Fabio Pizza and Restaurant INC., dba Fabio's Pizza and Restaurant, 635 Meeker Avenue, (New, wine/beer, cider, rest)  
**Applicant did not appear.**
- 19) Fulgurances LLC, 132 Franklin Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar, rest)  
**Postponed. Applicant is to contact the Milton Street Block Association.**
- 20) Gemini Hospitality Groups INC., 151 Meserole Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar, tavern)  
**Applicant did not appear.**
- 21) Grand Street Food and Wine LLC & Night Moves Bar LLC, dba The Four Horsemen & Night Moves Bar, 295 Grand Street, (New liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest, cafe, cocktail bar, and extension of existing hours)  
**The Committee Recommends Approval. (Bar/Restaurant/Alteration – added a bar.)**
- 22) Gusto Latino Cafe 1 Corp. 583 Driggs Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)  
**The Committee Recommends Approval.**
- 23) Hand Stuff LLC, dba Nicky's Unisex, 90 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)  
**The Committee Recommends Approval. (Hours are to 2AM)**
- 24) JFW LLC, dba TBD, 134 Broadway, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)  
**The Committee Recommends Approval.**
- 25) Jook Sing Corp., dba Jook Sing, 135 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)  
**Postponed.**
- 26) Leo Grandpa Corp., dba TBD, 318 Grand Street Unit 1B and 1C, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)  
**The Committee Recommends Approval. (Midnight to 2AM. Was the "Lodge")**
- 27) Macias BK LLC, dba TBD, 457 Graham Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)  
**Applicant did not appear.**
- 28) Mighty Diamond Restaurant Corp, dba Mothers, 347 Graham Avenue, (Class Change, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)  
**Postponed.**
- 29) Night Village Bar & Grill, 247 South 1<sup>st</sup> Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)  
**The Committee Recommends Approval.**

- 30) North 10<sup>th</sup> Restaurant Company LLC, dba JJ's, 97 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street, (Method of Operation Change, liquor, wine/beer, cider, tavern)  
**The Committee Recommends Approval.**
- 31) \*\* Palenque Home Made Colombian Foods INC, 300 Graham Avenue, (New, **wine/beer**, cider, rest)  
**Applicant did not appear.**
- 32) \*\* Piccoli 804 LLC, dba Piccoli Williamsburg, 804 Grand Street, (New, **wine/beer**, cider, rest)  
**Applicant did not appear.**
- 33) \*\* Pinkfrog LLC, dba Pinkfrog Cafe, 221 North 9<sup>th</sup> Street, (New, **wine/beer**, cider, rest brewer)  
**The Committee Recommends Approval.**
- 34) Pink Metal LLC, dba Pink Metal, 253 Bushwick Avenue, South Store, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)  
**The Committee Recommends Approval.**
- 35) \*\* PLA Coffee LLC, dba Rose Wolf Coffee, 857 Metropolitan Avenue, (New, **wine/beer**, cider, bar, tavern)  
**The Committee Recommends Approval.**
- 36) Queen Bear LLC, dba Amor Y Amargo, 188 Havemeyer Street, (Method of Operation Change, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)  
**The Committee Recommends Approval.**
- 37) \*\* SNBP Inc., dba Simple Café, 124 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, (Corporate Change, **wine, beer**, cider, tavern)  
**The Committee Recommends Approval.**
- 38) \*\* The Grasshopper NYC Inc., dba The Grasshopper, 561 Lorimer Street, (New, **wine/beer**, cider, bar, tavern)  
**Applicant did not appear.**
- 39) The Wing Williamsburg LLC, 75 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)  
**The Committee Recommends Approval.**
- 40) Urban Outfitters Inc., and East Hae Inc.(as co-licensees), dba East Hae, 98 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)  
**Applicant did not appear.**
- 41) Vital East LLC, Vital Climbing Gym, 1 Nassau Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider)  
**The Committee Recommends Approval. (Vote was 7-1 to approve.)**
- 42) Viva DR. Corp., dba Viva Toro, 987 Grand Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, cider, rest)  
**The Committee Recommends Approval. (Open 4:00PM-3:30AM)**
- 43) \*\* Zero Ichi INC. dba Okozushi, 376 R Graham Avenue, (New, **wine/beer**, cider, rest)  
**The Committee Recommends Approval.**

