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

PUBLIC HEARING

ROLL CALL

Chairperson Ms. Dealice Fuller requested District Manager Mr. Esposito to call the roll. District Manager Mr. Esposito conducted the roll call and announced that there were 26 members present, a sufficient number for a quorum. Chairperson Ms. Fuller noted the quorum and opened the board meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairperson Ms. Fuller asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Kaminski made a motion to approve the agenda as written. The motion seconded by Mr. Caponegro. The motion was unanimously carried.

<u>UNENCLOSED SIDEWALK CAFÉ</u>: SJD 220 CORP., DBA BREAD BROTHER BAGEL CAFÉ, 220 BUSHWICK AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11206-4459 (Application # 2052885-DCA) 3 Tables; 6 CHAIRS (RENEWAL) – Applicant did not appear. The item was referred to the SLA Review & DCA Committee for further review.

<u>UNENCLOSED SIDEWALK CAFÉ</u>: GRAND ENDEAVORS INC., DBA CLEM'S, 264 GRAND STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11211 (Application # 1145629-DCA) 5 Tables, 20 Chairs (RENEWAL) Applicant did not appear. The item was referred to the SLA Review & DCA Committee for further review.

PRESENTATON: BSA VARIANCE REQUEST: (CAL. # 2019-192-BZ) 16 HARRISON PLACE, BROOKLYN, NY 11206 (BLOCK 3093 LOT 13) – Application for variance to permit construction of residential building [cellar and 4 story/residential] in an M1-2 zoning district contrary to permitted use. (South side of Harrison Place between Morgan Avenue and Bogart Street). (Representative: Rothkrug & Spector LLP). It was noted that this item would be voted on this evening.





Mr. Nacmias, from the law firm of Rothkrug, Rothkrug & Spector LLP, presented on the application. A land use questionnaire was completed. After presentation, the Land Use committee will caucus to determine a resolution regarding the application. The resolution would be presented to the full board this evening. The building site is now vacant and has been vacant to many years. It was previously a residential property. The vacant property was sandwiched between two residential buildings. The site is vacant, and was demolished in 2001. For 70 to 80 years it was residential. The owners are looking to build a residential development at the site. The proposed building would be four stories with a cellar. They are planning on 7 dwelling units on the property. The site is on a short block, and near to the subway. The reason for the variance is because it is in a manufacturing area (M1-2). They are looking at 4,800 sq. feet with a FAR of 2.2. It is compliant with R6 zoning. Other alternatives that they explored was joining with neighboring properties. They believe that they meet the BSA findings for a variance. A residential building is appropriate. There are other 3 and 4 story residential buildings in the area. This is basically the application. Ms. Gallagher said that she had done research on the area, of the property and what was there before. She asked what was there before it was demolished, what kind of apartments are proposed? Mr. Nacmias related that it was a residential building before. The units not be rentals. They are looking to have condos/owner units. There was a brief discussion about affordable units and Mr. Nacmias related that no commitment could be made at this time. It was not going to be a rental building. It will be residential but like a condo. They won't be rented out. He would call up the renderings if needed. The reason the building is four stories high is that at three stories it would not be financially feasible. Across the street is a one story manufacturing building, but no egresses are used on Harrison Place to come in and out. The alternative plan for the site (i.e. artist lofts) was not financially feasible. The area has small blocks. There are residential buildings in the area. The current owner bought the property in 2012. HPD demolished the building in 2001. There was a discussion on voting on the item this evening. Ms. Viera noted that the committee would caucus on the item. Chairperson Fuller asked that after the next few items, that Mr. Nacmias return to show the renderings and answer questions.

PRESENTATION: UPDATE ON THE CENSUS BUREAU'S CURRENT DESIGN PLANS FOR 2020 CENSUS AND PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES – by Sandra K. Moryto, Partnership Specialist, US Census Bureau (Presentation).

A presentation was made by Ms. Moryto. She explained the Census Bureau's efforts for the count. She noted that they were hiring and would be working with the community to do outreach. The census is inandated by Article 1, Section 2 of the US Constitution. It is conducted every 10 years since 170. The census is conducted in the years ending in "0". The census determines the number of seats each state has in the US House of representatives. The census defines congressional and state legislative districts, school districts and voting precincts. The census also determines the annual allocation of \$675 billion dollars in federal funding. It provided insight to governments, business and community planning groups for planning purposes. It is important that everyone participates. Communities can miss out on important funding (such as funding for schools, books, lunched) because people are not counted. Ms. Moryto noted that the data is protected. Responses are protected by Federal Law (Title 13) and are used to produce statistics. Personal information collected by the Census Bureau cannot be shared with any government agency or court. Census Bureau employees are sworn to protect confidentiality for life. Violating Title 13 is a federal crime with severe penalties. The Cyber security program meets the highest and most recent standards. The data is encrypted. Anyone who comes from the Census Bureau will have ID. She said that people should answer the surveys to avoid people coming in person. They are motivating people to respond. She is working with the Polish population in Greenpoint. They are

working with different languages for accessibility. She noted that people should fill out the Census form where they mainly live. April 1st is the targeted date for the Census. Children in joint custody should fill out the census where they are on April 1st. She noted that they are hiring various positions for the census. They look at areas of prior census (i.e. poor responses, new buildings) to see where they need to focus on getting counts. Community Boards are trusted entities for communities and the census wants to make partnerships. She noted that people interested in a job, can apply on line. There are different positons, such as a numerator. The Census Bureau wants to make sure everyone is reached. Mr. Cabrera noted that everyone needs to know about the census. Efforts have to be made to help motivate people to participate. Ms. Moryto spoke about providing resources. She displayed slides about information for the Census and what is being collected. She related that this information and additional maps can be seen at the Census's website.

PRESENTATION: STREET CO-NAMING REQUEST, AT 303 BROADWAY, TO "CALLE

FRENCHIE" in honor of Mr. Santos "Frenchie" Ramos (deceased) who was the longtime owner of Frenchie's Gym – by Mangual Rosario.

Mr. Jack Taylor presented on the request. When he came to Brooklyn, Mr. Ramos made him feel at home at the Gym. He spoke about Mr. Ramos and how he was dedicated to the community. He showed a video that he made about Mr. Ramos before his passing. He was planning on more filming with Frenchie but that he became ill and passed away in the hospital. He spoke about honoring Mr. Ramos as he was the owner of Frenchie's Gym for 43 years until his death on June 11, 2019. The community embraced him as a mentor and father figure. He provided a safe haven for youth of all ethnic backgrounds, with the goal to keep them off the streets drugs. He was altruistic. Often helping those who could not afford a membership fee, to train for free. With all of the new development in the community he wanted to keep the old remembered. Mr. Ramos was affectionately referred to as Papa Frenchie. The street dedication would keep his memory alive.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Council Member Reynoso addressed the board members. He spoke about the closure of Riker's Island. He was working on pushing "waste zoning" in an effort to curtail private carting activities in CB#1. He spoke about the trash industry, efforts for reduction, recycling, and changed behavior. He spoke about growing up in the community.

