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COMBINED PUBLIC HEARING AND BOARD MEETING JANUARY 12, 2021 VIA WEBEX

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PUBLIC HEARING

ROLL CALL

Chairperson Ms. Fuller requested District Manager Mr. Esposito to call the roll. He informed Chairperson Fuller that there were 31 members present, a sufficient number of members present to conduct the public hearing. Chairperson Ms. Fuller asked if anyone that was having a problem connecting could call in.

Chairperson Ms. Fuller opened the meeting and wished all a Happy and Healthy New Year. There was no presentation made by the Office of Immigration Affairs at this time.

PRESESENTATION: Briefing on Services provided at the Greenpoint, Williamsburg & Jonathan Williams Clinics in Community Board #1, Small Business Initiatives, and Individual Access to Health Care - by Ms. Anastasia Savelyeva, Community Liaison, Community Affairs, Gotham Health, NYC Health & Hospitals. Ms. Savelyeva could not attend her colleague, Mr. Morales, would conduct the presentation.

Mr. Francisco Morales, Community Liaison (Community Affairs, Gotham Health) provided a presentation of the various services being offered in the district. He displayed a PowerPoint presentation. He provided a quick overview. He greeted the board members and noted that he was working with his fellow colleagues on this health care program. Gotham Health Works initiative strives to provide high quality, confidential health care to people. It is a primary care services, family care, pediatrics and women's health. He noted that they have high quality ad For the general program, immigration status doesn't matter. They use the application "My Chart", where people can look at their care and manage their care. They have been offering

decals and information about social distancing. There is an easy form that someone can fill out to be part of the network with the hospital. NYC Care can help someone get health care. They have to be in the country for six months. It is important that people get tested for COVID19. They are providing quick turnaround. The Jonathan Williams site was doing COVID19 testing and testing for antibodies. Testing results within 24-72 hours. Chairperson Fuller noted that there were some questions in the chat. District Manager Mr. Esposito asked if the center doing anything with the vaccine. Mr. Morales said that they are gearing up. The health care workers are getting the vaccine. Mr. Gross spoke about the importance of having the health services at Jonathan Williams Housing. He is the tenants' association present and he asked that when the vaccine is available left the tenants and CB#1 know. He would keep in touch and provide information in the chat. Ms. Iglesias asked if there would be a vaccine site in Greenpoint? Mr. Morales related that the clinic facilities have been making room for the testing. Specifically, there have been a number of clinics that are making room for the vaccines. There will be a site in Greenpoint.

<u>PRESENTATION</u>: New York State Parks – Upcoming Capital Improvements to Marsha P. Johnson State Park (formerly East River State Park) – by Ms. Leslie Wright, NYC



Regional Director, NYS Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation.

Ms. Leslie Wright, NYC Regional Director (NYS Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation) addressed Community Board No. 1. She provided a visual (slide) presentation and discussed the work to the renamed East River Park now identified as Marsha P. Johnson State Park. Ms. Wright discussed the improvements to the park, being done that would enhance the building and the park facility by provide more meeting space, classrooms and bathrooms. There would be a small operations and maintenance base located there. The improvements are moving ahead and the construction fence is up; the ground has been broken in just the past few weeks. She noted that the site was small, but they are packing a lot into site to enrich the park. The footprint of the of the house can be seen. They will work on improving drainage at the site. The land is kind of tilted. There are problems with the rain event.

Ms. Wright discussed the need for refreshment to the two concrete slabs. They were installed a long time ago. They will make it smooth again. One of the slabs would be celebrating Ms. John. for whom the park is named. There is site wide improvement: pathways, drainage improvements, tree plantings. There will be rain gardens that are designed to help with water flow. The dashed line around the property represents the construction fence. It is a lot of the park, but the fence will be coming down in June 2021, when they expect the work to be finished. The entry would be limited at this time. To get in, you can go into the north side of the park, going through the park and onto the pathways. Sustainability feature with solar power is being installed, with a Green Roof. There will be gender neutral bathrooms. Funding for the project has generously come from Assemblyman Lentol and the Council Members. There is Phase 1, to be completed by June 2021. The containers will be decorated with colors Phase 2, will be done at the same time. There will be very colorful interpretation. This celebrates Ms. Johnson. There is an oversized mural. People use the space for recreation. The problem with storm water will be The interpretive features will use existing structure remnants (old gantries). Kids use them now to climb on and enjoy. She noted the flagpole, they were flipping the walkways/cobblestones. the that they are refreshing the cobblestones. There will be interpretive pieces. Ms. Johnson used colorful clothing and flowers. The designers have used this in the design. They are using it like canvases. There will be links for cell phones to use to get the information. The design can be viewed from above. There is a motif of flowers and the LTGB movement. There is information that could be gathered (like a game of hopscotch) or just the vitality that talks about the movement. Ms. Wright noted that money is being invested in this park. This is all Ms. Iglesias noted that there was a question in the chat by Ms. Naplatarski, who related that the colors were very overpowering, and the theme does not state anything about the sites industrial path. She raised questions about the approval. There is concern about a long standing business who had a permit to use part of the site: Biba at 110 Kent Avenue.

Ms. Wright related that they were trying to balance the design and the beautiful skyline. She addressed questions about Biba, noting that they had an annual permit. There are a lot of bars in the area. She said the Governor wants to have the space more open. She said that there were concerns about Biba having the area selectively opened up. Biba is welcome to apply for a permit. Ms. Iglesias noted that there was another question in the chat. Why did Smorgesbourg get a permit and not Biba. They do not have a permit now. They do not have structures in the park, Biba does. There were some additional questions. Board members had questions as well. Mr. Burrows asked why does Smorgasbord have the whole area? How does the community get to do input? Ms. Wright said because of COVID there were no food festivals in the park. There is not permit for 2021. Biba's lease expired in 2020. NYS Parks is looking at having a public RFP. This was State land. Mr. Miceli offered criticism saying that he was astonished about the design because it could be seen only from an airplane. Why was there not more natural space created? There needs to be more open space. Open space is needed now. Mr. Elkins spoke about the mural and that it was displacing a long time tenant and community member. The open space is very valuable for restaurant because of COVID. Could this scope of the mural be changed? Ms. Wright offered some response. Ms. Teague related that although this is a State Park, this is a community park. The community wanted to keep an industrial theme. She was concerned about Biba, who has been supportive of the community. This park is a very important part of the community. Ms. Chesler noted that designs for the park and building have been brought to the board for input. But this was not. The community and the board were not consulted. It is frustrating this way. Ms. Kuonen complained about the parks closure announced in one day for a park that would be closed for six month. The park closed during COVID is not good and unconscionable. There is one day notice. This is happening so fast. Mr. Mark Nagagwiecki, owner of the building and Biba (located at 110 Kent Avenue) event space(located at 110 Kent Avenue). There were no improvements in park and said that they used his building for bathrooms and to host event space (i.e. Movie Nights). He complained that the State has not sat down with him. His concession cost him over \$200,000 to buildout. They have not broken even on the building. He noted that history of the site and an unfair granting of concession. The small business is being pushed out. Mr. Jim Carbone, a producer, spoke about how Biba has helped to host various events. The outdoor space is an important part of it. People are using his concession and building for public use. He said that the owner has always helped the community. Their space should be incorporated. Chairperson Fuller said that they will come back to the item after the presentation for Assemblyman Lentol.

<u>PRESENTATION</u>: CB#1's Lifetime Award to Assemblyman Joseph R. Lentol (at 7 P.M.). Chairperson Ms. Fuller stated that the board wanted to acknowledge the long service of Assemblyman Joseph R Lentol.

Chairperson Ms. Fuller related that Assemblyman Lentol had joined the meeting and asked if anyone wanted to speak. Board members expressed gratitude and accolades. Ms. Kaminski noted the love that the community has for him. Chairperson Ms. Fuller thanked him for his years of dedication, he would be a hard act to follow. She noted that Brooklyn Community Board No. 1 has honored him with an award that reads - Brooklyn Community Board #1 Certificate of Excellence:

> This Certificate of Excellence is Awarded to Honorable Joseph R. Lentol Assemblyman 50th A.D. In Recognition of Outstanding Performance for LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT Given at the First Meeting of Brooklyn Community Board #1 This 12th Day of January in the Year 2021

Chairperson Ms. Fuller said that he is thanked for all of the hard work that he has done. He has made it a better place to live. Assemblyman Lentol said that he had a few words to say. It is encapsulated in his thank you, to this wonderful board, to the Chairperson, the District Manager, the CB#1 board members for their dedication to the community. He thanked all. He noted that he would still be around. Chairwoman Ms. Fuller open the floor for members for their comments of expression. Mr. Gross spoke about the years of work that Assemblyman Lentol has provided to the housing developments (i.e. Williams Plaza, NYCHA development. He is like a grandfather to all residents, both young and old. He said that a street should be dedicated to Joseph Lentol. People need to take time think about which street to dedicate. Mr. Chesler noted that it was awesome working with the Assemblyman Lentol and his staff. The Assemblyman helped to make the Bushwick Inlet park a reality. Ms. Teague expressed that the community still needs him and that he would be a welcome active member of the community. He showed great love for his constituents. Rabbi Niederman said that he should be an "ambassador at large", because of his hard work. Ms. Peterson Assemblyman Lentol helped to build the diversity in the community and bringing people together. She expressed deep appreciated. He made people feel like they had something to say. He needs for than a salute. Ms. Kaminski thanked him for being so dedicated

and strong for the community. He became a friend and someone to help. She thanked him from the bottom of her heart. He will also be part of our life. Ms. Cianciotta thanked him for his support to the various community groups. She worked for him in the office for over 30 years and help was always provided. She wished him well. Mr. Torres thanked him for his help with the youth, schools and the educators. He helped to get musical instruments, buses for trips. His support was important to his and many other young people's development. He wishes him well. Ms. Moskovits said that the unity that is seen in this community is an example of what he has set. All people, from different backgrounds. He is a visionary. It is an honor to be a member of his community. Mr. Dybanowski thanked him for all he has done for the Polish community and business association. Ms. Nieves thanked him for all that he has done for this community, whether it was environment, businesses, etc. - the door was always open. She thanked him for his encouragement to her to get involved with the community. She thanked him from the bottom of her heart. She urged him to always be involved. Mr. Vega related that the Assemblyman and his work made him feel welcomed in the community when he first came here. Mr. Carbone related that he has known him for over 40 years. He noted that as a youth, Assemblyman Lentol was a role model for us. He is the man. District Manager Mr. Esposito offered his gratitude and well wishes to Assemlyman Lentol. He noted Lentol's many years of service. He helped to secure funding for the BOE viaduct, the Williamsburg Bridge, the Kosciuszko Bridge, and many others. He was with the community demanding funding from the City to reconstruct McCarren Park Pool. He stood with the community on these issues. He, and his staff, in Brooklyn and Albany are commended. Ms. Sabel said that she expressed thanks for the work that he has done with the women's swim (at Metropolitan Pool). Assemblyman Lentol thanked all for the award and aid that he would still be around and active.

Following the tribute, the Parks Presentation was continued. Ms. Wright was still present to hear concerns. Ms. Peterson raised concern about the lack of communication with the community on the design and use. Democracy has to be carried out on the community level. Ms. Rachlin asked if the design could be changed and why it was not possible. What are the restrictions that would not allow Biba for use of the space? Ms. Wright said that both slabs will be refurbished. Anyone can apply for a permit. Ms. Iglesias said there was a comment in the chat asking if a letter could be sent, from the board to the Governor. Chairperson Fuller asked her to come back and meet with the two committees. A question was asked about what the cost was. Ms. Wright related that there is extensive work: \$14 million (building, site work, etc.). Chairperson Fuller said that the two committees (Parks and Waterfront/SLA Review) will come up with a date to meet. Ms. Wright answered a question about the board's approval.

Assemblywoman Maritza Davila offered her best wishes to Assemblyman Lentol. He will be missed in Albany. She provided a briefing on what they will be working on at the state level. There is a lot of work that has to be done in Williamsburg. She noted concerns about COVID. Her office is not open, but the staff is working. She wants to wish all a happy and healthy New Year. Chairperson Fuller thanked her and moved on to the next item on the agenda. She said that there was a listing of liquor licenses. Mr. Burrows asked all to look at the list and provide comments. There are some new requests made to upgrade their licenses

LIQUOR LICENSES

Chairperson Ms. Fuller noted the list and asked if there were any comments. None were received at this time.