RENEWAL



- 1) 1&3 on 5<sup>TH</sup> Corp., dba Fabiane's Café & Pastry, 142 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 2) 48 South Fourth Street Corp. dba The Woods, 48 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern)
- 3) 77 North 6 Corp, dba Zenkichi, 77 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 4) 82 S 4<sup>th</sup> Restaurant & Café LLC, dba Casa Imelda, 82 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 5) \* 99 Scott Studio LLC, dba 99 Scott, 99 Scott Ave-Unit G, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, catering establishment) (\*) **Committee recommends denial. Problem Location.**
- 6) 104 South 4<sup>th</sup> Inc., dba Randolph Beer, 104 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 7) 146 Broadway Associates LLC, dba Baby's All Right, 146 150 Broadway, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider)
- 8) ADMA LLC, dba Torst, 615 Manhattan Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/ beer, cider, rest)
- 9) Amber Restaurant LLC, dba Amber, 119 Nassau Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 10) Action Burger Inc., 292 Graham Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 11) Archestratus Books LLC , dba Archestratus, 160 Huron Street, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 12) Baldracca LLC, dba Testo, 141 Leonard Street, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 13) BrooklynBaca LLC, dba Best Pizza, 33 Havemeyer Street, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 14) Brooklyn Winery LLC, dba Brooklyn Winery, 213 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest & catering facility)
- 15) \* Bunker Brothers LLC, dba Bun-ker, 97 Scott Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar, rest) (\*) **Committee recommends denial. Problem Location.**
- 16) BD & M Bar One LLC, dba Reclamation Bar, 817 Metropolitan Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 17) Café Argentino INC., dba Café Argentino, 499 Grand Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 18) Capri Social Club INC., 156 Calyer Street, ( Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 19) Caracas Cafe 1, dba Caracas Arepa Bar, 291 Grand Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 20) Clouet LLC, dba Cassette, 113 Franklin Street Store FE, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 21) Curiosity Rover LLC, dba Baby Grand, 55 McGuinness Blvd, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern)

- 22) Dish Food & Events LLC, 190 North 14 Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, catering facility, private events only)
- 23) Elsewhere LLC, dba Elsewhere, 599 Johnson Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, legitimate theater or concert hall)
- 24) Good Move LLC., dba Good Move, 167 Nassau Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 25) Graham United Corp., dba New Mexico Place, 189 Graham Avenue, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider)
- 26) Grand Affairs LLC, dba Croxley's The Abbey, 63-65 Grand Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 27) Hummus Market LLC, dba Hummus Market, 361 Graham Avenue, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 28) Kettle Pie Inc., dba Allswell, 124 Bedford Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 29) Kinfolk Studios LLC, dba Kinfolk Studios, 90 Wythe Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest, bar)
- 30) Koja Grill LLC, dba Dokebi, 199 Grand Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 31) La Cocina II Restaurant Corp., 100 Moore Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 32) \* Las Tainas Bar & Restaurant LLC, 347 Broadway, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)  
 (\*) **Committee recommends denial. Problem Location.**
- 33) Lot No 50 LLC, dba Humboldt and Jackson, 434 Humboldt Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 34) Little Dokebi Inc., dba Little Dokebi, 85 Driggs Avenue, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 35) Manich Brothers LLC, dba El Born, 651 Manhattan Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 36) Maracuja LLC, dba Maracuya Bar & Grill, 279 Grand Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/ beer, cider, tavern, bar and grill)
- 37) Marina Caffè LLC, dba Fabbrica Restaurant & Bar, 34 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 38) Muchmore's Café LLC, dba Muchmores 2 Havemeyer Street, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern)
- 39) New York Distilling Company LLC, dba The Shanty, 79 Richardson Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 40) Okamoto Holdings LLC, dba Patisserie Tomoko, 568 Union Avenue, Space 1G & H, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, café)
- 41) One Shot Away LLC, dba Jackbar, 143 Havameyer Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, tavern)