<u>COMMENTS ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET PRIORITIES</u>: Comments To Be Received Regarding Expense/Capital Budget Priorities For Fiscal Year 2021 and Service Program Priorities. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes.

Mr. Weidberg, Chair of the Capital Budget Committee, announced this portion of the agenda and requested speakers on the budget to come forward. The following persons addressed the community board:

Ms. Maria Aragona, spoke about the importance of swimming. More hours are needed at Metropolitan Pool, to allow for additional recreational times for both women and men. There needs to be equality with the times for women and men.

Ms. Esther Klagsbald, resident, spoke about Metropolitan Pool. There is need for increased swim hours and more separate times for women and men.

Ms. Sarah Fekete, resident, spoke the need for additional swim hours and frequency for both women and men at Metropolitan Pool.

Written comments were received by email calling for improvements to be made at the McCarren Park handball courts.

(The Members continued its discussion of the item regarding the BSA application for 16 Harrison Avenue). Mr. Nacmias, from the law firm of Rothkrug, Rothkrug & Spector LLP, continued to present on the application. Chairperson Ms. Fuller asked the applicant to call up the rendering for the building. Mr. Namias described the building. The renderings were displayed on the monitors. The renderings showed a 4-story building. The 1st floor had a lobby and a duplex apartment. At the cellar there was a duplex apartment with the first floor. On the second floor were two dwelling units. Two units were also on the 3rd and 4th floors. The top was the roof. The façade and the building were in context to the area. Additional images showed what the block looks like now. There is not a lot of foot traffic. The L train is there. The site is now vacant. A photo and rendering helped to show the plans and the building in context. Mr. Solano asked about the units in the building. What are they? Mr. Nacmias related that they would be owner occupied. Mr. Solano raised concern about this fact as the other buildings on the block were rent stabilized apartments. What is the financial hardship? Ms. Gallagher asked what the alternative plans would be? It was noted that they were looking at a three story building with an open floor plan. This would be for work space. This plan is not financially feasible. It would be a tremendous loss at 60%. Cost would be \$1.7 million. Ms. McKeever questioned the costs. Mr. Needleman spoke about the need for affordable housing. It was discussed about mandating this of private developers. Mr. Needelman called for affordability and having the units as resources for the community. It was noted that the item would be voted on. It would be taken up during the Board Meeting portion.

PRESENTATION: LPC APPLICATION (Docket # LPC-19-38988; Brooklyn - Block: 2573 Lot: 23) - REGARDING THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY WITHIN THE GREENPOINT HISTORIC DISTRICT, 171 CALYER STREET, BROOKLYN, NY11222 – by Sherida E. Paulsen, FAIA & Robert Bianco Architect AIA, PKSB Architects PC. – This item tem was withdrawn by the applicant. No presentation was made at this time.

<u>PRESENTATION: NYC DOT</u> is proposing improvement at the intersection of Wythe Avenue/BQE Service Road/BQE Exit Ramp in order to reduce congestion and enhance safety-Kol Gjelai & Gregory Haas, Traffic Planning Unit. [It Is Noted that No Board Vote Not Required]

Brooklyn Commissioner Keith Bray was present and began the discussion on this item. The presentation was regarding the BQE off ramp (Exit 31) at Wythe Avenue. The Williamsburg community and NYPD voiced concerns regarding excessive queue spillback from the exit ramp (#31/Wythe Avenue-Kent Avenue) onto southbound BQE mainline. On record were two pedestrian crashes and one severe injury during 2013-2017 period. Operational Issues: Long queue spillback onto the highway; merging section between BQE SB off-ramp and service roadway (Williamsburg Street West) is only approximately 80 feet wide; the lane operates as two-lanes with a right-turn pocket; drivers frequently make left-turns using the middle lane; there is weaving and lane changes. Mr. Haas continued to present on the location and the related the strong need for changes in to reduce the problem of traffic backing up at the exit of the BQE. The various scenarios were discussed. Points for

the changes were made by Mr. Haas. Mr. Weiser related that the plan should be like the one on the other side of the roadway. Mr. Haas noted that they could not replicate this here because there was not enough room. Rabbi Niederman commended DOT for working on this area as it was long overdue. However, DOT must speak with the various stakeholders on the impact of any changes. There was a discussion on data and the hours to further study (e.g. -8 to 10AM/9AM-10AM and the PM. There are various traffic conditions, especially the increase use of Huber/Lyft vehicles in the area. There was further discussion on the plans. Ms. Gallagher made a motion to table the item. The motion to table was seconded by Mr. Gross and carried. The presentation was tabled. The item would be further discussed in the Transportation Committee.

LIQUOR LICENSES

The following list of various new and renewal license applications were announced:

NEW

- 1) 25 Broadway Brooklyn INC., dba TBD, 64 Meserole Avenue, (New, wine/beer, bar, tavern)
- 2) 74 Wythe Tenant LLC, dba Spice Factory Williamsburg, 74 Wythe Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 3) 82 S 4th Restaurant & Café LLC, dba Casa Imelda, 82 South 4th Street, (Method of operation change, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 4) 245 S1st Bar LLC, 245 South 1st Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, bar, tavern)
- 5) 1118 Lorimer Cafe LLC, 148 Noble Street, (New, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 6) Alvla Café Inc., dba Alvla Café, 252 Franklin Street 1R, (New, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 7) Amant Café LLC, dba TBD, 932 Grand Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, café)
- 8) Berry Street Associates LLC, dba Diviera Drive, 131 Berry Street, (Alteration, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 9) Bolero Proto LLC, dba Bolero, 177 Bedford Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 10) Butternuts Beer and Ale LLC, 52 Harrison Place, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, restaurant Brewer)
- 11) Caro 187 LLC, dba Emblem, 187 Graham Avenue, (New, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 12) Cherrytown LLC, 318 Grand Street Suite IJ, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar)
- 13) Chick N Scratch LLC, dba Bagock Fried Chicken & Doughnuts, 173 Montrose Avenue, (New, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 14) Chingoo Restaurant Corp., dba TBD, 373 Graham Avenue, (New, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 15) Carrol Hall LLC, 30 Morgan Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, catering facility (Private Events Only)
- 16) Clouet LLC, dba Cassette, 113 Franklin Street Store FE, (Alteration, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 17) Corp to be Formed By Laura Mc Carthy, 419 Manhattan Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, tavern)
- 18) Fabio Pizza and Restaurant INC., dba Fabio's Pizza and Restaurant, 635 Meeker Avenue, (New, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 19) Fulgurances LLC, 132 Franklin Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar, rest)
- 20) Gemini Hospitality Groups INC., 151 Meserole Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar, tavern)