<u>NEW</u>

1) 113 Franklin Dining LLC, TBD, 113 Franklin Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)

2) Baba Cool LLC, dba Baba Cool, 47 Withers Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)

3) Bozu Inc., 296 Grand Street, (Corporate Change, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)

4) Eighty Three Viet LLC, dba Falansal, 112 Harrison Place, (New, wine, beer, cider, rest)

5) EliTe BK Inc., dba Elite, 128 Metropolitan Avenue, (Change of Operations, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)

6) Franklin St Foods 7 Drink LLC, dba Leroy's American Bistro, 195 Franklin Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)

7) JaJaJa Williamsburg LLC, TBD, 119 Kent Avenue, (New, New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)

8) Laurent Dantonio, dba Pending, 577 Union Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
9) LLC to be formed by Victor Ridi, dba TBD, 557 Driggs Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)

10) LPH Two LLC, dba Nami Nori, 236 North 12 Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
11) Mugatu Inc, dba Bar Bruno, 560 Manhattan Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
12) No Name Kings, Inc., dba A Bar, 597 Manhattan Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern)

13) Oddfellows Domino LLC, dba Oddfellows Ice Cream Co., 266 Kent Avenue, (New, wine, beer & cider, ice cream shop/café)

14) Original Prime Inc., dba Slush, 470 Driggs Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)

15) Selamat Pagi LLC, 152 Driggs Avenue, (Class Change, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)

16) Tasty Taiwan 2 LLC, 886 Wen Wen, 1025 Manhattan Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)

17) ZuppanNYC LLC, dba Reunion Café, 544 Union Avenue, (Class Change, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)

RENEWAL

1) 147 149 McCarren LLC, dba McCarren Hotel/Oleanders, 160 N. 12 Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, hotel)

2) Brooklyn Billiards LLC, 90 N 11 Street (aka 97 N 10 St); (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, billiard parlor)

3) Crabby Patty Brooklyn LLC, dba Skinny Dennis, 152 Metropolitan Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern)

4) Garibaldi 0674 Inc, dba Slick Willie, 179 Meserole Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)

5) Graham Avenue Pizza Corp., dba Carmine's Pizzeria, 358 Graham Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)

6) M & M Restaurant Group LLC, dba Cantina Royal, 58 North 3rd Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)

7) MacMurray LLC, dba The Craic, 488 Driggs Avenue, aka 482-504 Driggs Avenue, Unit B-

02, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern)

8) Mozzarella Holdings LLC, dba Barano, 26 Broadway, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)

9) Paulie Gee LLC, dba Paulie Gee's, 60 Greenpoint Avenue, (liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest, rest)

10) Pinkerton Wine Bar LLC, dba Pinkerton Wine Bar, 263 North 6 Street, (liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern)

11) Sampa Restaurant LLC, dba BECO, 715 Lorimer Street aka 45 Richardson Street, (liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)

12) Severed Heads, LLC, dba Blanca, 261 Moore Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)13) Sire restaurant Group LLC, dba Sama Street, 988 Manhattan Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern/theater)

14) Sunday In Brooklyn LLC, 348 Wythe Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)15) There to Here LLC, dba Sweet Science, 135 Graham Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)

16) Tribicha Inc, dba Pies 'n' Thighs, 166 S 4 Street, (Renewal, wine, beer/cider, rest) Chairperson Ms. Fuller noted that the items for the public hearing were completed. She opened the Board Meeting.

BOARD MEETING

(Note to Board Members - The Annual Elections Will Take Place Promptly At 8:00 PM)

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Chairperson Ms. Fuller requested a moment of silence be dedicated to peace.

ROLL CALL

Chairperson Ms. Fuller requested District Manager Mr. Esposito to call the roll. He informed Chairperson Fuller that there were 45 members answering the call. This was a quorum, a sufficient number to conduct the board meeting. Chairperson Ms. Fuller opened the meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Needelman made a motion to approve the agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Caponegro. The motion was unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Ms. Kaminski made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2020 Combined Public Hearing and Board Meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cabrera, The motion was unanimously carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairperson Ms. Fuller called upon the committee chairs who indicated that they would provide a report. Mr. Burrows began the SLA Review & DCA Committee's report. The report was halted

to allow for elections. It was resumed after the elections.

ELECTIONS

Chairperson Ms. Fuller noted that it was time for elections. The committee reports would be resumed after the elections take place. The Elections were conducted by voice via a roll call. Each member would state their choices for the Executive Committee and the Attendance Committee. The results were:

Chairperson		
Stephen Chesler:	14	
Dealice Fuller:	32 *	(Dealice Fuller received the most votes)
Fist Vice Chairperson		
Dana Rachlin:	13	
Simon Weiser:	34 *	(Simon Weiser received the most votes)
Second Vice Chairperson		
Del Teague:	47	
Third Vice Chairperson		
Gina Barros:	38 *	(Gina Barros received the most votes)
Julia Foster:	7	
Financial Secretary		
Maria Viera:	47	
Recording Secretary		
Sonia Iglesias	47	
Member At Large		
Philip Caponegro	47	
Attendance Committee		(All three members were voted in)
Eric Bruzaitus	47	
Sante Miceli	46	
Rabbi David Niederman	47	

There were congratulations offered to the winning candidates:

Executive Committee Dealice Fuller, Chairperson Simon Weiser, First Vice Chairperson Del Teague, Second Vice Chairperson Gina Barros, Third Vice Chairperson Maria Viera, Financial Secretary Sonia Iglesias, Recording Secretary Philip Caponegro, Member At Large

<u>Attendance Committee</u> Eric Bruzaitus, Sante Miceli, Rabbi David Niederman

<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u> (resumed)

<u>SLA Review & DCA Committee</u> – Mr. Burrows presented a written report (attached). The report was discussed. Ms. Moskovits asked about the applicants responding the committee meeting. Mr.

Burrows said that they are invited. The license for Giando was under question because of a conflicting address. They send a 30-day notice, and that the NYSLA needs to address their own process, because all they are asking applicants to do is only just file the 30-day notice. Mr. Bachorowski made a motion to support the committee's report. Ms. Kaminski seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was called. The vote was conducted via roll call. The vote was unanimous: 43 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS". The next meeting is on January 26, 2021. There are new applications and renewals, everyone should read the list and advise on any of the applicants. Approval of the renewals. Ms. Moskowits asked about making an effort to get them to come to the public forum. Mr. Burrows said that the NYSLA just requires that they (the applicant) send a notice. The report is relating that the new applications be denied. Mr. Bachorowski made a motion to support the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kaminski. The motion was carried, 42 "YES"; 1 "NO" (Kuonen); 0 "ABSTENTIONS". Parks & Waterfront Committee – Mr. Philip Caponegro submitted a written report. He discussed the items in it and noted that the committee voted to various take actions on the items:

(1.) <u>470 Kent Avenue & Waterfront Design</u> – Mr. Caponegro related that the committee met on the design and discussed various issues about it. There was concern about the design and elements. The committee is recommending that plans for the esplanade <u>must</u> adhere to the spirit of the 2009 Waterfront Guidelines Text Amendment, calling for direct access to the water, softer edges & surfaces, and curvilinear design. Mr. Chesler made a motion to support the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Iglesias. The motion was unanimously carried. The vote was as follows: 47 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS".

(2.) <u>Classon Avenue Triangle and Playground Parks</u>: The committee recommends sending a letter of support from CB#1 requesting that the Parks Department support upgrading Classon Triangle (replacing the sidewalk, upgrading trees, & adding fencing; and upgrading Classon Playground (located across the street) by adding playground equipment. Ms. Teague made a motion to support the committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bruzaitis. A voice vote was conducted, and the motion was unanimously carried. The vote was as follows: 47 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS".

At the meeting the members discussed the presentation about the Marsha P. Johnson State Park. The members voted to send a letter because of the community issues raised. Mr. Caponegro said that the committee will hold a meeting and have NYS Parks come to the meeting. He requested that the community board send a letter to the Governor about the lack of community input, and included the elected officials and the Parks commissioners, about the concerns. The letter goes to the governor and is "cc'd" to everyone else who is an elected official.

Land Use, Landmarks and Landmarks (subcommittee) Committee: Ms. Teague submitted a written report and discussed it. (attached)

Landmarks (subcommittee): Ms. McKeever submitted a written report. (attached)

<u>Economic Development Committee</u> – Ms. Moskovits submitted a written report. She reported on the various presentations that the committee received: (1.) EDC - Radhy Miranda: A presentation providing and overview of city programs that are available to support small

businesses during this time. He was joined at the meeting with fellow colleagues Ms. Cristina Yoder (Strategy Team); Ms. Lindsey Mayer (Planning Division); and Saner Dolder (Industry Development). <u>The Design Corps</u> helps connect design professionals to restaurant owners providing pro bono services in helping reopen, adapt and improve their dining spaces. The Design Corps Network was created in collaboration with AIA, Design Advocates, NYC X Design and NYC EDC. The Restaurant Design Initiative/Design Corp is focused on making sure restaurants are in compliance in terms of outdoor dining. Mr. Dolder discussed NYCEDC, in collaboration with NYC Department of Small Business Services and CIVLAB, and present their "Neighborhood Challenge Call-To-Action", an initiative designed to crowdsource solutions to support the city's commercial districts and small storefront businesses that are facing severe impacts due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Sander Dolder and Mr. Zach Owens presented on "Neighborhood Challenge: Tech Forward" Mr. Dolder gave an overview of the tech sector and explained that they take an ecosystem approach by working to grow jobs of the future, today. Sander explained that much of the hardship on small businesses such as food service industry, entertainment industry and personal care industry are suffering.

This initiative is focused on using technology to look at what the future of these industries are, what behavior changes need to be addressed and how technology can be used to support these necessary changes. Additional issues being examined: *How can we support the economy moving forward? How can we help small businesses right now? Helping small businesses recover is crucial to NYC's future.* The Tech Sector Program will facilitate collaboration between the public, private and nonprofit sectors as well as strengthen short term resiliency of small businesses and spur innovation and creative problem-solving. The neighborhood challenge will ideally focus on digitizing business models, redesigning establishment operations, curb management and public space reconfiguration and mitigating and activating storefront vacancies. They will help small businesses recover as they seek to reopen safely and responsibly.

(4.) <u>Joseph Frantz</u> – He discussed key considerations when conducting a lease renegotiation as well as the current retail and commercial landscape. Tenants often don't know their rights and are not aware that consensual resolutions are often the bar path forward in dealing with challenging times like this.

(5.) Jay Solly - RE: Sustainable United Neighborhood. Mr. Solly gave an update on neighborhood food relief throughout the pandemic and beyond. SUN has distributed over 205,000 meals, over 600 washable masks, and delivered 400 tons of produce. <u>Financial Secretary</u> – Ms. Viera provided a verbal report and discussed the board's budget. She tried to set up a meeting of the Board Budget, but because of the holidays, it was not possible. <u>Transportation Committee</u> – Mr. Bruzaitis, committee chair, presented a written report and discussed the different matters in it. He noted that it was a long meeting. The report is attached to the minutes.

PARKS DEPARTMENT MINUTE

Ms. Mary Salig-Husein, Regional Manager, North Brooklyn Parks, NYC Department of Parks and Recreation submitted a written report that was previously distributed for review.

PUBLIC SESSION

(Reserved for the Public's expression. Board Members will not be allowed to speak.) All persons who wish to speak during this portion of the meeting must register by sending an email to Community Board No. 1 at: BK01@cb.nyc.gov. Each scheduled participant for this session will have an allowance of two (2) minutes [time permitting.] (No questions will be entertained. Speakers are requested to submit their testimony in writing)

Mr. Daniel Grossman, resident, withdrew his request to speak.

Ms. Jennifer Hegarty, spoke the food security and the SNAP Program being a high priority. She submitted her comments in writing (see attached).

ANNOUNCEMENTS: ELECTED OFFICIALS – Called in the order of signup.

Assemblywoman Maritza Davila addressed the board members.

Ms. Evelyn Cruz, from Congresswoman Valezquez's Office, spoke regarding public housing (i.e. RAD/PACT programs) and funding from Washington.

Mr. Ben Solataire, from Council Member Levin's Office spoke.

Ms. Katie Brenan, from Assembly member Gallagher's office was acknowledged, but she did not speak.

Mr. Edward Cerna, from the Mayor's Office, spoke and provided a few updates.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Viera made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vega. The motion was unanimously carried. The board meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sueno Stallin

Marie Bueno Wallin Assistant District Manager

Reviewed by:

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Sonia Iglesias Recording Secretary

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January 12, 2021

COMMITTEE REPORT

Land Use, ULURP Committee & Landmarks (subcommittee) Committee

TO:	Chairperson Dealice Fuller and CB#1 Board Members
FROM:	Del Teague, Committee Chair
RE:	Report from January 4, 2021 Committee Meeting

DEALICE FULLER

CHAIRPERSON

GERALD A. ESPOSITO

DISTRICT MANAGER

The Land Use, ULURP & Landmarks (subcommittee) Committee met via WEBEX on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 6:30 PM, via WEBEX. The Landmarks Subcommittee has submitted a report under separate cover.

<u>ATTENDANCE</u>: Present - Teague; Viera; McKeever; Barros; Chesler; Kaminski; Drinkwater; Miceli; Rabbi Niederman; Nieves; Sofer; Weiser; Weidberg; Vega (board members); *Berger; (*non board member committee member).

Absent: Indig; Katz; Lebovits; Solano; (board members); *Li; (*non board member committee member). [A quorum was present]

• <u>Continued Discussion with City Planning</u> - The committee resumed its discussions with City Planning (DCP) regarding giving CB#1 more flexibility with available zoning tools, including the tools that are being discussed for the Gowanus area. The committee will begin its discussion about developing a cohesive plan for zoning throughout the Greenpoint/Williamsburg community, especially in CB#1's manufacturing areas and with large-scale developments.