- 42) Original Music Workshop INC. & The Middle LLC., dba National Sawdust OMW, 80 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, Concert Venue)
- 43) Ontario Bar LLC ., 559 Grand Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, neighborhood bar with pool table)
- 44) Platinum Affairs LTD, dba The Continental Caterers, 75 Rutledge Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, catering facility, private events only)
- 45) Poquito Fesante LLC, dba Little Pheasant, 445 Graham Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 46) Privilege Lounge Inc. dba Privilege Lounge, 140 Graham Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, tavern)
- 47) Radegast Hall, dba, Radegast Hall and Biergarten, 113 -115 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, aka 186 Berry Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 48) Red Bowl Chinese Rest INC., 208 Bedford Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 49) Shelison Restaurant Inc, 492 Broadway, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 50) SNBP Inc., dba Simple Café, 124 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, (Renewal, wine, beer, cider, rest, cafe)
- 51) Spuyeten Duyvil LLC, dba Spuyten Duyvil, 359 Metropolitan Avenue, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 52) Studio 299 LLC, dba Polygon Brooklyn, 299 Vandervoort Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 53) Taco Chulo LLC, 318 Grand Street, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 54) Taqueria El Fogon 2 Corp., 241 Cook Street, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, rest,)
- 55) Ten Eleven Holdings LLC., dba Pencil Factory, 142 Franklin Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar)
- 56) Tigercorn Inc. dba Burnside, 506 Grand Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 57) The Geezers LLC, dba Harefield Road Pub, 769 Metropolitan Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider)
- 58) The Gutter Bar LLC, 200 North 14 Street, (Renewal, Liquor, wine/beer, cider, bowling establishment)
- 59) Tres de Mexico LLC, dba Mesa Coyoacan, 372 Graham Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 60) Vera Cruz on Bedford Ave Corp., dba Vera Cruz on Bedford Avenue, 195 Bedford Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, rest)
- 61) Vinegar Hill NYC LLC., dba Lucky Dog, 303 Bedford Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest )
- 62) WD49 LLC, dba Du's Donuts and Coffee, 55 Wythe Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, cafe)

The Committee recommends *approval for the renewals with the (\*) exception of #5, #15, and #32 which are problem locations.*

**III. PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED ITEMS.**

The committee reviewed the request for 315 Meserole Street. *The Committee recommends approval.*

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*The next meeting of the SLA Review & DCA Committee is:*

**WHEN:** *Tuesday, October 29, 2019*  
**TIME:** *6:30 PM*  
**WHERE:** *CB#1's District Office  
435 Graham Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11211  
(Corner of Frost Street)*

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October 9, 2019

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

TO: Chairperson Dealice Fuller  
and CB #1 Board Members

FROM: Mr. Eric Bruzaitis, Committee Chair

RE: Report for the Transportation Committee Meeting  
Held on September 17, 2019

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The Transportation Committee met on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 (Meeting called to order: 6:38 PM; Adjourned: 8:23 PM); in the CB #1 District Office, 435 Graham Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11211 (Corner of Frost Street).

**ATTENDANCE:**

Present - Bruzaitis; Argento; Elkins; Gallagher; Stuart; Odomirok; Nieves; Schlesinger;  
Absent - Weiser; Gangone; Green; Kuonen; Solano. (A quorum was met)

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**AGENDA:**

As a point of personal privilege, Emily Gallagher was recognized to introduce her guest, Mr. Kenny Lawrence, father of Aurilla Lawrence, who was killed on Broadway, between Marcy & Rodney Streets, by a truck while riding her bicycle on February 28<sup>th</sup> of this year.

Mr. Lawrence made an impassioned plea for the committee and the entire board to do whatever possible to improve the safety of streets for all users, but particularly cyclists like his daughter. He was in NY to meet with Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez to ask that charges be brought against the truck driver for negligence. He noted his frustration with the NYPD in pursuing this matter, and planned to have additional meetings with both Council member Antonio Reynoso (as the death occurred in his district) and Council member Stephen Levin (who shares jurisdiction in Community Board 1).

The Committee conveyed our deepest condolences to Mr. Lawrence and his family, and mentioned that there are many changes being implemented with the intention of increasing cyclist and pedestrian safety. As ever, the committee would continue to hear all voices, and offer its best advice to the full board and the City to meet these critical safety goals.