- 21) Grand Street Food and Wine LLC & Night Moves Bar LLC, dba The Four Horsemen & Night Moves Bar, 295 Grand Street, (New liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest, cafe, cocktail bar, and extension of existing hours)
- 22) Gusto Latino Cafe 1 Corp. 583 Driggs Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 23) Hand Stuff LLC, dba Nicky's Unisex, 90 South 4th Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 24) JFW LLC, dba TBD, 134 Broadway, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 25) Jook Sing Corp., dba Jook Sing, 135 North 5th Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 26) Leo Grandpa Corp., dba TBD, 318 Grand Street Unit 1B and 1C, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 27) Macias BK LLC, dba TBD, 457 Graham Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 28) Mighty Diamond Restaurant Corp, dba Mothers, 347 Graham Avenue, (Class Change, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 29) Night Village Bar & Grill, 247 South 1st Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 30) North 10th Restaurant Company LLC, dba JJ's, 97 North 10th Street, (Method of Operation Change, liquor, wine/beer, cider, tavern)
- 31) Palenque Home Made Colombian Foods INC, 300 Graham Avenue, (New, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 32) Piccoli 804 LLC, dba Piccoli Williamsburg, 804 Grand Street, (New, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 33) Pinkfrog LLC, dba Pinkfrog Cafe, 221 North 9th Street, (New, wine/beer, cider, rest brewer)
- 34) Pink Metal LLC, dba Pink Metal, 253 Bushwick Avenue, South Store, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 35) PLA Coffee LLC, dba Rose Wolf Coffee, 857 Metropolitan Avenue, (New, wine/beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 36) Queen Bear LLC, dba Amor Y Amargo, 188 Havemeyer Street, (Method of Operation Change, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 37) SNBP Inc., dba Simple Café, 124 South 3rd Street, (Corporate Change, wine, beer, cider, tavern)
- 38) The Grasshopper NYC Inc., dba The Grasshopper, 561 Lorimer Street, (New, wine/beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 39) The Wing Williamsburg LLC, 75 North 7th Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 40) Urban Outfitters Inc., and East Hae Inc.(as co-licensees), dba East Hae, 98 North 6th Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 41) Vital East LLC, Vital Climbing Gym, 1 Nassau Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider)
- 42) Viva DR. Corp., dba Viva Toro, 987 Grand Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, cider, rest)
- 43) Zero Ichi INC. dba Okozushi, 376 R Graham Avenue, (New, wine/beer, cider, rest)

RENEWAL

- 1&3 on 5TH Corp., dba Fabiane's Café & Pastry, 142 North 5th Street, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 2) 48 South Fourth Street Corp. dba The Woods, 48 South 4th Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern)
- 3) 77 North 6 Corp, dba Zenkichi, 77 North 6th Street, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 82 S 4th Restaurant & Café LLC, dba Casa Imelda, 82 South 4th Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 5) 99 Scott Studio LLC, dba 99 Scott, 99 Scott Ave-Unit G, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, catering establishment)

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

- 34) Little Dokebi Inc., dba Little Dokebi, 85 Driggs Avenue, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 35) Manich Brothers LLC, dba El Born, 651 Manhattan Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 36) Maracuja LLC, dba Maracuya Bar & Grill, 279 Grand Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/ beer, cider, tavern, bar and grill)
- 37) Marina Caffe LLC, dba Fabbrica Restaurant & Bar, 34 North 6th Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 38) Muchmore's Café LLC, dba Muchmores 2 Havemeyer Street, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern)
- 39) New York Distilling Company LLC, dba The Shanty, 79 Richardson Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 40) Okamoto Holdings LLC, dba Patisserie Tomoko, 568 Union Avenue, Space 1G & H, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, café)
- 41) One Shot Away LLC, dba Jackbar, 143 Havameyer Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, tavern)
- 42) Original Music Workshop INC. & The Middle LLC., dba National Sawdust OMW, 80 North 6th Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, Concert Venue)
- 43) Ontario Bar LLC ., 559 Grand Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, neighborhood bar with pool table)
- 44) Platinum Affairs LTD, dba The Continental Caterers, 75 Rutledge Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, catering facility, private events only)
- 45) Poquito Fesante LLC, dba Little Pheasant, 445 Graham Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 46) Privilege Lounge Inc. dba Privilege Lounge, 140 Graham Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, tavern)
- 47) Radegast Hall, dba, Radegast Hall and Biergarten, 113 -115 North 3rd Street, aka 186 Berry Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 48) Red Bowl Chinese Rest INC., 208 Bedford Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 49) Shelison Restaurant Inc, 492 Broadway, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 50) SNBP Inc., dba Simple Café, 124 South 3rd Street, (Renewal, wine, beer, cider, rest, cafe)
- 51) Spuyeten Duyvil LLC, dba Spuyten Duyvil, 359 Metropolitan Avenue, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 52) Studio 299 LLC, dba Polygon Brooklyn, 299 Vandervoort Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 53) Taco Chulo LLC, 318 Grand Street, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 54) Taqueria El Fogon 2 Corp., 241 Cook Street, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, rest,)
- 55) Ten Eleven Holdings LLC., dba Pencil Factory, 142 Franklin Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar)
- 56) Tigercorn Inc. dba Burnside, 506 Grand Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 57) The Geezers LLC, dba Harefield Road Pub, 769 Metropolitan Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider)
- 58) The Gutter Bar LLC, 200 North 14 Street, (Renewal, Liquor, wine/beer, cider, bowling establishment)
- 59) Tres de Mexico LLC, dba Mesa Coyoacan, 372 Graham Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 60) Vera Cruz on Bedford Ave Corp., dba Vera Cruz on Bedford Avenue, 195 Bedford Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, rest)

- 61) Vinegar Hill NYC LLC., dba Lucky Dog, 303 Bedford Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 62) WD49 LLC, dba Du's Donuts and Coffee, 55 Wythe Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, cafe)

Chairperson Fuller requested persons who wanted to provide comments, to come forward and speak on the listing of licenses.