Alex Sommer, Kerensa Wood, and Alexandra Paty Diaz were present from DCP. Also joining us were Richard Bearak, representing the Borough President's office, Ben Solotaire, representing Councilmember Levin, and Asher Freeman, representing Councilmember Reynoso.

Alex Sommer presented an overview of commercial and industrial zoning and how to decipher the different use groups. Attached are the charts outlining his presentation. Mr. Sommer also informed us that the intent of the use groups and the parking requirements are outdated, because they reflect community needs from the 1950's, when people were leaving the city to live in the suburbs and had to drive to the city where they still worked. We have seen, at least pre-covid, a gradual change in these patterns, resulting in movement back to the cities and a trend toward walking, biking, or taking public transportation to work. Mr. Sommer told us that the current parking requirements are the biggest hurdle to business development, because most of the ground floor is taken up by under-used parking spaces.

Mr. Sommer also told us that pre-covid we were seeing a trend in high value areas for developers to forego residential development and to build out commercially, because of the availability of higher commercial rates.

We also discussed conflicting ideas regarding whether to allow large night-life venues to take over our manufacturing areas. Mr. Solotaire and Ms. Freeman explained that both councilmembers support this Community Board's concern about the vulnerability of our manufacturing districts to the encroachment of these night-life venues. They want the entertainment uses restricted with long term planning to see how to retain industrial use.

It appeared to the committee members that, in light of the city's recognition of a need to update the zoning intents, a reevaluation of our zoning needs and wants is timely.

<u>New tools proposed in Gowanus</u> – Mr. Sommer, Mr. Bearak,, Mr. Solotaire, and Ms. Freeman discussed the proposed zoning changes for the Gowanus area. The plan has not yet been officially approved. A detailed outline of the plan is available online. The goal is to provide more affordable housing; provide new jobs across a variety of sectors; and facilitate community resources like new open space, parks, and schools; facilitate a resilient shoreline and cleaned up brownfields. The additional housing, new schools, cleanup, and open space would be balanced by allowing larger building envelopes.

The proposal would allow the community to use additional FAR tools, adding 2,3 and 4 FAR categories. Although the new regulations would result in larger building envelopes (for the purpose of allowing greater ceiling heights to accommodate commercial, industrial, and manufacturing needs) there would be height restrictions which do not currently exist. There would be no parking requirement for non-residential development.

Proposed city-wide text to require special permits for new hotels -

Finally, after many requests by this Board, the city is considering an amendment in all mixed-use and commercial districts to require special permits for new hotel applications. The hotel developers will have to meet requirements with respect to uses, neighborhood character, effect on surrounding residents and traffic, etc.

As with all special permits, the applications will come to the Community Boards, the Borough President and the City Counsel.

There will be a scoping meeting on January 22, 2021 at 2pm. Our office is inquiring about access to the meeting.

<u>Future Discussions</u> – The committee members agreed to familiarize themselves with the Gowanus Plan and the North Brooklyn Study. We will talk further about the geography of our district and our wants for zoning and uses throughout the district.

With respect to our manufacturing and mixed-use areas, we will also discuss further ideas for more equity for our IBZ businesses that were not included in the 14-block re-zoning around 25 Kent Avenue. Richard Bearak will be a valuable resource in working through this issue.

We also agreed to explore with DCP, the Borough President's office, and our two Councilmembers the possibility of requiring developers to provide support for off-site open space and enforcing un-met conditions by developers to provide space for community facilities.

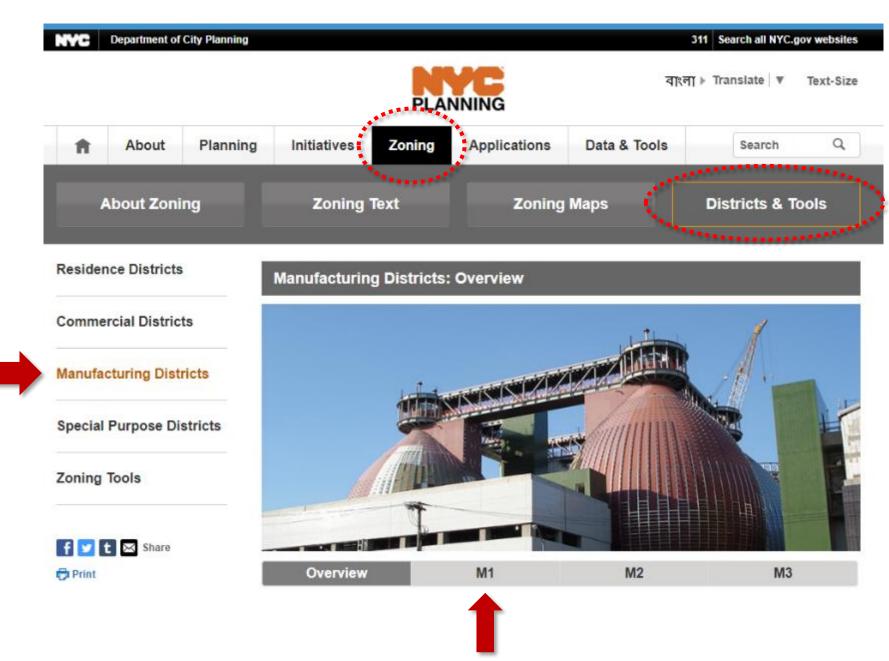
Alex Sommer, Richard Bearak, Ben Solotaire, and Asher Freeman assured us that DCP, the Borough President's office, and our two Councilmembers will work with us as we progress in formulating our plan.

Commercial and Industrial Zoning Summary for Brooklyn Community Board 1

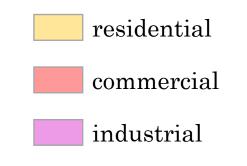
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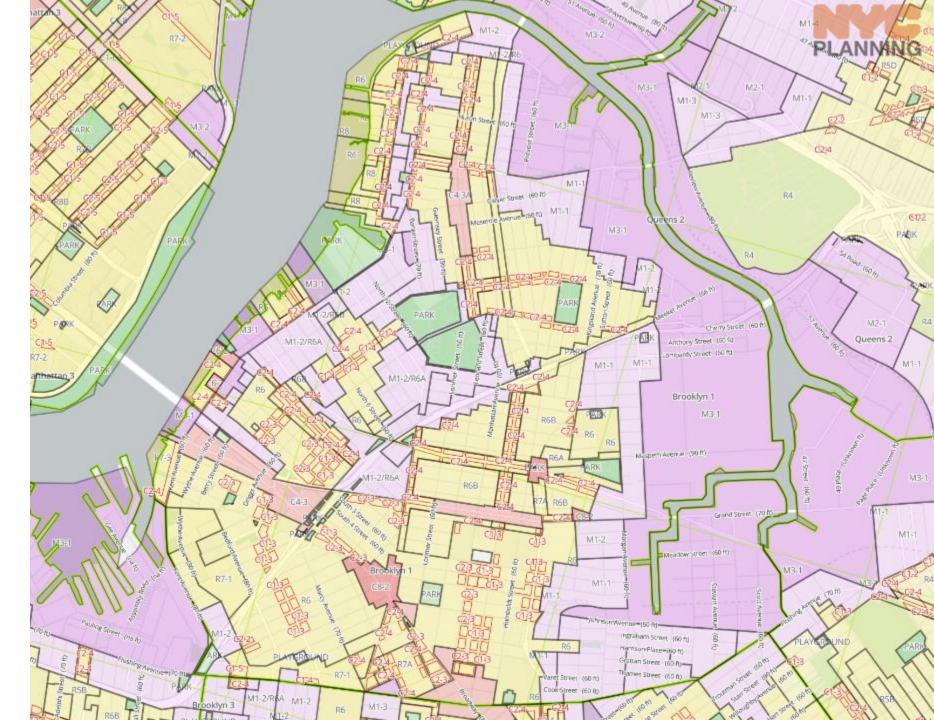


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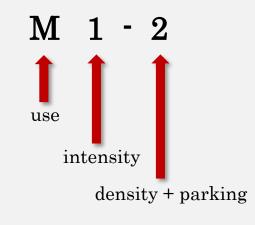
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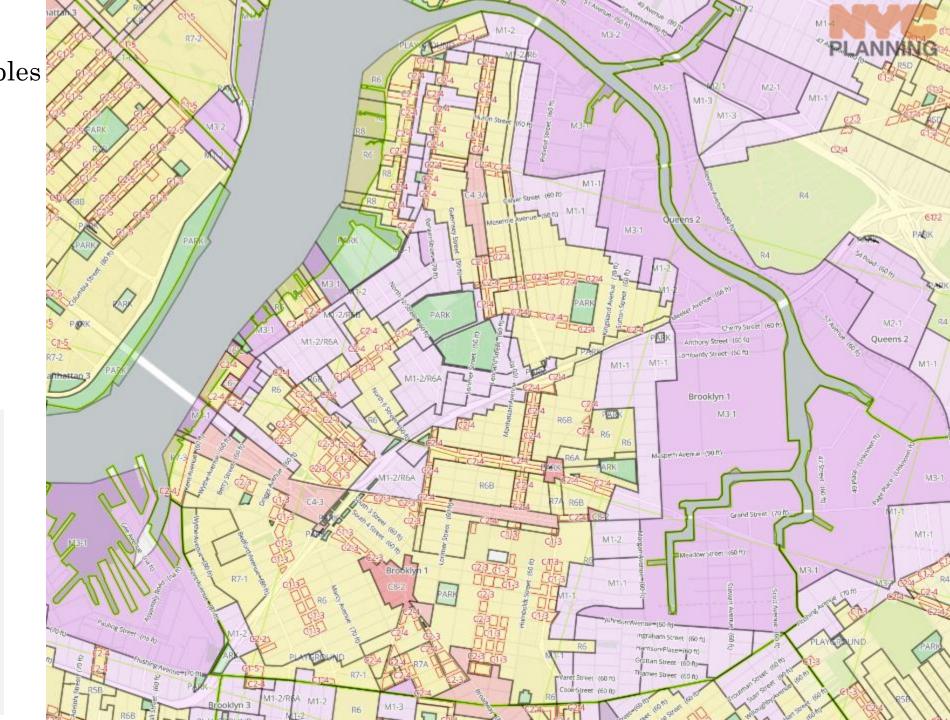




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Understanding Zoning Districts





M1-M3 Manufacturing Districts



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Use Group 6 – Retail and service establishments that serve local shopping needs, such as food and small clothing stores, beauty parlors and dry cleaners, as well as offices (ZR 32-15)

Use Group 7 — Home maintenance and repair services, such as plumbing and electrical shops which serve nearby residential areas (ZR 32-16)

Use Group 8 – Amusement establishments such as movie theaters and small bowling alleys, service uses such as appliance repair shops, as well as car rental and public parking facilities (ZR 32-17)

Use Group 9 – Business and other services, such as printers or caterers (ZR 32-18)

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Use Group 10 – Large retail establishments that serve a large area such as department stores and appliance stores (ZR 32-19)

Use Group 11 – Custom manufacturing activities such as for jewelry or clothing (ZR 32-20)

Use Group 12 – Large entertainment facilities that draw large numbers of people such as arenas and indoor skating rinks (ZR 32-21)

Use Group 13 – Low coverage or open amusement uses, such as golf driving ranges, and children's small amusement parks, camps (ZR 32-22)

Use Group 14 – Facilities for boating and related activities which are suitable in waterfront recreation areas (ZR 32-23)

Use Group 15 – Large commercial amusement establishments, including typical amusement park attractions such as Ferris wheels and roller coasters (ZR 32-24)

Use Group 16 – Automotive and semi-industrial uses, such as automotive repair, gas stations, custom woodworking and welding shops (ZR 32-25)

Use Group 17 – Light industrial uses that can normally conform to high performance standards, such as appliance manufacturing or contractor yards (ZR 42-14)

Use Group 18 – Heavy industrial uses, such as cement plants, meat or fish preparation, and junk yards (ZR 42-15)

Permitted Uses

The city's Manufacturing Districts generally permit a wide range of industrial and commercial uses. Industrial uses, which are listed in Use Groups 17 and 18, are permitted in M1, M2 and M3 Districts according to the characteristics of their operations. Each of the three Manufacturing Districts incorporates different minimum performance standards (ZR 42-20), with the most stringent performance standards required in M1 Districts. Since 1961, many of these performance standards have been superseded by other City, State, or Federal environmental regulations, which in many instances are more restrictive.

In general, the more potentially noxious uses, such as power plants and fuel supply depots in Use Group 18, are limited to M3 Districts, but they may also locate in M1 and M2 Districts if they comply with the higher performance standards of those districts. Light manufacturing uses (Use Group 17), such as woodworking shops, repair services and wholesale service and storage facilities, are permitted in all three Manufacturing Districts.

Commercial uses are permitted as-of-right in M1 Districts with few exceptions (ZR 42-10). However, certain retail uses with over 10,000 square feet of floor area – such as food, clothing, furniture, and department stores – require a *City Planning Commission (CPC) special permit* (ZR 42-30).