1. **STREET CO-NAMING REQUEST, AT 303 BROADWAY, TO “CALLE FRENCHIE”** in honor of Mr. Santos “Frenchie” Ramos (deceased) who was the longtime owner of Frenchie's Gym – by Mangual Rosario

Unfortunately, no one appeared on this item. However, based on the strength of the presentation at the September Full Board meeting, and Mr. Ramos reputation in the community, the committee voted unanimously to ask for a letter of support for this street co-naming.

**Motion: Mr. Stuart**  
**Seconded: Ms. Nieves**  
**Yea: 8**  
**Nea: 0**  
**Abstentions: 0**

2. **DISCUSSION: MAKE MEEKER MOVE.** Follow up conversation to both Meeker Avenue improvements as well as new Brooklyn side pedestrian/cyclist path entrance to the new Kosciuszko Bridge. As per NYC DOT, the plans for the pedestrian and cycle paths to the new Kosciuszko Bridge have not changed since they were presented to the board in the Spring. The Committee reiterated its concerns that the conditions are currently unacceptable and must be remedied with all possible speed.

The Committee heard from representatives of Transportation Alternatives (TA), Mr. Erwin Figueroa & Mr. Philip Leff and other local advocates, regarding their Make Meeker Move campaign to push the city to implement multiple improvements to the Meeker Avenue corridor (from Union St to Vandervoort). There primary concerns included:

- Despite neck downs and other improvements in Stages I & II of the NYC Dept. of Transportation's Meeker project, street conditions remain unsafe for cyclists in particular.
- NYC DOT & DSNY have never addressed the issues of filth under the BQE beyond ASP sweeping.
- There is a lack of park & open space within CB1, and with the proposed park being implemented under the new Kosciuszko Bridge, it would be a community benefit to extend that idea under the BQE.
- When the BQE was built it cut through our North Brooklyn neighborhood, ostensibly separating community. Adding open space to benefit North Brooklyn residents would “re-connect the scar that is the BQE”.
- TA did note that the improvements to the Metropolitan-Union stage were positive overall. However, there were a number of "Visioning" meetings with DOT and those suggestions were largely ignored.
- Ms. Ronda Messer of NYCDOT mentioned that the portal on the DOT website is still open for this project, and encouraged additional comments.

- TA noted that the city has made improvements for other blighted overpasses such as the FDR Drive downtown, and in Sunset Park. They suggested that the opening of the Kosciuszko Bridge presents the opportunity to build “a bridge between bridges” (attributed to Mr. Noel Hidalgo) in connecting a safe cycling path from the Kosciuszko to the Williamsburg Bridge.

## COMMITTEE:

Ms. Karen Nieves:

- The committee worked with Luke Olson of TA on these improvements as far back as 2016 and some of the visioning proposals need capital investments from city and state. DOT must go back to forgotten visioning meeting ideas and build a workable plan! Connecting the bike network essential.
- Safety is the most important concern to address, and must be the first steps implemented
- Additional lighting has been needed for years and can be used as a trigger to push for more improvements.
- Stakeholders must prioritize asks now and push hard while there is momentum with the K Bridge: The new park under the bridge will bring more foot and cyclist traffic to the area, and improvements must be made to ensure the safest conditions.
- The City Council, Assembly and Senate must be pushed to increase funding for these improvements.
- Ms. Messer and Ms. Nieves discussed jurisdiction: where State DOT has BQE and NYC DOT has Meeker, there should be a mechanism for State to sign off on City to make lighting and other improvements to cut red tape to safety improvements.

Ms. Emily Gallagher:

- Asked TA what priority comes to mind first when they think about this issue:  
TA: Connection to the bike network; Lighting; Cleaning.

Mr. T. Willis Elkins:

- There should be a storm water capture system installed under the BQE. There is a tremendous amount of run off that simply gets put into the gutters. Adding this relatively inexpensive infrastructure would alleviate the combined sewer overflow issues we have in North Brooklyn.

Mr. James Stuart:

- Stakeholders must have a “strategic master plan” to identify priorities for advocates to speak with one voice.
- Lighting and identifying new and old hot spots are a good place to start.