Ms. Marie Elena Martinez, resident of N. 7th Street - spoke as property owner on the block. She noted having several negative issues with the establishment: Berry Street Associates LLC, dba Diviera Drive, at 131 Berry Street. She report constant noise compaints.

Written comments of concern were also received from residents and property owners of 93 South 4th Street regarding a bar opening at 90 South 4th Street.

BOARD MEETING

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Chairperson Ms. Dealice Fuller called for a moment of silence, reflecting on the September 11, 2001 incident and remembering those persons who were lost in the terrorist attack.

ROLL CALL

Chairperson Ms. Fuller requested District Manager Mr. Esposito to call the roll. District Manager Mr. Esposito conducted the roll call and announced that there were 38 members present, a sufficient number for a quorum. Chairperson Ms. Fuller noted the sufficient quorum and opened the board meeting.

AFFIRMATION OF NEW MEMBER

Chairperson Ms. Fuller requested that new member Mr. Goldstein come forward. He was affirmed as a new member.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairperson Ms. Fuller asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Gross made a motion to approve the agenda as written. The motion seconded by Mr. Goldstein. The motion was unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chairperson Fuller requested all to review the minutes of the June 11, 2019 Combined Public Hearing and Board meeting. The members reviewed the minutes. Mr. Caponegro made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded Ms. Kaminski. The motion was carried. Ms. Gallagher made a motion to have a new protocol regarding the "public speaker" portion of the minutes. She noted that

there was not a lot of detail. She suggested to have a summary for each speaker included. It was noted that there were recordings of the meeting. This was included as a friendly amendment. It was related that these could be put online. A roll call was conducted. The motion failed. The vote was: 13 "YES"; 23 "NO"; 2 "ABSTENTIONS".

NAME	YES	NO	ABS
GINA ARGENTO		x	
BOGDAN BACHOROWSKI			-
LISA BAMONTE		X	
LOUIS BARRICELLI			-
GINA BARROS	X		
ERIC BRUZAITIS	X	_	
THOMAS J. BURROWS		Х	
IRIS CABRERA	X		
PHILIP CAPONEGRO		x	
FRANK P. CARBONE		X	
STEPHEN CHESLER	X		
MICHAEL CHIRICHELLA			
THERESA CIANCIOTTA	X		
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GIOVANNI D'AMATO		X	
ARTHUR DYBANOWSKI			
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EMILY GALLAGHER	X		
VINCENT GANGONE		X	
JOEL GOLDSTEIN		Х	
SOLOMON GREEN		X	-
JOEL GROSS		Х	

SONIA IGLESIAS		X	
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BOZENA KAMINSKI			X
AVROM KATZ			
WILLIAM KLAGSBALD		X	
RYAN KUONEN			
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MARIE LEANZA		X	
YOEL LOW		Х	
TRINA McKEEVER	X	i	
TOBY MOSKOVITS			
MARTIN NEEDELMAN	Х		
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KAREN NIEVES			
MARY ODOMIROK		X	
JANICE PETERSON	X		
DANA RACHLIN	X		
MICHAEL GARY SCHLESINGER		X	
ISAAC SOFER		X	
ROBERT SOLANO			X
JAMES STUART	X		
DEL E. TEAGUE		· <u> </u>	
TOMMY TORRES		X	
MARIA VIERA	x		
STEPHEN WEIDBERG		X	
SIMON WEISER		X	
TOTAL:	13	23	2

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LAND USE, ULURP & LANDMARKS (SUBCOMMITTEE) COMMITTEE – Ms. Maria Viera presented the report from the Land Use Committee. There was an item to vote on. Ms. Viera discussed the application for a BSA Variance Request: (CAL. # 2019-192-BZ) 16 HARRISON PLACE, BROOKLYN, NY, 11206 (BLOCK 3093 LOT 13) – this was an application for variance to permit construction of residential building [cellar and 4 story/residential] in an M1-2 zoning district contrary to permitted use. (South side of Harrison Place between Morgan Avenue and Bogart Street). Ms. Viera related that the Committee had caucused earlier this evening and discussed the project. The major concern raised about the project was that it was being targeted for market rate ownership, and that there was strong need for affordability. The following resolution was formulated: The Committee recommends - APPROVAL WITH THE STIPULATION – that the developer is to offer two units that would be affordable, up to 60% AMI. Ms. Viera presented the resolution and made a motion to support it. The motion was seconded by Mr. Solano. The motion was carried. Mr. Needelman voted "NO". The vote was 41 "YES"; 1 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS".

SLA REVIEW AND DCA COMMITTEE – Mr. Burrows presented a written report that was distributed to the board members. He asked for votes on the various items in the report.

(A.) JUNE 25th COMMITTEE MEETING:

(Vote # 1) Mr. Burrows discussed the portion regarding the Sidewalk Cafes. The Committee recommended approval of the Unenclosed Sidewalk Café renewals. Mr. Solano seconded the motion. The motion was carried with one abstention [Mr. Needelman]. The vote was as follows: 41 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 1 "ABSTENTION".

(Vote #2) Mr. Burrows discussed the portion of the report regarding the New Licenses. He made a motion to support the Committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Solano. There were four "NO" votes (Needelman; Chesler; McKeever; Viera). The vote was as follows: 38 "YES"; 4 "NO"; 1 "ABSTENTION". The motion was carried.

(Vote #3) Mr. Solano made a motion to support the Committee's recommendation to support all of the renewals except for Alligator Lounge (continued problems were noted with their operations). The vote was as follows: 41 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 1 "ABSTENTION". The vote was as follows: 42 "YES"; 0"NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS". The motion was unanimously carried.

(Vote #4) Ms. Iglesias made a motion to support the Committee's recommendations regarding the postponed items. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gross. The motion was unanimously carried. The vote was as follows: 42 "YES"; 0"NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS".

(B.) <u>JULY 30th COMMITTEE MEETING</u>: Mr. Burrows presented the report for the July 30th meeting. The Committee recommends approval as indicated and denial of four (4) applications. He made a motion to support the recommendations. The motion was seconded by Rabbi Niederman. The motion was unanimously carried. The vote was as follows: 42 "YES"; 0"NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS".

Mr. Burrows raised concern about the City having regulations for sidewalk cafes but none for other types of open space on a property or on rooftops. This is something that needs to be checked on.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE – Mr. Burrows announced that there was a survey from the Neighborhood Advisory Board that needs to be completed by the CB#1

members and residents. He noted that the NAB/CAB had specific boundaries, but was not coterminous with the whole district. He urged all to fill it out the survey. He also noted that a hearing would be held at El Puente at 6PM on Wednesday, October 23, 2019. It is regarding "Federal Funding for Community Social Services for Low-Income Individuals and Families in the Neighborhood". He distributed a flyer announcing the hearing.'