In M2 and M3 Districts, Use Group 5 transient hotels are not permitted. Certain categories of retail and service uses in Use Groups 6A, 6C, 9A, 10A and 12B are limited in size or not permitted at all.

Certain community facility uses in Use Group 4, primarily houses of worship and medical offices, are permitted as-of-right in M1 Districts, while others such as schools and hospitals are allowed only by a special permit from the *Board of Standards and Appeals* or the CPC (ZR 42-31, 42-32). Community facilities are not permitted in M2 and M3 Districts.

Commercial and manufacturing uses, except for materials or product storage and uses for which a specific exception is made in the use group regulations, are subject to special enclosure requirements (ZR 42-41). Such uses are required to be enclosed in M1 Districts, as well as M2 or M3 Districts located close to Residence Districts. In other instances, M2 and M3 Districts do not require enclosure. Open storage of materials or products is not permitted in M1 Districts close to a Residence District. Elsewhere in M1 Districts, and in M2 and M3 Districts close to a Residence District boundary, such open storage is required to be screened (ZR 42-42).

Except in special circumstances, no new residences are permitted in any Manufacturing District. In M1-5A and M1-5B Districts, located only in SoHo and NoHo, artists may occupy joint living-work quarters for artists as an industrial use (ZR 42-14). In M1-5M and M1-6M Districts mapped in Midtown South, older buildings can be converted to residential use by CPC Chair certification if specified percentages of floor area are preserved for commercial or manufacturing use (ZR 15-21), or by CPC special permit if preservation is not feasible (ZR 74-782). In M1-1D through M1-5D Districts, new residential uses are permitted by CPC authorization (ZR 42-47), in recognition of pre-existing residential buildings. In M1-6D Districts, new residential buildings are permitted as-of-right and small existing buildings can also be converted to residential use as-of-right, while commercial and community facility uses are subject to special provisions intended to ensure a robust supply of space for nonresidential activities (ZR 42-48).

In Special Mixed Use Districts, residential and nonresidential uses (commercial, community facility and light industrial) are allowed as-of-right and can be located side-by-side or within the same building, within certain limits based on the environmental ratings of materials used within industrial businesses. To accomplish this, an M1 District is paired with an R3 through R10District, such as M1-2/R6. Most light industrial uses are permitted in MX Districts as-of-right; others are subject to restrictions, and Use Group 18 uses are not allowed, except for small breweries (ZR 123-22).

Key Takeaways

Use Groups

Complex and unchanged since 1961 Uses to be kept away from residences

Performance Standards

Now mostly regulated by other Agencies

"Big Box" limitations

Retail mostly restricted < 10,000 sf

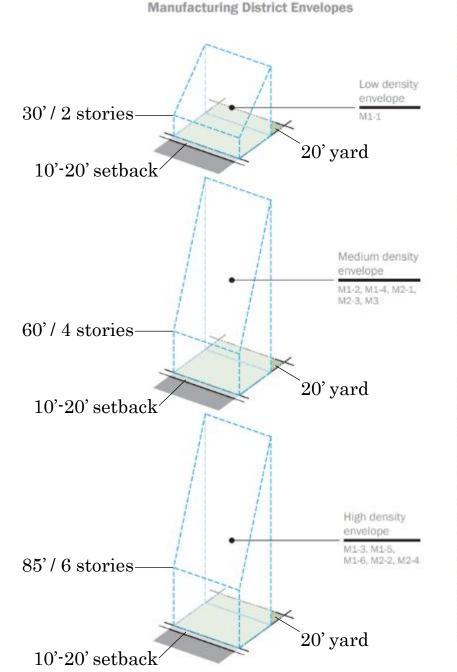
Community Facilities

Only houses of worship and medical offices, Schools allowed by BSA

Environmental Regulations

Permits also dictate use location and mixing





Permitted Bulk

Floor area ratio (FAR) is the primary instrument for controlling building size in Manufacturing Districts. FARs ranging from 1.0 in M1-1 to 10.0 in M1-6 regulate the size of buildings in these districts (ZR 43-12). Special regulations permit a higher FAR to allow the limited enlargement of manufacturing businesses in buildings built before 1961. In M1 Districts, permitted community facility uses are generally allowed a higher FAR, and bonuses are permitted for public plazas and arcades in M1-6 Districts.

In all Manufacturing Districts there are no requirements for *front* or *side yards*. *Rear yards* on *interior lots* are required to be 20 feet deep, while *through lots* require a 40-foot *rear yard equivalent* above the ground floor (ZR 43-20). If the Manufacturing District is located next to a Residence District, there are requirements for deeper rear yards and for minimum side yards to provide sufficient separation between buildings in the two districts (ZR 43-30). Like Commercial Districts, there are no *lot coverage* limitations in any Manufacturing District.

Building heights in Manufacturing Districts are governed by a sky exposure plane (ZR 43-40). Similar to noncontextual Commercial Districts, there are three separate sets of sky exposure planes for low, medium and high density Manufacturing Districts. They vary in the maximum height permitted close to the street (highest in high density districts) and the steepness of the sky exposure plane, which varies based on the width of the adjoining street and is steepest in high density districts. In addition, an alternate option permits a steeper sky exposure plane for buildings on sites where an open area is provided along the street line, and the entirety of the building is constructed behind this open area. Towers are permitted to penetrate the sky exposure plane in a number of zoning districts (M1-3 through M1-6) as long as they meet certain size and locational standards (ZR 43-45).

In MX Districts, residential uses are generally subject to the bulk controls of the governing Residence District. Commercial, community facility and industrial uses are subject to the M1 District bulk controls, except that community facility uses are subject to the residential FAR limits. Special lot coverage, yard and height and setback regulations apply (ZR 123-60).



Key Takeaways

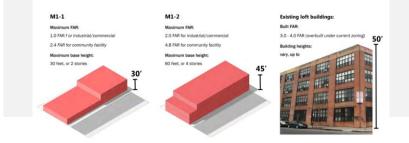
Floor Area Ratios (FAR) Only 1, 2, 5, or 10

MX Districts

Mixed buildings guided by residential uses

Parking + Loading

Based on 1950's "drive to work" Takes up most of ground floor Biggest zoning hurdle to build new space



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M3

M1

Permitted Uses	 Industrial/Manufacturing Most Retail (most < 10,000sf) Nightlife/Entertainment Office Self-Storage (limited in IBZ's) Hotels (limited in all M districts) Limited Community Facilities 	 Industrial/Manufacturing Limited Retail (most < 10,000sf) Nightlife/Entertainment Office Self-Storage (limited in IBZ's) 	 Industrial/Manufacturing Limited Retail (most < 10,000sf) Nightlife/Entertainment Office Self-Storage (limited in IBZ's)
Permitted FAR	 1.0 (M1-1) 2.0 (M1-2, M1-4) 5.0 (M1-3, M1-5) 10.0 (M1-6 	 2.0 (M2-1, M2-3) 5.0 (M2-2, M2-4) 	• 2.0 FAR (M3-1, M3-2)
Parking	 M1-4, M1-5, M1-6: No Parking Requirements All other M1 districts: Industrial/Manufacturing: 1/1,000 sf Storage: 1/2,000 sf Food Stores: 1/200 sf Retail & Office: 1/300 sf 	 M2-3, M2-4: No Parking Requirements All other M2 districts: Industrial/Manufacturing: 1/1,000 sf Storage: 1/2,000 sf Food Stores: 1/200 sf Retail & Office: 1/300 sf 	 M3-2 district: No Parking Requirements M3-1 district: Industrial/Manufacturing: 1/1,000 sf Storage: 1/2,000 sf Food Stores: 1/200 sf Retail & Office: 1/300 sf

M2

Recent Studies + Zoning Changes



Industrial Business Incentive Area IBZ Special Permit (2016)

Self-Storage Text Amendment IBZ Special Permit (2017)

Hotel Text Amendment v1 M1 Special Permit (2018)

Industrial Mixed-Use Study Findings Report (2018)

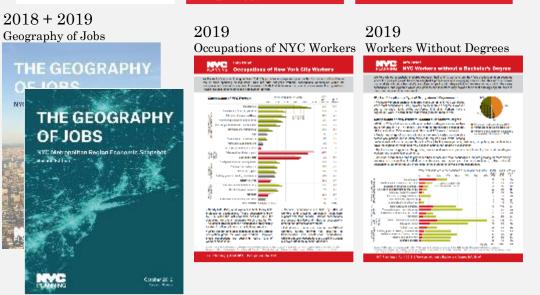
North Brooklyn Industry & Innovation Plan Study Report (2018) Land Use Framework (2019)

Employment Studies

2014 Employment in M Districts Employment In New York City's Manufacturing Districts







Other business considerations

Goods Movement

- Truck, rail, and barge access, tolls, traffic, fuel costs
- Shipping containers, last-mile and distribution

Customer and Employee Access

- Site visits, showrooms, amenities
- Skills and education, wages, transit access

Development Costs

- Land, remediation, construction and materials, labor
- Soft costs, permits and approvals

Other Expenses

- Energy, gas, water/sewer, carting, raw materials
- Taxes, licensing, and regulations
- Nuisances and 311 complaints



Outdated loading facilities that cannot accommodate modern tractor trailer







Difficulty backing trucks into loading berths on narrow streets

What gets built



M1-2 (Bogart St)



C8-2 (Maspeth Ave)

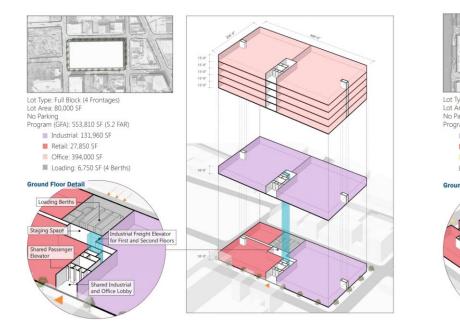


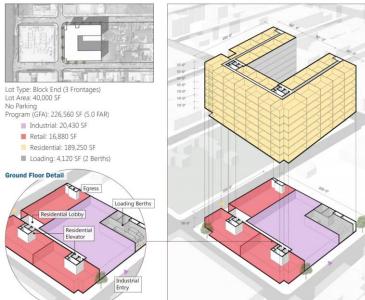
M1-2/R6A (N 6th St)

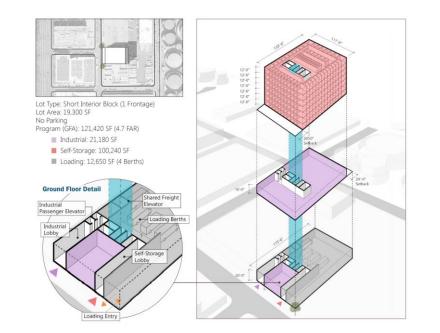


Building Studies



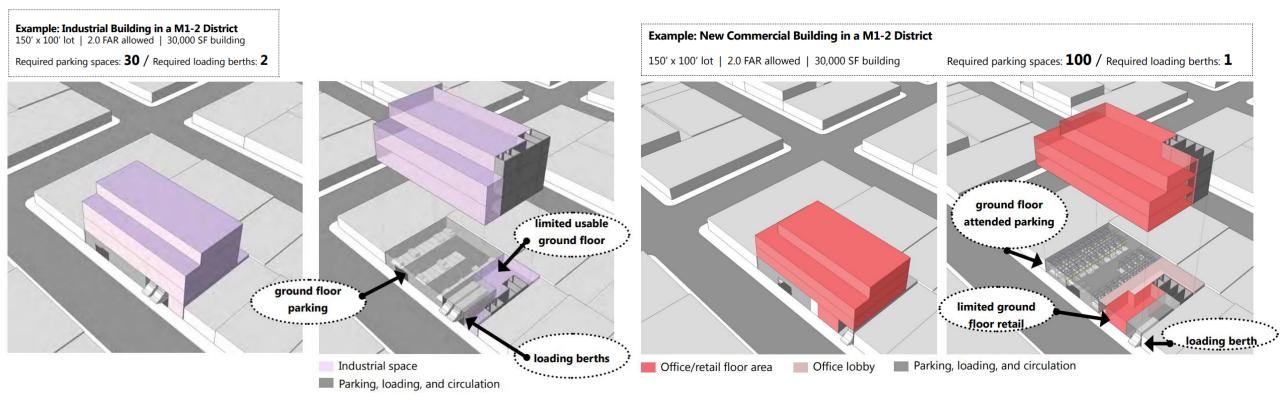




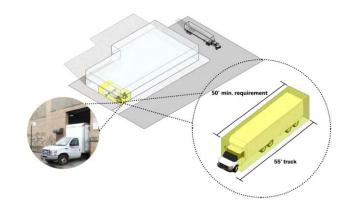


Building Studies





Off-street loading requirements today



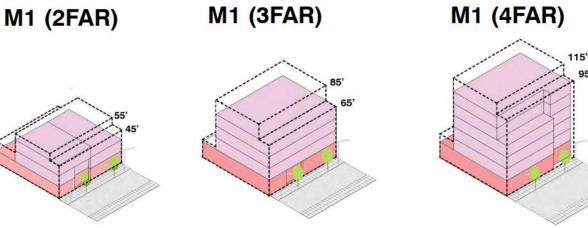
Proposed Zoning: M1(2), M1(3) & M1(4)*

Key Specs:

- New mid-density loft districts
- Retail/Entertainment at 2 FAR across all
- Other uses increased to 3 or 4 (industrial, community facility, other commercial)
- No parking requirements for non-residential



For sites over 20,000 sf in area, an additional 30 feet in height will be provided for added flexibility to accommodate office and other job-generating uses



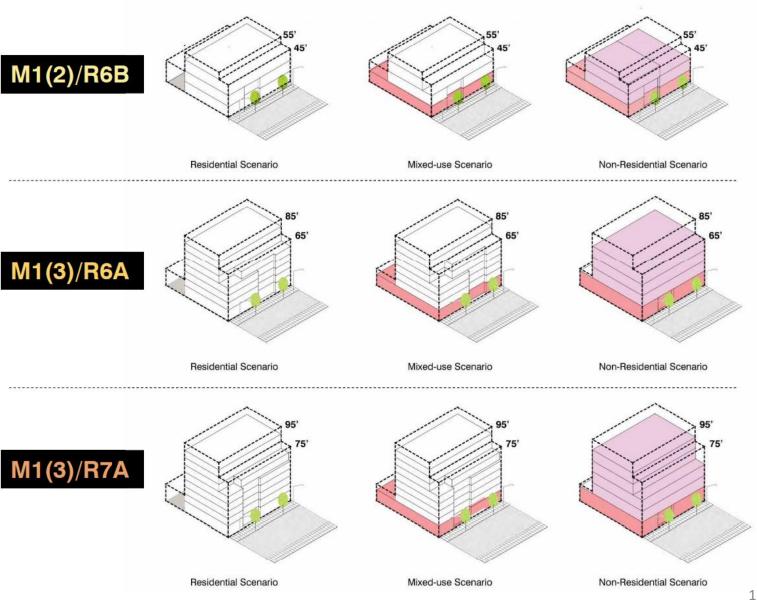




Proposed Zoning: M1(2)/R6B, M1(3)/R6A, M1(3)/R7A

Key Specs:

- Parity with mid-density loft districts
- MIH: 20 to 30% required permanently affordable housing
- Residential FAR:
 - R6B: 2.2
 - R6A: 3.6
 - R7A: 4.6
- Market-rate residential parking requirements to 20%

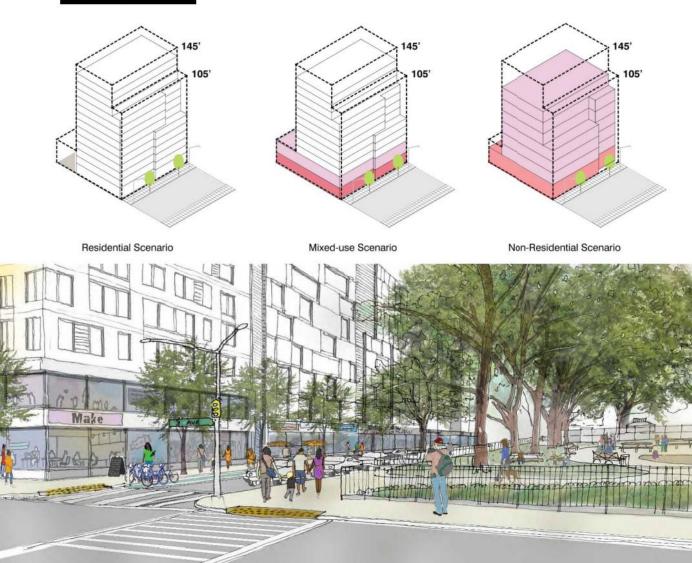




Proposed Zoning: M1(4)/R7X

- Key Specs:
- · Parity with mid-density loft districts
- MIH: 20 to 30% permanently affordable housing
- Residential FAR:
 - R7X: 5.6
- Total Max FAR: 6.0
 - Achieved only in buildings with non-residential and Gowanus mix of uses
- Required Non-Residential Ground Floor Use in select areas
- Market-rate residential parking requirements to 20%

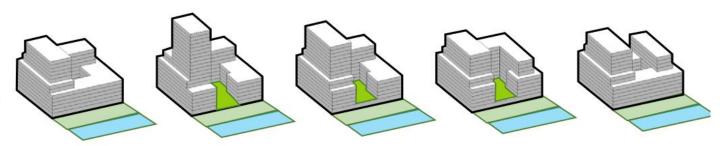
M1(4)/R7X





Proposed Zoning: M1(3) / R7-2*

Purpose: Leverage the unique nature of the Canal to create a vibrant, accessible, resilient and diverse waterfront esplanade with a mix of uses, new housing, including new permanently affordable housing, commercial, artist and maker space.



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Link:

https://www1.nyc.gov/site/nycengage/events/city-planning-scoping-meeting-for-citywide-hotel-textamendment/287203/1

City Planning Scoping Meeting for Citywide Hotel Text Amendment

Olga Abinader oabinad@planning.nyc.gov

Jan 22, 2am - 5pm

Videoconference or Phone

The end time is an estimate and the event may end before or after 05:00 PM.

Scoping meetings give the public a voice in a proposal's environmental impact statement, a document disclosing environmental impacts and mitigation.

How to Participate

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Submit Written Comments

Please email comments to 21DCP111Y DL@planning.nyc.gov

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Meeting Materials

Agenda and presentations will be posted at the Dept. of City Planning.



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January 11, 2012

COMMITTEE REPORT

SLA REVIEW AND DCA COMMITTEE

- TO: Chairperson Dealice Fuller & CB#1 Board Members
- FROM: Mr. Thomas J. Burrows, Committee Chair
- RE: SLA Review and DCA Committee Meeting of December 22, 2020

A meeting of the SLA/DCA Review Committee was held on Tuesday, December 22, 2020, at 6:30pm via WEBEX/Virtual Meeting.

ATTENDANCE:

Present - Burrows, Committee Chair; Bachorowski, Committee Co-chair; Barros; Bruzaitis; Dybanowski, Foster; Cohen (non-board committee member). Absent -Sofer; Solano; Stuart; Torres. (A quorum was present)

Members of the SLA/DCA Committee were Participants in the WEBEX meeting and as has been the custom, all non-Committee members and Public other than one Board member, participated as attendees. It is the Chair's understanding that only Committee members are Participants, but a special request was made for this Board member. This will be raised at the Full Board meeting

The SLA/DCA Committee returned to the regular schedule of holding a review meeting on the Fourth Thursday of each month. In non-COVID19 restrictive times, this meeting was to hear presentations from the applicants whose Liquor License New and Renewal Applications were listed on the Public Hearing Agenda of the preceding Community Board meeting. The

GB 1 greenpoint williamsburg Committee meeting of December 22, 2020 was for the review of items listed on the December 8, 2020, public meeting. This was a short list of 4 New and 6 Renewal applications.

The list had been provided to both the 90 & 94 Precinct for their consideration and both contacted the Chair and stated there were no issues with any of the renewal requests.

At the last Full Board meeting the Committee recommended to the Full Board a Temporary Method of Review during the period of virtual meetings. The recommendation that was approved was:

SLA/DCA Meetings are regularly scheduled yearly for the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. Upon receipt of the 30-Day Notice of New/Renewal Application, included with the CB#1 acknowledgment of receipt of the notice the applicant will be invited as an Attendee to the next scheduled SLA/DCA Committee meeting conducted via WEBEX/Virtual Meeting. With this invite the applicant will be provided the CB#1 application/questionnaire with stipulations. This must be completed, signed and returned two (2) weeks prior to the SLA/DCA Committee meeting. The Committee can then review the application/questionnaire electronically prior to the committee meeting and raise any issues and concerns with the applicant.

The applicant will also be advised that they must notify and obtain signatures regarding their application from residents within the building in which they want to operate and conduct as much outreach and obtain signatures from neighboring building residents as is possible within health guidelines. The applicant must also conspicuously post notice of their application and the date and time of meetings and contact information for the Community Board. The applicant must also advise the Community Board of any use of outdoor space under the COVID guidelines for use of outdoor space without DCA Sidewalk Café permit.

The Committee reviewed the list of New and Renewal applications presented at the December 8, 2020, Public Hearing. There were no issues or concerns regarding any of the renewal applications. However, it was recommended that a letter of inquiry be sent to the SLA regarding the appropriate addresses for the renewal for Giando on the Water, Inc. The application lists the addresses of 412-420 Kent Avenue. One or more of those addresses encompasses newly constructed residential buildings and the Renewal License needs to be clear on the exact parameters of the license. At the time, the Committee did not have a quorum to vote but consensus recommended that the Chair be empowered to advise the full board that the six(6) items listed under Renewal be approved.

The Committee discussed the New Applications. There were a number of members of the public who did attend the meeting. Some of them wished to address the new applications, particularly those on Franklin Street.

The Committee first inquired about the application of the new review policy to the 4 New Applications. The applicants were all advised regarding the new review policy and none of the applicants responded with the requested materials or attended the Committee meeting. Therefore the Committee recommends that the Full Board vote to recommend to the SLA to not approve any of the new license requests.

Residents and non-alcohol serving merchants addressed the Committee regarding the proliferation of liquor licenses on Franklin Street and the loss of other businesses. The Milton Street Block Association particularly objected to the application for 130 Franklin Street. This location had been Shayz Lounge until January 2019, and for approximately a six-month period it was Magazine. Sante Miceli, the non-Committee Board Member participant in the meeting, spoke on behalf of the Milton Street Block Association regarding the need to take a more proactive response to the proliferation of bars/restaurants at the expense of small retailers and other merchants. He related that the location has been a nuisance with noise, and backyard use. There are many, many bars on Franklin Street. The Block Association has reached agreements with some such as 132 Franklin Street and they would like the Committee to include the need to work with Block Groups in the Committees considerations.

Other residents asked regarding the 500' Hearing for 115 Franklin Street and whether it had occurred prior to the Community Board consideration. It was pointed out that the SLA has a 22-26-week backlog but that they often pull select bars out of the queue and it is not known by the Committee how this occurs. The Committee chair reminded all the attendees that the SLA is a NY State agency, and they should be contacting their State Assemblyperson and State Senator regarding SLA procedures. There was discussion by other speakers regarding 99 Franklin Street that replaced a Woman-owned business which could not afford the rent that a bar could pay to a landlord. The loss of other non-alcoholic businesses was also raised such as "Home of the Brave" which was also a woman-owned business. It was suggested that both the Women's Committee and the Economic Development Committee should be informed.

The next meeting of the SLA/DCA Review Committee, via WEBEX, is scheduled for Tuesday, January 26, 2021, at 6:30pm. Included in the Public Meeting Notice for the Full Board meeting of January 12, 2021 is the list of 17 New and 16 Renewal Liquor License applications. Please review the list and inform the SLA/DCA Committee before our meeting date of any issues or concerns you may have with any of the applicants.



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January 12, 2021

COMMITTEE REPORT

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

- TO: Chairperson Dealice Fuller and CB #1 Board Members
- FROM: Mr. Eric Bruzaitis, Committee Chair
- RE: Committee Report from Tuesday, January 5, 2021 Meeting

The Transportation Committee met Tuesday, January 5, 2021 (CALLED TO ORDER: 6:35 PM; ADJOURNED: 9:32 PM) via WEBEX virtual meeting platform. A quorum was met.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Bruzaitis; Weiser; Drinkwater; Elkins; Goldstein; Klagsbald; Kuonen; Lebovits; Nieves; Odomirok; Vega; Costa (*) [non-board committee member] Absent: Argento; Stuart. (A quorum was achieved)

AGENDA

(1.) Open Streets Program. Discussion with community stakeholders to address best practices to assign & maintain future open street designations II: Enforcement, Emergency Services and Sanitation.

Captain Kathleen Fahey of the 94th Precinct; Captain Mark Vazquez of the 90th Precinct; Captain Michael Gannon & Ms. Sarah Sanchez of FDNY Bureau of Community Affairs ; Mr. Steven Caruso of DSNY Bureau of Community Affairs; Mr. Kyle Gorman with the NYCDOT Open Streets Program (OSP) & Ms. Ronda Messer of NYCDOT were in attendance to address issues related to OSP maintenance from emergency and sanitation response to the existing program. Mr.

Noel Hidalgo was also a panelist in his role as co-founder of North Brooklyn Open Streets Community Coalition (NBOPSCC).

Capt .Fahey:

-In the 94th Pct there were a large number of 311 complaints at the inception of OSP -Majority were for:

Loud music, street parties, no social distancing, excessive litter and barriers either broken, missing, out after OSP hours. Many of these complaints were about conditions along Berry Street.

-Complaints are down since the colder weather began.

-94th Pct has been able to negotiate barriers without significant reductions in response times.

-Additional data has been requested and will be made available.

Capt. Vazquez:

-90th Pct overall has not received a significant number of complaints.

-Has had some issues with damaged barricades, but they have been replaced and they are set out and removed at the appropriate times largely without incident.