## PUBLIC:

Mr. William Vega:

- Lighting under BQE must be a priority
- With the Democrats in charge of both houses in the state legislature, it is critical to push now to get funding for improvements, since the Republican controlled State Senate was an historic obstacle to street safety improvements in NYC.
- Friends visiting always note how disgusting and fearful they are when transiting from Greenpoint to Williamsburg across the BQE overpass.

Ms. Rachel Albetski:

- Urged caution to making Sunset Park the model for the Meeker. Since many of the changes there were pilot projects, there were short cuts available that are not always available to regular capital projects.

Ms. Barbara Hertel:

- Improvements usually result from tragedies. We know the problems and should move now to *avoid* a future tragedy.
- The time is now to push for funding improvements.

Chairperson Mr. Bruzaitis:

- Supports the push for Make Meeker Move. Cohesively tying the bike network together and pushing to make all necessary safety measures for the new Kosciuszko Bridge is the most immediate priority.
  - Agrees with members that safety must be first priority and agencies must suppress egos to work together to expedite changes.
  - Noted that change, even in the best cases, is slow...and often takes a generation to realize. Stakeholders must be as patient as they are diligent in pushing for these reforms and play a long game to get as many positive changes accomplished in the shortest amount of time.
3. **“MASPETH AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS”: GREC** - Brief discussion on GREC's letter to NYC DOT with a renewed call for traffic calming measures on Maspeth Avenue from Morgan Avenue to Woodpoint Road and adjacent streets.

The Committee Chair noted that since this item has been put on the agenda, NYCDOT Deputy Commissioner Keith Bray noted that several issues in the letter are being addressed by DOT. These were studied based on requests submitted by Evergreen last year and were accepted against the new 36 month window between studies of any particular area.

The Committee asked Ms. Messer to focus on the intersections of Debevoise, Olive Street & Kingsland Avenue at Maspeth Avenue.

The Committee Chair will follow up with Mr. Bray and GREC (of which he is a member) possibly schedule a new walk thru of the fresh conditions at the study area.

Mr. Philip Leff asked about the status of the substation at Maspeth and Humboldt. Mr. Bruzaitis noted that Mr. Andy Inglesby of MTA had announced a June deadline for work to be closed at street level. This has not happened. Mr. Bruzaitis noted an article in the MTA's L Project newsletter that similar delays have come up at other locations due to the complexity of this infrastructure (which is like constructing a 3-story building underground with installation of very large and sensitive equipment.

The Committee Chair will follow up with Mr. Inglesby for an update on estimated completion at this location.

4. **GRAND STREET REDESIGN:**

Brief discussion (limited to 10 minutes maximum) on current conditions since Spring 2019 to follow up with NYC DOT. Discussion on “permanent” changes to Grand Street in light of Governor Cuomo announcement to cancel April L Train shut down.



The plan presented at the last full board meeting is being implemented without regard for the many concerns raised over the last year by businesses, residents and transportation activist. The Committee Chair surveyed each person in attendance for the issue of most concern with the current status of Grand Street.

- #1 Parking or standing in bike lanes.
- #2 Enforcement is not consistent.
- #3 Loading for businesses causes double and triple parking – dangerous and slows traffic.
- #4 Additional daylight is needed.
- #5 Debris in the bike lane is a hazard.
- #6 Pedestrian islands would be helpful.

As with all things Grand Street...a discussion developed on the issue of bikes vs. cars vs. pedestrians.

Although there was some acrimony, those assembled agreed on these things (Thanks to Ms. Karen Nieves for pushing the conversation into a solution based one):

- Grand street bike lanes were put in to make cycling safer...IT HAS FAILED, and it can be argued that conditions are now MORE hazardous for cyclist.
- In this community we need to stop the “blame game” and focus on drivers to accept the new reality that there are more bikes and they must be more cautious – period. And cyclist must continue to push other (less considerate) cyclist to follow the rules of the road, wear lights or reflectors & be more aware.
- We should all agree that it only makes sense to support the proposed law to allow cyclist to yield at stop signs.
- While there are bad actors on both sides, in the balance one thing is clear: both bad & good cyclists die; bad drivers kill.
- Enforcement is not necessary when the infrastructure is designed to make it impossible to be dangerous. NYPD does not have the resources to protect cyclists and punish bad actors to the extent we would like. Because of this it is essential that DOT engineers get it right and make it impossible for people to behave badly on roads.