Mr. Burrows thanked Ms. Viera for her service on Woodhull Hospital's CAB. Her term on the CAB has ended. The hospital has announced that they would be considering applicants for the newly vacated CAB position. The committee would be meeting next on September 25, 2019 at 6:30 PM, in the CB#1's District Office. Mr. Needelman discussed having a moratorium on liquor licenses. He said that this could be effective immediately. He made a motion for a moratorium. The members discussed the matter. Ms. Kaminski spoke about how, with a moratorium, the applicant will go directly to NYSLA and get a license. Mr. Burrows spoke about how in this process, the Boards' input would be cut out. There the motion failed.

BOARD BUDGET COMMITTEE - Ms. Viera presented a written report regarding the CB#1's budget. She noted that it was emailed to all of the members. The report contained various attachments. She discussed the report which contained spreadsheets for the "Budget Outlook for FY 2020" and "CB#1 Reconciliation 2020". Mr. Chesler asked about term "Intra City"? It was noted "Intra City" funds is money/funds that the City has and uses for items that it pays (i.e. electricity). These types of funds are not funds that the community board has in its available budget to directly use.

Also in the report was the <u>Mayor's Personnel Order #2018/2</u>. The memo discussed "Revision of Pay Plan for Management Employees and Salary Increases for Employees Covered by the Pay Plan for Management Employees" (effective October 24, 2019). Ms. Viera noted that the salaries of the staff would be automatically increased by the City. In the prior year the increase was 2.5%. However, this is the first time that the increase for the district manager title would need to reflect a vote of the board. The vote is to be included in the minutes. It was noted that the subject increase of 3%, was for "COLA" (Cost of Living Adjustment). Rabbi Niederman made a motion to approve the 3% salary increases for the staff (Ms. Wallin, Assistant District Manager and Ms. Pulgarin, Community Associate), including a 3% increase for Mr. Esposito, District Manager. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cabrera. The motion was carried. The 3% increase for the staff and for the District Manager was approved. The vote was: 40 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 2 "ABSTENTIONS"(Gallagher, Rachlin).

Ms. Viera noted that a replacement for a piece of equipment for the office was needed. She was seeking approval from the board to purchase it. The equipment is "<u>APC Back-Up Pro BR-UPS 810</u> <u>Watt – 1350 VA</u>" is to replace the computer system's back-up battery. The total cost is \$243.00 which included an extended warranty. The cost of the equipment is \$181.58, the warranty is \$61.44. The purchase is under a government contract with the firm: CDW-G. Mr. Bruzaitis made a motion to approve the purchase. The motion was seconded by Ms. Peterson. The motion was unanimously carried. The vote was: 42 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS".

Ms. Viera announced that Chairperson Fuller had selected the seven members for the Board Budget Committee. The members are: Ms. Viera (Chair); Mr. Caponegro; Mr. D'Amato; Ms. Foster; Ms. Peterson; Ms. Teague; and Mr. Torres. Ms. Viera announced that the next meeting of the committee is scheduled for 6:30 PM on Thursday, October 3, 2019, at the CB#1's District Office, 435 Graham Avenue.

PARKS & WATERFRONT COMMITTEE – Mr. Caponegro announced that the State is establishing a park under the Kosciuszko Bridge in CB#1's district. It will be a State Park but in CB#1. They have secured \$7million. He also noted that Ms. Salig was getting married at the end of the month. All wished her well on the upcoming nuptials.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – Mr. Bruzaitis submitted a written report that was distributed to the members. He discussed the report and noted that the Transportation Committee's next meeting agenda would be revised and he would provide the changes to the office. The committee is scheduled to meet on September 17, 2019 at 6:30PM in the board's office.

WOMEN'S ISSUES COMMITTEE – Ms. Peterson spoke about continued unresolved issues with women's swim at Metropolitan Pool. She related that in 2020, the global community will mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the "Fourth World Conference on Women" and the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1995). The sixty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women is planned to take place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York in March 2020.

PARKS DEPARTMENT MINUTE

Ms. Mary Salig submitted a written report (attached).

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

Chairperson Ms. Fuller invited the speakers who had signed up to come forward. The following persons addressed the board:

Ms. Cindy Rodrigo, resident of North 10th Street, spoke about problems with the adjacent property, which is the Williamsburg Hotel (96 Wythe Avenue). She reported that they have a rowdy rooftop bar. She stated that the patrons of the rooftop bar create a lot of noise at night. They have repeatedly tossed bottles and other materials over into her yard. She fears for the safety of her children/family. Ms. Rodrigo complained about not being able to use her pool or backyard because the bar's patron throw things over into her yard.

Ms. Diane Hayes, resident of Lorimer Street, spoke about the missing concrete bollards on the north side of Metropolitan Avenue (between southbound Meeker Avenue and northbound Meeker) that they need replacement in order to protect pedestrians.

Mr. Chris Roberti, resident of Montrose Avenue, spoke about the need to slow down traffic along the entire stretch of Montrose Avenue. He was calling for safer methods to be included in roadway: i.e. – protected bike lanes, clear lane markings, in order to make neighborhood safe for pedestrians and bikers.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Ms. Fuller submitted a written report. The report was distributed to the Board Members for review. No comments were received.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

District Manager Mr. Esposito submitted a written report. The report was distributed to the Board Members for review. No comments were received.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: ELECTED OFFICIALS

Council Members Reynoso had spoken earlier to provide various updates. Additional representatives from elected officials spoke to provide updates.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Burrows raised concern that the letter CB#1 sent about requesting a meeting with the new Nightlife "Czar" was not answered. All board members were in agreement to send a letter to the Mayor and the other elected officials noting the lack of response and that CB#1 is seeking a meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. McKeever requested a letter to be sent to the Williamsburg Hotel regarding the complaints raising by the resident in the area. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gallagher. The motion was carried. There was one "ABSTENTION" (Ms. Argento).

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Cabrera made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Caponegro. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Bueno Wallin Assistant District Manager

Reviewed by:

Sonia Iglesias

Recording Secreatary

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	FROM:	Mr. Eric Bruzaitis,	Committee Chair	
	RE:	Committee Report	t from June 17, 2019 Meeting	

ATTENDANCE:Present:Bruzaitis; Stuart; Odomirok; Nieves;Absent:Weiser; Argento; Elkins; Gallagher; Gangone; Green; Kuonen;
Schlesinger; Solano. (A quorum was not met.)