-Additional data has been requested and will be made available.

Ms. Sanchez (FDNY):

-FDNY has heard similar complaints and continues to work with agencies internally to address problems

-Data on down response times on OSP streets not available at the time of the meeting, however committee will follow up FDNY Community Affairs for any statistics for North Brooklyn.

-Not aware of any issues specific to North Brooklyn at this time.

Unfortunately, due to technical difficulties, Capt. Gannon's verbal testimony could not be received. Committee will follow up for future meeting discussions

Mr. Caruso (DSNY):

-DSNY needs assistance with messaging overall: citywide non compliance for 18" curb cleaning & alternate side parking (ASP) regs.

-Since Spring lockdown, there has been an overall slowdown in tickets has led to laxity in moving for ASP. This could be a factor in the litter buildup on OSP streets.

-A supervisor can be assigned to ride with a mechanical brush in the next few weeks and inform the Committee of issues specific to OSP.

-Collection on OSP has meant moving pickups to later in the evening or early as possible to avoid conflicts with barricades.

-Since the start of the Open Restaurant Program, there have been problems with sanitation workers not seeing bags because they are obscured by restaurant structures. This has been improving but remains an issue the agency is addressing internally.

Committee:

Ms. Ryan Kuonen:

- 94th Pct. patrols have been witnessed driving against traffic on Berry Street, creating a dangerous condition.

-How are OSP access issues documented by NYPD?

-Hard data is needed before we move forward with this discussion.

-NYPD has sabotaged or removed barricades at the wrong times.

-Feels there has been a lot of hostility to the OSP by the 94th Pct.

-Inquired about the status of the officer involved in a motorcycle fatality recently.

Agency Response:

Capt. Fahey:

-Barricade placement and damage is a city-wide problem at the outset.

-The destruction associated with the Indian Larry event this summer resulted in a criminal complaint and investigation.

-The Pct. can go thru complaint log analyitcs to assess how complaints have been addressed and report back with a sample. Also, can compare responses/outcomes pre and post OSP. will take sample before and after to OSP.

-The officer involved in the fatality is not currently on the road and is on injury leave.

Mr. Kevin Costa:

-When will data be available from NYPD on 311 complaints, summonses etc?

-There have been some reports of speeding on open streets. What is being done?

-There have been reports of DSNY trucks driving thru barricades. What is being done?

-Supports the OSP and hopes it continues.

Agency Response:

Capt. Fahey:

-94th Pct. will take direction from the board's request to assess metrics of most concern and report back.

-Unless an officer witnesses the speeding violation it is difficult to enforce. A citizen can submit video of reckless driving, but it must then go to the District Attorney's office for follow up. Captain Vazquez:

-Speed limit is 25mph unless otherwise posted.

-The 5mph notice for OSP is 'suggested' and technically hard to write a summons under 25mph. -Additional signage can help alert motorists to speed changes.

Mr. Caruso:

-Any DSNY witnessed acting in an unsafe manor should be reported to the DSNY or 311. (Ms. Ryan Kuonen noted that DSNY was crashing barricades at the start but not any more).

Ms. Erin Drinkwater:

-Supports OSP.

-Voices of concern around OSP must also be heard.

Ms. Karen Nieves:

-Lit drops are needed for the surveys, they are not reaching enough residents with the online survey. Has DOT considered mailings.

-Polish and Spanish surveys need to get out there.

-Also raised concerns about speeding on OSP streets.

Agency response: Mr. Kyle Gorman, NYCDOT: -A door to door canvas of businesses was conducted last week with surveys. -DOT is looking to improve its outreach to those that are not tech-proficient. -There is an order in now for additional Spanish and Polish surveys.

Mr. T. Willis Elkins:

-It seems Grattan St has been removed from the OSP.

Mr. Gorman: That is a partner managed street with Pine Box. It is still OSP street, but he will check and report back.

Mr. Eric Bruzaitis:

-Thanked agencies for their attendance and offers to report back on concerns raised during the meeting.

-Asked Mr. Gorman if there are future OSP streets planned in the spring.

-Voiced gentle criticisms of survey bias and problems submitting the completed form. Mr. Gorman:

-There have been some issues using Survey Monkey. But it should be working.

-There is no plan to add streets to the OSP in North Brooklyn at this time. DOT OSP is focused on improving conditions on the existing streets and thinking about broader uses for them.

Public Comments:

Mr. Noel Hidalgo was recognized to respond to committee concerns as well as agency interactions.

-Early on there were problems with barriers but Captain Fahey has been very responsive.

-NBOPCC has asked for alternating direction changes on Berry to avoid thru-street speeding on Berry Street.

-NBOPCC worked with NYPD on large bright corrugated plastic signs detailing the rules of street, including a 5mph suggested speed limit.

Agency responses:

Mr. Caruso:

-Does not believe alternating street direction on Berry Street is operationally feasible.

Captain Fahey:

-NYPD would only be able to assess alternating street direction once it is in place.

Ms. Monika Bolino:

-Lives on Russel Street OSP.

-Is concerned that EMS and FDNY having to move barriers.

-Thought that the barricades are meant to be navigated around, rather than having motorists physically move it. Can new barricades be used to make this possible.

-Double barricades need to go. -Russel should be taken off the OSP list.

Agency response: Mr. Gorman: -NYC DOT is working on new and clearer signage. -The OSP was designed for safety and not convenience. That is why the barricades are placed where they are. But that can be reassessed. -Links for OSP survey: English https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NorthBKOpenStreets Spanish https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NorthBKOpenStreetsSpanish Polish https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NorthBKOpenStreetsPolishp.

Mr. Kevin LaCherra:

Uses McGorlick Park often and feels the Russel & Driggs OSP designation works well.

Ms. Victoria Cambranes:

-OSP has been undemocratic and doesn't listen to the voices of those living on open streets. Landlords and tenants need to be heard.

-300 survey responses are not enough to make a determination on future use.

-There must be a more democratic process going forward.

Francoise Olivas:

-NYCDOT needs to do better outreach.

-West Street we put barricades on an angle so folks could get around.

-Need speed bumps on West Street but it doesn't meet requirements.

Ms. Messer:

-Many studies are on pause. They will resume after pandemic duty reassignments are over. There are some studies moving forward right now.

-A speed bump study takes 18 months and no determination on West Street has been made.

TOM HUZIJ (North Brooklyn Rep for Transportation Alternatives):

-TA support OSP.

-Thanked NBOSCC for hours spent on maintaining OSP streets.

-Car owners are minority but get priority.

Ariel Rivera: -Supports OSP.

Heather Letzkus:

-DOT has taken the "break first fix later" approach to OSP.

-There is not enough heard from other residents.

-Need a more transparent process.

(2.) Safety Measures at Intersection of Wythe Avenue and Williamsburg Street West.

Following up on the board's letter to NYPD and NYCDOT, the committee asked what enforcement efforts has been implemented at the above intersection.

Captain Vazquez:

-Summonses have been increased at this location. 30% have been issued on Wythe Avenue. -Noted that this intersection is currently not in its list of 10 critical intersections for enforcement but will look at reassigning officers.

-90th Pct. is looking to get a dedicated bicycle light for the intersection, since it is hard for motorists to see cyclists emerging from the overpass.

-90th Pct. is also looking for additional street treatments to aid flow and safety.

The committee will follow up to get hard numbers and status of requests from NYCDOT.

Committee:

Ms. Ryan Kuonen:

-Private buses consistently use the bike lane for staging and use it as a bus stop.

-Asked NYCDOT for clarification on legality of this use by buses.

-Demanded the NYPD increase enforcement on this chronic abuse by buses.

Mr. Simon Wieser: -Asked about the details of the Sarah Pitts fatality.

Captain Vazquez:

-The Highway Patrol has the report and is not sure that it is available for review without a Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request.

Ms. Karen Nieves: -Asked about introduction of Jersey Barriers to avoid bus misuse.

Mr. Willis Elkins -Asked if lanes be shifted for safety.

Mr. Eric Bruzaitis:

-Noted that the board has been talking about the dangers and dysfunction of this intersection for years.

-Admonished members for using Pitts fatality, and her potential liability, to push back against need for enforcement on illegal bus practices.

-Looking to have action immediately to implement all possible safety measures, and work on long term fixes to ensure safety for all users of this intersection.

Ms. Messer:

-Buses are not permitted to stop at this location or block bike lanes.

-First time hearing it is an active bus stop.

-NYCDOT is looking at a larger redesign.

-Need a partner to maintain bike lane if jersey barriers are introduced.

Public

Mr. Kevin LaCherra: -Can we get more lighting at this location? -Can NYPD share recommendations with NYCDOT.

(2.) DISCUSSION ON BICYCLE USE IN NORTH BROOKLYN: Enforcement, Education & Safety.

Committee:

Mr. Simon Weiser:

-There have been several incidents where cyclists have injured pedestrians.

-Concerned with NYPD enforcement on cyclist operating recklessly.

-Not against cyclists as a whole.

-Is not aware of efforts by the South Side community to undermine safety improvements for bikes.

Mr. Willis Elkins:

-Cyclists DO receive tickets and are enforced.

-It is not a comparative issue: motor vehicles vs bicycles.

-Considering the number of bike fatalities and out sized injuries caused by motor vehicles, the topic as framed is insulting.

Ms. Ryan Kuonen:

-NYC does massive education and enforcement exists.

-This will not prevent what happens on the streets and this will not be resolved until the streets are redesigned.

-The South Side community blocks all efforts to implement street safety in the district.

Ms. Karen Nieves:

-This has been an issue for the 10 years she has been on the board.

-Vehicles kill...period.

-Infrastructure it the key. There has got to be a real push to make streets safer for ALL users...cyclist, pedestrians, motorist.

-There are incidents with bikes that do cause injuries, and we should not ignore that, and those recklessly operating bikes must be punished. However, there is no comparison bike vs car. -Continued education for cyclists and motorists is essential. Its up to everyone to be safe.

Captain Vazquez:

-94th Pct. has had relaxed enforcement this year, mostly due to COVID.

-Dealing with this though education is a better method than enforcement.

-Motorist have licenses and insurance-but the cyclist is more likely to die.

-Motorist need to be more conscious.

-NYPD is more strict enforcing on motorists than cyclists, historically.

-90th Pct. has written summonses for cyclist: Main infractions are riding wrong way on one way streets and running red lights.

- Cyclist must obey same traffic laws as motorists.

cars get more summonses.

Public:

Mr. Elliot Drabble:

- Comparing cars to bikes is not the same. If a car hits someone they die. If you are hit by a bike, you can be injured, but the consequences are less severe.

Mr. Tom Huzij-

-The bike v car argument is a false equivalency.

-Informed the committee about pending NY Senate bill 920, that allows cyclists to yield at stop signs, and stop at red lights.

S920 https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2021/s920?intent=support

- Old Business
 <u>NONE</u>
- New Business

Ms. Ryan Kuonen:

-The fatality at Graham & Metropolitan Avenues at the end of December is the second death at this intersection within two years.

-Asked that this be an agenda item for the February meeting.

-The fatality of a motorcyclist at Driggs & Metropolitan Ave by a NYPD SUV recently needs to be discussed: NYPD should obey all traffic laws if not in an emergency situation.

After a brief discussion it was decided that this issue may be better addressed at the Public Safety Committee, jointly with Transportation if appropriate.

Additional Public comments from the WEBEX meeting chat are attached. There is other correspondence on OSP attached.

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is being scheduled for the first week of February and will be announced.