With respect to #5 above, the committee voted to ask the board to send a letter to both the NYC DOT and DSNY to invest in a fleet of smaller brush trucks to clean bike lanes (article and link attached below):

**Motion: Ms. Nieves**  
**Seconded: Ms. Gallagher**  
**Yea: 8**  
**Nea: 0**  
**Abstentions: 0**

## 5. OLD BUSINESS:

### Brooklyn Navy Yard Access:

Mr. Michael Gary Schlesinger updated the committee on efforts to open the Clymer Street:

- Mr. Glomani Bravo-Lopez from Councilmember Stephen Levin's office, who has been working on this issue, reported on his talks with BNY. As of now, the board of BNY is not interested in opening Clymer to traffic but to concerns about their private clients in the Navy Yard and security concerns. Mr. Bravo-Lopez has spoken to Congress-member Nydia Velazquez, who serves on the board of BNY: She has said that CB2, who has jurisdiction over BNY, does not want access opened to traffic.
- Mr. Schlesinger noted that there remains a need to relieve congestion in the area adjacent to the Navy Yard within CB1. The controversy at the September Full Board meeting regarding the revised NYCDOT presentation on the Wythe Avenue exit onto Williamsburg Street West shows that all possible options must be explored to solve the issue. Opening Clymer to traffic will serve as a pressure valve.
- Ms. Karen Nieves noted that more discussion needs to be had with the board of BNY. She also made the case that there are still safety issues because there are still M1 uses and heavy truck traffic within the yard. She also stated that companies pay for their access.
- Ms. Gina Argento asked if there have been any studies of the proposal. Mr. Bravo-Lopez stated there have not been.
- Ms. Emily Gallagher suggested that at the appropriate time, a pilot to open Clymer Street may be in order. She also noted to be careful what you wish for, since sometimes access can make traffic worse since more drivers will expect that short cut, instead of avoiding the area as they transit Brooklyn to destinations outside CB1 & 2. She also noted it may be unsafe to existing bike lanes.
- Mr. T. Willis Elkins noted that for cyclists, who have a lower impact, it is unreasonable to go over a mile out of the way to get around the Navy Yard. He suggested that opening bike access thru Clymer Street to Flushing may be a workable option.
- Mr. Bruzaitis noted that it could be a foot in the door to future vehicle access once a coalition is formed and a more substantial plan is proposed. And, while the structure of BNY governance has many masters, at the end of the day...it is a public resource and many public dollars have gone into BNY over many decades, both its original use as well as its re-purposing as an industrial park. The committee voted to send a letter to Councilmember Stephen Levin requesting a study to determine the feasibility and benefits to opening BNY streets to bicycle access.

**Motion:**        **Mr. Schlesinger**  
**Seconded:**    **Mr. Elkins**  
**Yea:**            **8**  
**Nea:**            **0**  
**Abstentions:** **0**

### **West Street**

Mr. Elkins raised concerns that after a year and a half, the conditions for sidewalk and bicycle lane access are still unresolved. He noted that Jon Orcutt of Bike New York is drafting a letter to the city with a list of abuses by vehicles parking in or on the protected bike lane. There are serious issues with the Department of Design and Construction and NYC DOT. One of the biggest flaws is that the curb that was installed to prevent parking is so low, that it is easy for vehicles to ride over it to illegally park.

Ms. Messer that the issue is not with DOT, since there is a “punch list” from the contractor that must be completed before DOT can re stripe the area.

Ms. Nieves that loading zones have been requested and ignored. The existing striping is confusing to both drivers and cyclists...and also dangerous. Uber is constantly standing in bike lanes.

She suggested that a walkthru be scheduled with Councilmember Levin, DOT, DDC, NYPD and the Project Liason to expedite fixes to this ongoing problem.

Mr. Dan Keezer, a Greenpoint resident, suggested removing private car parking in favor of expanded loading zones, especially since that stretch is largely industrial, and the need for loading zones outweighs private parking.

The committee will take this discussion up again at the next transportation committee as its own item.