AGENDA:

1. <u>WILLIAMSBURG NORTHSIDE SCHOOL</u>: Follow-up Review of "Play Streets" Application.

Representatives of the school did not appear.

No quorum to vote on application.

Committee will revisit if requested by the school.

2. <u>DISCUSSION: BEDFORD AVE/NASSAU AVE/LORIMER STREET: Assessment</u> of Public Concerns Over Signal Timing and Status of Pedestrian Area.

The committee revisited the issues at the above intersection since the pedestrian improvement were implemented by NYC DOT last summer.

Ms. Katie Naplatarski (public) raised concerns about further beautification in the pedestrian areas, particularly the fact that only 2 large blocks have been installed when the original plan called for 5.

Ms. Ronda Messer of NYC DOT mentioned that there should be an additional 3 blocks installed shortly.

Ms. Naplatarski also discussed beautification of the area.

There would need to be a business partner to maintain any aesthetic improvements. There was some discussion about restaurant Pasta Forma getting involved.

The committee will revisit this item if a partner becomes available.

John Rozmus submitted several videos and photos (attached) of the ongoing problem with on traffic confusion and intersection blocking at the location. It is also clear from the video that back-ups on Berry & Bedford are significant. There is the additional issue of delivery trucks blocking lanes which exacerbates backups. Mr. Rozmus spoke to Capt Glynn of the 94th Precinct about conditions at the location and told that they are aware and working on more enforcement at this location.

Mr. Rosmus was instructed to continue to log 311 complaints and forward to the Committee thru the Board Office.

The public identified these possible conditions contributing to backups:

- Saturday/Sunday afternoons have observed the worst backups.
- During the week, backups are worse around school closing (2PM) until approximately 8PM.
- In addition to truck deliveries, there is illegal short term parking in the curbside lane along Nassau St.
- Light timing needs to be re-evaluated.

Committee comments:

James Stuart noted a delineator on the pedestrian curb out has been knocked down and not replaced for some time.

Mary Odomirok noted a 15 minute transit time from North 9th & Berry to the intersection (approximately .4 miles). She also confirmed there is a lot of confusion at the location for all users.

The Committee Chair will submit these points to NYCDOT as part of this report for follow up in the coming months.

3. <u>DISCUSSION: Opening of Clymer Street Entrance to Brooklyn Navy Yard</u>

Item Tabled until next Transportation Committee Meeting

4. DISCUSSION: RELEASE OF FINAL NORTH BROOKLYN TRAFFIC STUDY

The Committee did not have substantial comments on the final plan except to say, as previously noted by the Board, that the plan does not adequately address many issues still facing the study area.

5. NEW BUSINESS

The topic of new construction using sidewalks for both group mailboxes and garbage enclosures on the side walk. Specific complaints noted that they interfere with parking, make siting tree pits impossible and are an eyesore.

There is a federal component, since mailboxes are regulated by the US Postal Service.

Garbage enclosures are almost never approved by NYC DOT (who regulates sidewalk usage). Developers/Property Managers may be ignoring regulations or accepting fines as cost of doing business.

The Committee will take these issues up at a future meeting TBD.

6. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business discussed

Item 2 attachments:

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September 10, 2019

COMMITTEE REPORT

TO:	Chairperson Dealice Fuller and CB#1 Board Members
FROM:	Mr. Thomas J. Burrows, Committee Chair SLA Review & DCA Committee
RE:	Committee Report for (A.) June 25, 2019 and (B.) July 30, 2019 Meetings

 (A.) The SLA Review & DCA Committee met on Tuesday, June 25, 2019, at 6:30 PM, in the CB #1's District Office, 435 Graham Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11211.
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>: Present – Burrows; Barros; Bruzaitis; Cohen; Foster; Sofer; Solano; Torres. Absent – Bachorowski; Barricelli; Dybanowski; Stuart. (A quorum was present).

AGENDA

I. UNENCLOSED SIDEWALK CAFES:

- <u>UNENCLOSED SIDEWALK CAFÉ:</u> D&D Café LLC, 128 Meserole Street, Brooklyn, NY 11206-2070, Application # 454-2019 ASWC; 19 Tables; 38 Chairs, NEW. (Rep./Shlomo Steve Wygoda, SWA Architecture PLLC) (for review) The Committee Recommends Approval.
- <u>UNENCLOSED SIDEWALK CAFÉ</u>: Jemanya Corp., 57 S. 5th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11249-5106, Application # 1331625-DCA, 9 tables, 18 chairs. (RENEWAL) *The Committee Recommends Approval.*



- <u>UNENCLOSED SIDEWALK CAFÉ</u>: Martha's 263 Bedford Ave LLC, dba Martha's Country Bakery, 263 Bedford Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11211. Application # 2047685 DCA, 14 tables and 28 chairs (RENEWAL) *The Committee Recommends Approval.*
- UNENCLOSED SIDEWALK CAFÉ: Madre Hospitality Inc., 214 Franklin Street, Brooklyn, NY 11222, Application # 5680-2019-ASWC, 4 tables, 16 chairs. (RENEWAL) The Committee Recommends Approval.

II. LIQUOR LICENSES:

<u>New</u>

1) 1 & 3 on 5th Corp., dba Fabianes Café & Pastry, 142 North 5th Street, (Class Change, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)

The Committee Recommends Approval.

2) 25 Kent RG LLC, dba Randolph Beer, 25 Kent Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest/brewer)

The Committee Recommends Approval.

3) 160 Havemeyer LLC, 160 Havemeyer Street Store #5, (New, wine/beer, eider, rest) *The Committee Recommends Approval.*

4) 291 Kent Restaurant Inc. dba TBD, 291 Kent Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest) *Applicant did not appear*.

5) 301 Tavern Corp., dba TBD, 301 Ainslie Street, (Corporate Change, liquor, wine/beer, cider, tavern)

The Committee Recommends Approval.

6) 949 Grand Bar LLC, dba Imperial Pint, 949 Grand Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern) Postponed – must bring copy of prior license to show existing hours.

7) Bright Side Brooklyn LLC, dba Bright Side, 184 Kent Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)

The Committee Recommends Approval.

8) Fujiya Ramen & Sushi LLC, dba TBD, 208 Franklin Street, (New, wine/beer, cider, rest) *Applicant did not appear.*

9) Gran Morelos Corp., dba Gran Morelos Diner & Bakery, 727 Grand Street, (New, wine/beer, cider, rest) The Committee Recommends Approval. 10) Hatchets and Hops Brooklyn LLC, 98 North 11th Street, (New, wine/beer, eider, bar with limited food menu)

The Committee Recommends Approval.