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What led to the permanent removal of the open street on Grattan St? Google maps still shows it as an open street months after the barrier was destroyed at Grattan & Bogart St. **Thanks!** from Paul Kelterborn to all panelists: 7:43 PM cars actually drive around barricades and then speed, often there is only one barricade in place and it is easy to drive around them....especially on Berry from nicole murray to all panelists: 7:43 PM what is an example of a gateway barrier treatment kyle mentions from Paul Kelterborn to all panelists: 7:44 PM Also people drive backwards down one way streets to avoid getting out of their cars to move barricades, this is almost more dangerous than speeding....I have seen this on Berry and on Sharon streets. from Kyle (DOT) Gorman to everyone: 7:45 PM Here are links to the surveys, I'll send English first: from Kyle (DOT) Gorman to everyone: 7:45 PM https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NorthBKOpenStreets from Kyle (DOT) Gorman to everyone: 7:46 PM Spanish: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NorthBKOpenStreetsSpanish from Francoise Olivas (privately): 7:46 PM People who live on Berry are trying to speak. from Kyle (DOT) Gorman to everyone: 7:46 PM https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NorthBKOpenStreetsPolish from Francoise Olivas (privately): 7:46 PM Are you seein their request? from Karen Nieves (privately): 7:47 PM Did anyone request to speak on this we are running long again from Kyle (DOT) Gorman to everyone: 7:48 PM Please feel free to email me if there are any specific individuals or organization you think DOT should connect with more about Open Streets. kgorman@dot.nyc.gov from ERIC BRUZAITIS to Francoise Olivas (privately): 7:48 PM whose rqst? from Francoise Olivas (privately): 7:51 PM Monika from Francoise Olivas (privately): 8:01 PM can I speak? from ERIC BRUZAITIS to Francoise Olivas (privately): 8:01 PM yes from Francoise Olivas (privately): 8:01 PM nevermind, i will email you. from ERIC BRUZAITIS to Francoise Olivas (privately): 8:02 PM ok. sorrv from Francoise Olivas (privately): 8:02 PM It's about the fire ws on West during the open street set up. from Francoise Olivas (privately): 8:02 PM

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from Kyle (DOT) Gorman to everyone: 8:29 PM Thank you all! Working forward to working together more. DOT wants to facilitate and inclusive outreach process around Open Streets. Good night! from Karen Nieves to all panelists: 8:39 PM Is there enough space to protect the bike lane with Jersey barriers? That would stop buses from parking from Francoise Olivas (privately): 8:40 PM A woman named Angie really wanted to speak she's really upset from Willis Elkins to everyone: 8:42 PM It was a Crash (not an accident) from noel hidalgo to everyone: 8:49 PM WHY CAN'T THE INTERSECTION BE REDESIGNED?!!! from Kevin LaCherra to all panelists: 8:51 PM I have a question from G E (privately): 8:56 PM does DOT have a comment on the precincts request for a bike light ? from Mervl LaBorde to all panelists: 9:00 PM Question for the captains - is enforcement down this year for cyclists as well? is this data publicly available? from Willis Elkins to everyone: 9:02 PM https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/10/nyregion/nyc-deaths-pedestrian-cycling.html from Kathleen Fahey to everyone: 9:03 PM Bicycle enforcement is down in the 94 for 2020. I will forward the statistics to the committee along with the rest of the follow up. from Willis Elkins to everyone: 9:15 PM The Bedford Ave bike lane was literally removed in South Williamsburg. from Tom Huzij to all panelists: 9:18 PM I'm muted but the bill is S920 https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2021/s920?intent=support from Gina Magid to all panelists: 9:19 PM East Williamsburg needs safe bike lanes connecting us to the northside from Gina Magid to all panelists: 9:19 PM grand street sucks and is too dangerous for me or my kids to use from Kevin LaCherra to all panelists: 9:22 PM I have one item for old/new business from noel hidalgo to everyone: 9:25 PM Eric, thank for monitoring the chat. from noel hidalgo to everyone: 9:25 PM you need a headset!!! from Willis Elkins to everyone: 9:26 PM We know you are doing your best to host contentious issues virtually, Eric - thank you for all your efforts as committee Chair. from Elliot Drabble to all panelists: 9:26 PM

If we're adjourning, one thing I forgot to mention is Grand St bike lane, which is "protected", is extremely dangerous and demands a redesign!! from Teon Brooks to all panelists: 9:26 PM thanks for the discussions! from Kathleen Fahey to everyone: 9:26 PM Good night everyone!

Correspondence with Committee Chairperson

On Wed, Jan 6, 2021 at 13:32, Paul Kelterborn <pkelterborn@gmail.com> wrote: Hi Eric,

Thanks for moderating the discussion about bicycle safety and for pledging persistence on finding real solutions to the injuries and deaths.

I'd like to add this statement to the written record from last night's Transportation Committee meeting:

The number of tragic and preventable traffic deaths in our neighborhood is unacceptable and speaks to the immense failure of the city agencies charged with making our streets safe. It's disheartening that the discussion regarding Sarah Pitt's death, four months later, is still about whether the bicyclist or the driver had the greenlight, rather than about unveiling a dramatic and immediate improvement plan for the dangerous intersection where she was killed.

In an effort to prevent future injuries and deaths, I believe that the Community Board Transportation Committee should request that the DOT attend the next committee meeting prepared to talk specifically about what can and will be done to make the intersection of Graham and Metropolitan safe for all users. It has been three years since a 30-year old cyclist was crushed to death under the wheels of a tractor trailer—plenty of time for DOT to have developed a plan for fixing this intersection.

DOT should come to the meeting with an understanding of what is wrong with this intersection. This meeting should not be an opportunity for DOT to ask questions of NYPD about the details of what happened or begin engaging in a fact-finding mission about who was to blame. Nothing should be off the table including removal of the free parking that takes up valuable curb space and that could be used for life-saving infrastructure.

I ride my bike on this stretch of Metropolitan Ave every single day and, with the most recent death last month, this corner is getting crowded with ghost bike memorials.

Thanks for the opportunity to have my statement recorded, Paul

On Tue, Jan 5, 2021 at 10:26, Francoise Olivas <francoise.olivas@gmail.com> wrote: Dear Eric, Karen and Commissioner Bray

Happy 2021!

I am writing about the current rollout of the DOT survey for the open streets in NBK.

As you know I have been very opinionated, that is because I believe that our community includes everyone, not just neighbors that you agree with. At times the difficult conversations are the most important ones to have because they lead to resolutions that work.

I am part of an advocacy group called Save Our Storefronts and was doing some work on Berry Street yesterday. While having a long conversation with a shop owner, she mentioned that an Open Streets advocate had come in recently asking questions and having her fill out a survey. She was pretty neutral about the program overall, it had not helped her business but did provide space people need. I asked if the OS advocate had also spoken to her landlady who lived upstairs. The OS advocate had not and this seemed to trouble her. You see, her landlady is an old polish grandma who lives above the shop with her disabeled brother. The owner of the shop and the landlady have one of those rare covid stories...they worked together to figure out a rent situation that worked for both of them, relationships like this are what make our neighborhood so wonderful.

The shop owner shared the following about her landlady's opinion about the open streets:

1. At times she was scared to go outside

2. She cleaned garbage from the street and in front of her home, sometimes three times a day. Finally the bar/restaurant next door got a garbage can, which helped a bit.

3. The noise from the street parties was too much

Here is what confuses me, if a volunteer is going around talking to small businesses why are they not speaking to the residents that live in the building? By creating an inclusive environment

multiple opinions are heard, which will lead to solutions that will serve the greater good of the neighborhood and the OS program.

I think everyone is in agreement that we need more open space but the roll out was not done in a way to create a safe space for our seniors. I brought this up previously and will continue to do so. How can we do better? How can we make lifelong residents, people in their 80's feel like their opinion matters? That their life matters? That they can feel safe sitting on their stoops?

On West Street we organized socially distanced barricade painting art days with the kids. We used reclaimed french barricades, we talked upcycling and colors. We laughed and found joy in these trying times. These community focused projects allowed for multi-generational transparency and conversation and created space for neighbors to meet neighbors. It also made for some really beautiful bright barricades.

It's necessary to keep pushing this conversation because so many people do not feel included or relevant, referring to themselves as, 'leftovers.' Others feel that they now live in a 'gated,' community. I have to believe we can do better, we can be more inclusive.

The reality of the pandemic is that we are looking at a spring, summer and fall of mask wearing and social distancing. We need to plan ahead. What space can work for more open space and what areas have issues? How can we design open space to be inclusive of all.

We have a real digital divide in our city and in our community. How can we make sure those not tech savvy or those that do not have devices at all are reached? The pandemic is far from over and we need to create safe space for everyone.

Thank you for all you do for the community.

On Tue, Jan 5, 2021 at 17:11, Heather Letzkus <missheather@newyorkshitty.com> wrote: Hello all,

This is a lot so before I forget (likely) here's a link to my dropbox with various folders pertaining to open streets:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/505v1oy3ktlm0t4/AAB8zohtQ8bBVZCYWWsYC6-va?dl=0

What I did here was pull photos I took of three different open streets. As you will see with Sharon and Driggs in particular, no one is really using them. As for Berry, there were clusters of use once you get firmly in the northside. On the southside no one was really using them. Most troubling to me, there wasn't any real order in terms of pedestrians, cyclists, skateboarders, etc. For these reasons I did not use them as I did not feel safe walking around. I almost got hit by a cyclist around North 9.

For the sake of comprehensiveness, I threw in the one block of Graham that was closed Fri-Sun. Because of that, they rerouted the bus down Manhattan. No stops after Metropolitan until you hit the other side of Meeker. Not notices, no nothing. I cannot believe that got approved.

Lastly, I tossed in some shots of one block of Dupont (Bet Franklin and Commercial) which I think could have, could be used as an open street periodically. Barbara McGlamery approached me re. doing some gardening on the premises (which are generally strewn with garbage, in particular folks like the work on their cars there). I took up the idea with Laura and Mike (who operate friends of Barge Park) and they too think this could be doable. Given we do not have a lot of park/open space here this could be a win on many levels. It would extend playground/lay space for passive use, probably put a dent in the littering problem (which is BAD) and not pose any of the issues that have popped up with Berry (messing with vehicular traffic, quality of life issues posed by bars along the route, etc.). At some point I think this is a discussion worth having. it may not be tonight tho because I have a cold or sinus thing going on and have SERIOUS headache and no energy. I'll be on the call, but will more likely be ears as oppose to "mouth". Haha

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Noel Hidalgo <noel@beta.nyc> To: Kyle Gorman Cronstein, Jessica Weidenhof, Emily rmesser@dot.nyc.gov Kristina Naplatarski and 15 more...

Cc: North Brooklyn Open Streets Community Coalition tom huzij Anthony Buissereth lvelasquez@elpuente.us

Erwin Figueroa and 11 more...

Thu, Dec 10, 2020 at 10:16 AM

Hello NYC DOT, Borough President, Council Member Reynoso, Senator Salazar, Senator Kavanagh, Assembly Member Lentol, and Brooklyn Community Board One,

The signed members of the North Brooklyn Open Streets Community Coalition are following up on the letter that was sent on Nov 30, 2020. This letter includes over a thousand community members who support converting 2.2% of Brooklyn Community Board One's streets into something other than throughway streets.

We have only received one written response to this letter. We would like to know that this petition has been received.

After the 1 December 2020 Transportation Community Board meeting, we are trying to address community misinformation and state very clearly that we are eager to work with all parties to make sure that North Brooklyn has terminate open streets that are safe, quiet, and accessible for all. If there are issues that we can address, please let us know.

If you would like to schedule a meeting with the cotillion or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

With warm regards,

Noel Hidalgo

Executive Director of BetaNYC and co-founder of North Brooklyn Open Streets Community Coalition

Sent from an Apple //c

On Nov 30, 2020, at 13:02, North Brooklyn Open Streets Community Coalition <nbk.oscc@gmail.com> wrote:

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Cc Council Member Antonio Reynoso Council Member Stephen Levin

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	ECONOMIC DI	EVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
TO:	- ·· I· · ·	on Dealice Fuller Board Members
FRO	•	kovits, Committee Chair Development Committee
RE:	Committe	e Meeting held via WEBEX on 12-14-2020

The Economic Development Committee met on via WEBEX in the evening, on December 14, 2020 at 6 PM.

ATTENDANCE:

Present –Moskovits, Chair; Nieves. Absent – Bamonte; Dybanowski; Lee (*) [*non board committee member] (A quorum was not present)

The Economic Development Committee started with introductions. Discussion and presentations followed.

(1.) **<u>Radhy Miranda (EDC)</u>**: Discussion - Overview of city programs that are available to support small businesses during this time.

First up was Radhy Miranda, NYC EDC, who discussed an overview of NYC programs and how they assist city businesses to bounce back during COVID 19 with economic recovery, PPP distribution, clinics and helping small businesses.

Mr. Miranda mentioned that there were 3 different ways that the EDC is helping small businesses: 1) small business network 2) design cure initiative 3) neighborhood challenge.

Ms. Cristina Yoder introduced herself and said she was part of the strategy team at EDC.

Mr. Sander Dolder, introduced himself and said he was part of the industry development group at NY EDC.

Next, we had Lindsey Meyer who is on the Planning Division at EDC. They assist with supporting restaurants and connecting them with designers to help design and oversee building of exterior structures to allow for outdoor dining.

Cristina informed us of the NYC Small Business Resource Network website which has an intake form that the small business can fill out and be connected to a specialist within 24 hours. To date they have assisted 1,700+ small businesses and made over 3,000 referrals.

Through their work they have found that Brooklyn has the largest amount of diversity with 76% being women and minorities reaching out for support. These small businesses have under 100 employees. There are small businesses are grants of \$500 that can be applied to through the website plus freelance and discounted square space services available.

Q. How much funding is available?

A. \$500 per business

Q. Will it be depleted soon?

A. The idea is to distribute all capital by February. This is a pilot so we will go out to further funders early next year.

- Q. What web developers do you refer them to?
- A. Freelancers and digital agencies

Next we had Lindsey Mayer from The Design Corps present to the committee.

(2.) <u>The Design Corps</u> helps connect design professionals to restaurant owners providing pro bono services in helping reopen, adapt and improve their dining spaces. The Design Corps Network was created in collaboration with AIA, Design Advocates, NYC X Design and NYC EDC.

To apply for assistance, you just go on their website, put in what you need assistance with and the volunteers put in what they can be of assistance with and then the designers connect with whom they can assist based on the needs.

The Restaurant Design Initiative/Design Corp is focused on making sure restaurants are in compliance in terms of outdoor dining.