## **6. New Business**

Mr. Chris Roberti, who spoke at the September Full Board meeting, attended to reinforce his request that there are many unsafe conditions along Montrose Avenue and at the intersection of Graham. He asked that something be done to calm traffic, add bike lanes and fix the damaged areas of the roadway.

The committee will take this up at a future meeting.

**The next meeting of the Transportation Committee will be:  
Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 6:30 PM in the Board Office, 435 Graham Avenue**

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# Protected bike lanes could flourish if NYC vehicles were smaller, advocates say

By Vincent Barone [vin.barone@amny.com](mailto:vin.barone@amny.com) @vinbarone September 3, 2019 5:04 PM

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For big changes that will mean safer streets, advocates say New York City needs to think small — smaller vehicles, that is.

Advocates believe bulky municipal vehicles are keeping the city from creating truly welcoming, protected bike infrastructure — a proven tool for increasing street safety for all road users.

The Sanitation Departments, specifically, needs to shrink its street sweepers and snow plows, according to a letter nonprofit Bike New York penned to DSNY Commissioner Kathryn Garcia earlier this summer.

With smaller plows and sweepers, the city could have more flexibility to bring new protected bike lane designs to a greater number of streets, argues Jon Orcutt, a spokesman at Bike New York and former policy director at the city's Department of Transportation. Photo Credit: Getty Images/Jemal Countess

“Sanitation in some ways may hold the key to a better bike lane for New York because right now designs have to accommodate these big truck-size street sweepers and snowplows,” said Jon Orcutt, a spokesman at Bike New York and former policy director at the city’s Department of Transportation.

The concept is fairly straightforward: Large operating vehicles with routine functions that are part of everyday city life — like trash pickup and snow plowing — largely dictate how cities like New York can lay out their streets, Orcutt said. Those vehicles require certain widths for parking-protected bike lanes, which limits how often the DOT can install them. This June, the DOT specifically cited the width of street sweepers and plows in its decision to leave a perilous section of Manhattan’s popular Second Avenue bike lane unseparated from vehicular traffic, as [Streetsblog first reported](#).

With smaller plows and sweepers, the city could have more flexibility to bring new protected bike lane designs to a greater number of streets, Orcutt argues. That flexibility is increasingly relevant as the city pledges to significantly expand bike infrastructure through its “Green Wave” plan in the wake of a surge in cycling fatalities this year.

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“We really need support of those big operating [agencies] if we are going to become a bike-friendly city,” Orcutt said.

Other cities are facing the same challenge. In a [report](#) published last December, the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) argued that not only are large trucks disproportionately responsible for traffic deaths across the country, but “the space needs of large vehicles often deter cities from implementing key safety treatments ...”

Planner Jeff Speck urged in his latest book “Walkable City Rules” that street safety must take a higher priority among city agencies, like fire departments, when they try to influence street designs to improve response times.

“[F]ire chiefs who, when introduced to the planning conversation, advocate for three things that make their cities more dangerous: wider streets, broader intersections, and the introduction of unwarranted traffic signals,” Speck [wrote](#).

In New York, there are no set plans to move to smaller street sweepers or plows, but agency officials seem willing to explore the idea. DSNY’s current fleet of street sweepers are about 8.5 feet wide — and stretch out a bit further in action when their brooms are extended — while collection trucks with plows attached are roughly a foot wider.

DOT Commissioner Polly Trottenberg said during a news conference earlier this summer that there are often operational logistics to consider when transitioning to smaller municipal fleets, but that she has been having positive discussions with Garcia on options.

“I mean it is a challenge,” Trottenberg said in July. “You know, on the one hand here we're pledging we're going to do a lot more work, that means more resurfacing, more sanitation, sort of all the things that necessitate trucks. We have been in a discussion again particularly with Sanitation and FDNY about other places where we can use smaller vehicles. I can't say we've solved that one totally yet.”

Belinda Mager, a spokeswoman at DSNY, said it was working with DOT to explore possibilities as the city moves ahead with Green Wave.

**“DSNY is working with DOT to identify the equipment we would need to clean streets and remove snow in bike lanes,” Mager said in an email. “As the Green Wave Plan moves forward, we will continue to work in close coordination to ensure delivery of services.”**