11) K. Dillon on behalf of entity to be determined, 318 Grand Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)

Applicant did not appear.

12) LIC Grill LLC, dba BZ Grill, 544 Manhattan Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest) *Applicant did not appear*.

13) Naravat LLC, dba Chongkho Restaurant, 562 Grand Street Suite 1, (New, wine/beer, cider, rest) *The Committee Recommends Approval.*

14) Plant Based Pizza Williamsburg LLC, 235 Kent Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest) Applicant did not appear.

15) Peck Sheb LLC, dba Crib, 555 Driggs Avenue, (Corporate Change, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest) *The Committee Recommends Approval.*

16) Sala New York LLC, 177 South 4th Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern) Applicant did not appear.

17) Taco Chulo LLC, 318 Grand Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest) *Applicant did not appear*.

18) Taqueria Mexico 2000 Corp, 131 Grand Street, (New, wine/beer, cider, rest) *The Committee Recommends Approval Pending Receipt of Signed Petitions.*

19) Two Hands Williamsburg LLC, dba 260 Kent Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest) *The Committee Recommends Approval.*

<u>Renewal</u>

1) 462 Union Avenue Bar LLC, dba Macri Park, 462 Union Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider)

2) 600 Metropolitan Corp, dba The Alligator Lounge, 600 Metropolitan Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern)

3) 1025 Manhattan Avenue, dba Barley, 1025 Manhattan Avenue, (renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)

4) Bedford Cheese Shop Inc., 265 Bedford Avenue, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, rest)

5) BC Williamsburg LLC, dba By Chloe, 171 North 3rd Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)

6) Bridge Deli & Grocery Store Inc., 427 Wythe Avenue, (Renewal, beer/cider)

7) Bromaco Inc. dba Aurora, 70 Grand Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)

8) Bud LLC, dba The Topaz, 251 Bushwick Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, winc/beer, cider, tavern)

9) Caracos Café I, dba Caracos Arepa Bar, 291 Grand Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest) 10) Coco 66 Inc., dba Coco 66, 66 Greenpoint Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar,

tavern)

11) Concord Hill Inc., dba Concord Hill, 374 Graham Avenue, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, rest) 12) GBMH LLC, dba Noorman's Kil, 609 Grand Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar, tavern)

13) Disruption Spirits and Ales, dba Interboro Spirits and Ales, 942 Grand Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar, tavern)

14) El Ketzal Corp, dba HAAb, 202 Leonard Street, A, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, rest)

15) Knitting Factory Brooklyn Inc., 361-65 Metropolitan Avenue, North 4th Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/ beer, cider, music venue & bar)

16) Marina Caffe LLC, dba Fabbrica Restaurant & Bar, 34 North 6th Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)

17) Muchmore's Café LLC, dba Muchmore's, 2 Havemeyer Street, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern)

18) Pates & Traditions LLC, dba Pates and Traditions, 52 Havemeyer Street, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, rest)

19) Sakura 6 Inc., 837 Manhattan Avenue, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, rest)

20) Schmaltz Foods LLC, dba Schalom Japan, 310 South 4th Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)

21) Stagg Meadow LLC, dba Fitzcarraldo, 195 Morgan Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)

22) Zhang Qing, dba New Golden House ABI Inc., 793 Flushing Avenue, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, rest)

The Committee Recommends Approval of the Renewals.

III. PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED ITEMS:

- Secret Loft LLC, Dba Secret Loft, 90 Scott Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11237 (Randolph St. & Scott Ave.) – Postponed from the previous meeting. *The Committee Recommends Approval with their Presentation.*
- 462 Union Avenue Bar LLC., dba Macri Park, 462 Union Avenue, (Corporate Change, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern) Applicant did not appear.
- 3) Anaya Alam LLC, 318 Bedford Avenue, (New, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern) Applicant did not appear.
- 4) La Guira Restaurant Corp., 580 Broadway, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern) *Postponed. Owner was in the hospital.*

- M Noodle, LLC. 549 Metropolitan Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11211 (Change in license class and to new name) The Committee Recommends Approval.
- 6) 104 South 4TH Inc., dba Randolph Beer, 104 South 4th Street, (Class Change, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest, brewer) *Requested Reconsideration*. *The Committee Recommends Approval*.

(B.) The SLA Review & DCA Committee met on Tuesday, July 30, 2019, at 6:30 PM, in the CB #1's District Office, 435 Graham Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11211.

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

AGENDA: Previously Postponed Items -

1) 291 Kent Restaurant Inc. dba TBD, 291 Kent Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest) *The Committee Recommends Approval.*

2) Anaya Alam LLC, 318 Bedford Avenue, (New, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern) *Previously Approved (in May). No action needed.*

3) Fujiya Ramon & Sushi LLC, dba TBD, 208 Franklin Street, (New, wine/beer, cider, rest) *Postponed*.

4) K. Dillon on behalf of entity to be determined, 318 Grand Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)

Applicant did not appear.

5) La Guira Restaurant Corp., 580 Broadway, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern) *Applicant did not appear*.

6) LIC Grill LLC, dba BZ Grill, 544 Manhattan Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest) Applicant did not appear.

7) Plant Based Pizza Williamsburg LLC, 235 Kent Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest) *Postponed.*

8) Peck Sheb LLC, dba Crib, 555 Driggs Avenue, (Corporate Change, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest) *The Committee Recommends Approval.*

9) Sala New York LLC, 177 South 4th Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern) *Applicant did not appear.*

10) Taco Chulo LLC, 318 Grand Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest) – Application was a renewal, not new. Did not appear at the June 25th and July 5, 2019 meetings.

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

WHEN:	Tuesday, September 24, 2019
TIME:	6:30 PM
WHERE:	CB#1's District Office
	435 Graham Avenue
	Brooklyn, NY 11211
	(Corner of Frost Street)



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CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

TO: Chairperson Dealice Fuller and CB #1 Board Members

FROM: Stephen J. Weidberg, Committee Chair

RE: District Needs Statement for Fiscal Year 2021

The Capital Budget Committee met on June 27, 2019 at 6:30 PM in the Community Board's District Office, 435 Graham Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11211.

<u>ATTENDANCE</u>: Present – Weidberg; Teague; Chesler. (Also present was board member, Ms. Peterson) Absent – Gross. (A quorum was achieved)

At the meeting, the Committee began the process of updating agendas for the budget consultations and submitting a <u>Statement of District Needs</u> for Fiscal Year 2021.