(3.) <u>Sander Dolder, EDC</u>: Mr. Dolder discussed NYCEDC, in collaboration with NYC Department of Small Business Services and CIVLAB, and present their "Neighborhood Challenge Call-To-Action", an initiative designed to crowdsource solutions to support the city's commercial districts and small storefront businesses that are facing severe impacts due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Sander Dolder and Mr. Zach Owens presented on "Neighborhood Challenge: Tech Forward"

Mr. Dolder gave an overview of the tech sector and explained that they take an ecosystem approach by working to grow jobs of the future, today. Sander explained that much of the hardship on small businesses such as food service industry, entertainment industry and personal care industry are suffering.

This initiative is focused on using technology to look at what the future of these industries are, what behavior changes need to be addressed and how technology can be used to support these necessary changes.

Additional issues being examined:

- How can we support the economy moving forward?
- How can we help small businesses right now?
- Helping small businesses recover is crucial to NYC's future.

The Tech Sector Program will facilitate collaboration between the public, private and nonprofit sectors as well as strengthen short term resiliency of small businesses and spur innovation and creative problem-solving. The neighborhood challenge will ideally focus on digitizing business models, redesigning establishment operations, curb management and public space reconfiguration and mitigating and activating storefront vacancies.

They will help small businesses recover as they seek to reopen safely and responsibly.

(4.) **Joseph Frantz** – He discussed key considerations when conducting a lease renegotiation as well as the current retail and commercial landscape.

Next, we heard from Joseph Frantz regarding key considerations when conducting lease negotiations as well as the current retail and commercial landscape. Mr. Frantz explained his involvement in neighborhood restaurants, the construction industry and lease negotiations. There is no market standard or roadmap to deal with this nor a lot of data available. Tenants often don't know their rights and are not aware that consensual resolutions are often the bar path forward in dealing with challenging times like this.

(5.) **Jay Solly** - RE: Sustainable United Neighborhood. Mr. Solly gave an update on neighborhood food relief throughout the pandemic and beyond. Lastly, we heard from Jay Solly of Sustainable United Neighborhood. Jay Solly gave us an update on Neighborhood food relief throughout the pandemic and beyond. SUN pivoted the Bushwick Generator from a tech & neighborhood lab to a food relief operation during the Pandemic. SUN has distributed over 205,000 meals, over 600 washable masks, and delivered 400 tons of produce.



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COMMITTEE REPORT

Parks & Waterfront Committee

TO:	Chairperson Dealice Fuller and CB#1 Board Members
FROM:	Philip A. Caponegro, Committee Chair
RE:	Committee Meeting of January 7, 2021

DEALICE FULLER

CHAIRPERSON

GERALD A. ESPOSITO

DISTRICT MANAGER

The Parks & Waterfront Committee met in the evening on Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 6:30 PM via WEBEX.

ATTENDANCE

Present - Caponegro (Chair), McKeever (Co-Chair), Cianciotta; Chesler; Elkins; Miceli; Odomirok,

Absent - Carbone; Goldstein; Peterson; [board members];Berger(*)

[* non board member].

(7 members present. A quorum was present)

1. 470 KENT AVENUE WATERFRONT PROMENADE

The committee voted (7-0-0) to send a letter to Mark Viggiano, the developer of 470 Kent Avenue, demanding that the design of the esplanade adhere to the spirit of the 2009 Waterfront Design Guidelines Text Amendment. It calls for direct access to the water, softer edges and surfaces, and curvilinear design.

Another concern was that much of the variety of seating in the proposed design did not include backing. Copies of a letter from Councilperson Levin, Assemblyperson Lentol, DCP Chair

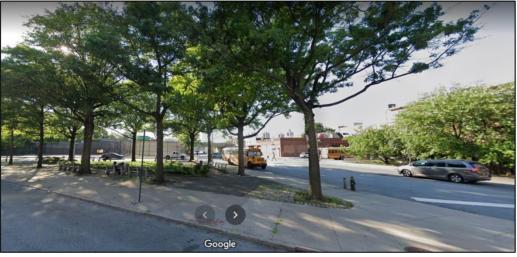
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Lago, & Parks Commissioner Silver, along with a link to the referenced text amendment will be included. This letter will also be sent to Councilperson Levin, Assemblyperson Gallagher, DCP Lago, & Parks Commissioner Silver.

2. CLASSON AVENUE TRIANGLE PARK

The committee voted unanimously (7-0-0) to send a letter to the Parks Department in support of upgrading Classon Triangle (replacing the sidewalk, upgrading trees, & adding fencing; and upgrading Classon Playground (across the street) by adding playground equipment.









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COMMITTEE REPORT

LANDMARKS COMMITTEE (Land Use/ULURP Subcommittee) REPORT

TO: Chairperson Dealice Fuller and Board Members

FROM: Trina McKeever, Landmarks Subcommittee Chair

RE: Report from the Committee's January 4, 2021 Meeting

The Landmarks Sub-Committee met on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 6:30 PM, over WEBEX. <u>ATTENDANCE</u>: Present - Teague; Viera; McKeever; Barros; Chesler; Kaminski; Drinkwater; Miceli; Rabbi Niederman; Nieves; Sofer; Weiser; Weidberg; Vega (board members); *Berger; (*non board member committee member).

Absent: Indig; Katz; Lebovits; Solano; (board memberd); *Li; (*non board member committee member).

Brian Newman from Newman Architects, project architect working with RDC Development on a comprehensive plan to renovate the interior and exterior of the Williamsburg Houses was requested by LPC to present for approval the replacement window design to CB1 with the understanding that the remainder of the exterior design would be brought before the board at a later date. Also present was Matthew Rooney from MDG, the construction management firm handling the project.

The Williamsburg Houses, among the first affordable housing projects built in the United States, opened to great fanfare in 1937. The twenty 4-story residential buildings occupying four super blocks (Maujer St/Leonard St/Scholes St/Bushwick Ave) were landmarked in 2003. Prior to receiving landmark status, as part of an exterior renovation in the 1980's, aluminum double hung

windows replaced the original elegant slender mullioned steel warehouse style casement windows (which had been a hallmark of the original building design).

Sourcing historic photos and drawings, the new window design for the 8,000 windows seeks to replicate the original design and character with aluminum casement windows fit with an AC sleeve and louver, similar to LPC approved windows used in a renovation of a Beaux Arts building on East 44th Street.

The committee asked specific questions regarding the window design as well as more general questions about the overall renovation project and outreach to the NYCHA residents.

Regarding the window design there were questions about the width of the mullion especially at the corner joint, about the amount that the windows would be recessed from the masonry, how the AC solution modifies the proportion of the glass lights and whether there would be screens on the windows. The presenter could not answer these questions specifically. There was no detailed drawing in the presentation package providing thee details.

Additional questions were:

1) how child safety was addressed, presenter replied casement windows would have a built in 4" limit stop, limiting the swing of the opening.

2) would residents be required to purchase new AC units, presenter replied that current units could be utilized, that the opening was a universal sleeve.

3) had steel frames, the original material been considered rather than aluminum for durability as well as design, presenter agreed to "look into this".

4) what kind of thermal resistance the new windows carried, presenter replied that the windows met the 2020 codes for energy efficiency.

Replies to questions regarding outreach to the residents which has been limited by COVID were unsatisfactory to the committee. There was general dismay that the LPC window design was the first that CB1 in general was told about the comprehensive interior and exterior NYCHA renovation in collaboration with an outside developer. There was a request that the scope of the project in general be presented to the full board.

At the end of the presentation, the committee agreed not to vote on a recommendation but to ask the presenter to come back to the committee with technical drawings answering the specific questions with regards to the windows and that a more detailed explanation of the scope of the project be brought to either the full board or the Housing committee.

Later in the meeting, when the committee had moved on to the next agenda item, the presenters came back with some specific answers and asked with this information whether the board could provide a needed letter to LPC with regards to the windows. At the end of the meeting, the committee readdressed the issue and concluded basically what had been decided earlier, that presenter come back to the next committee meeting with a finished drawing of the window details and that the full project for Williamsburg Houses be explained to the full board.

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COVID-19 Testing

Free COVID-19 testing is now available in New York City at more than 100 locations across the city. Visit the City's <u>COVID-19 Testing page</u> for more information.

Facility Re-Openings

Please visit Parks' <u>COVID-19 information page</u> to track various parks openings and continued closures.

Special Events Permits

Please visit Parks' <u>COVID-19 information page</u> to learn more about service changes. NYC Parks is once again reviewing <u>permit applications for special events</u>. No permits will be granted for applications with an expected attendance of more than 50 people at any one time.

Sports Permits

Ballfield permits for both youth and adult sports permitting began on Friday, December 4th. Currently we are only permitting low-to-moderate risk sports. **All permit applicants must fill out the <u>COVID-19 Athletics Safety Plan and Checklist</u> <u>Affirmation.</u> Please send the completed document to the permit office in the borough that you are requesting permits for review. Please note** *-Parks will not move forward with review of your application until this is received and approved***.**

Programming

Visit our list of <u>Virtual and Online Programs</u> to find upcoming events presented by NYC Parks and our friends and partners.

Partnerships for Parks Volunteer Projects

Delancey Nelson is the PfP Outreach Coordinator for All It's My Park! projects in Community Board 1. Please contact <u>Delancey.Nelson@parks.nyc.gov</u> if you have any questions or would like to schedule a project. We ask that everyone who plans a clean up in a NYC Park to please coordinate with our PfP team.

Penn Triangle

Construction is complete at Penn Triangle and the park has been reopened to the public.

USGS Work in McCarren Park - Update

USGS work began in McCarren Park on January 4th. We anticipate the work to last about two weeks, but it could take as long as a month to complete. USGS will be back in the spring to restore the grasses on site.

Turf Update

The turf project at Bushwick Inlet Park is on hold, as are many capital projects, due to the fiscal crisis caused by Covid-19. OMB is actively reviewing projects and allowing us to proceed after review is complete. When allowed to proceed the BIP turf project will take approximately six to nine months in contract processing and review, a timeline which is far less than the normal year in design and year in procurement of other capital projects. The work itself should take no more than two months to execute. This project, whose scope includes replacement of the synthetic turf carpet and minor work on the subgrade to ensure a level play surface, is a priority for Parks.



CB1 currently has the following projects under construction:

- Bartlett Playground construction began fall 2020 and will be complete spring 2022;
- Sternberg Synthetic turf and basketball lights –began fall 2020 and will be complete fall 2021;

We have several projects awaiting construction start:

- Box Street Park in design. Demolition of structures on site anticipated to begin after the relocation of the MTA Paratransit vehicles;
- Bushwick Inlet Park: 50 Kent construction to begin spring 2021 and be complete spring 2022;
- Bushwick Inlet Park: Motiva –construction estimated to begin fall 2021 and be complete fall 2022;
- Cooper Park Comfort station –construction to begin spring 2021 and be completed fall 2022;
- Epiphany Playground construction to start fall 2021 and be complete fall 2022;
- Ericsson Playground reviewed at CB1 Parks Committee meeting January 27;
- LaGuardia Playground phase 2 playground Construction anticipated to begin spring 2021 and will be complete spring 2022;
- Marcy Green construction anticipated to begin spring 2021 and be complete spring 2022;
- McCarren Park natural turf softball fields –construction anticipated to begin spring 2021 and completed spring 2022;
- McCarren Recreation Center reconstruction of roof and exterior masonry walls to begin fall 2021 and be completed spring 2023;
- McGolrick Park Paths to begin fall 2021 and completed fall 2022;
- Ten Eyck Plaza construction anticipated to begin spring 2021 and be complete spring 2022;
- William Sheridan Playground construction likely to begin fall 2021 and be complete fall 2022.

Projects awaiting design start:

- Frost Playground funding received to repair basketball courts and replace the fence on site;
- Middleton Playground funding received to fix drainage on site.

There are no projects awaiting a scope meeting.

January 12, 2021

Committee Members and fellow attendees,

My name is Jennifer Hegarty and I am a graduate student in Public Health at the CUNY Graduate School of Public Health and Health Policy. I would like to thank Community Board 1 for the opportunity to speak before you this evening.

As both a student and servant of public health, I am requesting your support to address a grave problem that lies at the intersection of food insecurity and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) accessibility in our communities, especially during a pandemic. There is a 20% gap in SNAP uptake among eligible individuals in NYC as of late. Current and prospective SNAP consumers are systemically deterred from receiving the assistance they need by numerous obstacles – one being the immense difficulty they face in simply acquiring sufficient information throughout its processes.

Improving the accessibility of basic, pertinent information can help to ensure that fewer eligible individuals are obstructed in their pursuit of these vital benefits. A viable starting point, in the form of City Council proposed legislation number 221, would require all NYC Department of Social Services/Human Resources Administration facilities to conspicuously post appropriate signage inside indicating standard application processing times and information regarding applicants' right to a fair hearing and how to request one.

Although several nearby SNAP offices are currently closed due to the pandemic, it is crucial that this remain a high priority. Therefore, I urge you to please help promote the accessibility of basic information at SNAP offices by advocating for proposed legislation number 221. Thank you all very much for your time and attention.

Jennifer Hegarty