All board members were previously requested to provide any comments that they may have. Suggestions/comments were to be submitted in <u>writing</u> to the attention of the Capital Budget Committee. The deadline for written comments was Monday, June 24, 2019. Any comments received were considered for incorporation. It is noted that the public is invited to attend CB#1's public hearing on September 10, 2019 and provide testimony on the budget.

The Committee has prepared a new statement for the next fiscal year (2021). Attached is the draft document for your perusal.

It will be presented to the full board for adoption on September 10, 2019.

SJW/mbw Attachment: 1 cc: CB#1 Board Members





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September 10, 2019

BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 1 STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS

FISCAL YEAR 2021

Pursuant to the requirements of the New York City Charter, Brooklyn Community Board No. 1 (Greenpoint/Williamsburg) submits its <u>Statement of Community District Needs</u> for the upcoming year. It is our hope that the items identified in this document will be given priority consideration by the City of New York in order to further enhance the development of a cooperative planning process and insure an improvement in the quality of life for all of our residents.

OVERVIEW

The wave of 2009 (a Tsunami) continues to impact our community.

Not just a wave of destruction, but multiple waves of construction.

The flood waters still have not receded.

Many construction worksites are still stalled or abandoned.

The undertow of these thunderous waves continues to negatively impact the lives of the residents of Greenpoint-Williamburg and will effect generations to come.

This tide of grief continues to create a climate of highly inflated rents, denial of lease renewals to both residential and commercial tenants, and a forced exodus of longtime commercial tenants into less desirable areas and <u>even out of state</u>! Now, complicating the equation even more, we are faced with distressed and abandoned work sites and condo prices which are out of touch with today's market.

And the erosion of the existing community has not stopped there!

Like the construction of the Brooklyn Queens Expressway in the 1940's which split communities and demolished the Mt. Carmel Cathedral (for the so called betterment of the transportation network) this continuing pounding of the wave destroys dreams for the homesteaders, the poor

and middle/working class of this community - the people who chose to stay, when it was not trendy or chic.

Without a guarantee of affordability they have been forgotten. And as the flood waters persist to move inland, the distillates of the 2005 Rezoning (notably opposed by CB #1) continue to swoop down upon our small stable communities and create havoc by demolishing our quaint existing structures, building upward (with units not affordable for our community) and straining our limited services and already overburdened antiquated infrastructure. The 2005 rezoning continues to be a "gift that keeps on giving" --- we are now facing pending construction of tower type "as of right" developments in Greenpoint (City Landing/Commercial Street) and in Williamsburg (the former Domino site). We ask that a councilmatic blue ribbon commission be formed to examine and evaluate the results of the 2005 rezoning. The following projects are looming this year:

- Greenpoint Landing Project Park Tower has proposing 4.2 million square feet of mixed-use development on a 22 acre waterfront site in Greenpoint. The City has worked with the developer on the plan, which includes the disposition of city-owned property. In addition to its residential component, the site will include retail, some 4 acres of public open space and a 640-seat pre-K-to-8 public school.
- 77 Commercial/65 Commercial Street Development Rights Clipper Equities proposed a residential project on the 77 Commercial Street site, seeking a special permit to accommodate the additional square footage it is purchasing from the 65 Commercial Street site. Two hundred units of affordable housing are set aside in the development.
- The former Domino site Is to be developed by Two Trees Management LLC (the new owners). The developer formerly indicated that its current plan envisioned a total of about 3.1 million square feet of development that will include approximately 2.3 million square feet of residential; 550,000 square feet of commercial space for small businesses; 228,000 square feet of public open space; 130,000 square feet of community facility space; 72,000 square feet of retail and 220,000 square feet of parking. The residential component will include an estimated 2,284 housing units, 660 of which are planned to be made affordable. Under the agreement with the City, the developer will now provide an additional 110,000 square feet of affordable housing as part of the project, for a total of 537,000 square feet of affordable housing, creating 700 affordable apartments covering a range of incomes, including a significant number of units sized for families. Affordable apartments will be integrated throughout the complex. All of those units will be permanently affordable.

Regarding the Newtown Barge and Box Street Parks, CB #1 approved the project for the Newtown Barge Park and urges the NYC Department of Parks & Recreation to fast track this long awaited project. We are awaiting the final plan for the Box Street Park.

As you know, planning for our community and waterfront has been in our sights for the last 20 years, culminating with the NYC Council approval of our two 197A plans. This was a Herculean undertaking by our Board and was the direct result of much sacrifice and voluminous hours of dedication to our community.

The continuous infusion of people (previously approximated as 40,000 persons; and at the least 8,780 dwelling units) in our community will place even greater burdens on the already overtaxed

city services addressing the needs of our community. Our community has become a tourist attraction! Plans developed by HPD to protect our constituency have been implemented covertly and piecemeal while residents are being displaced on a daily basis. HPD must work in partnership with Community Board No. 1 to develop a comprehensive plan with community input. **HPD must document this displaced population and allow all these stakeholders a preferential status when low income units are available.** Approximately three years after the approval of the Waterfront Plan, **459 units (at Palmer's Dock, Williamsburg Edge) of affordable housing have been built** in the plan area and the devastation caused by upland development has had an irreversible effect on the entire district. A few other sites for affordable housing have followed, however, by the time the trickle down effect of affordable units come on line, the community **will have been resettled by new faces from other areas and the displaced residents a mere memory. Some even relocated out of the district by HPD itself**!

We further note the following needs:

- A. That the City creates truly affordable housing units that are both rental and owner occupied. HPD must look outside the box and explore new concepts/options for funding including the use of Section 8 funds for home ownership. We remain highly concerned about the drought of Section 8 funding for both NYCHA and HPD agencies, and the loss of the Advantage Program assisting homeless families.
- B. Anti-Harassment and Displacement assistance services are greatly needed and should be funded in the CB#1 District.
- C. HPD must re-enact services to residents of the district with a Neighborhood Services field office located within the CB#1's confines. The agency never relocated to the District. It previously forced constituents to make the trek out of the district to Joralemon Street – then closing the downtown office altogether.
- D. Affordable housing is out of reach for local residents because of income guidelines that do not reflect our constituency. The income requirements and rent guidelines need to be reformulated to reflect our area's AMI for affordability.
- E. McCarren Park Pool construction of this facility is now complete after having the facility laid dormant and derelict since 1981. The pool is open and funds must continue to be allocated to operate and maintain the facility year round.
- F. Greenpoint and Williamsburg need more green space and parks staffing, including maintenance of the little precious park land that we have.
- G. Educational needs for District 14 Master Planning Effort (evaluation of services).
- H. MTA Needs Assessment of the Greepoint-Williamsburg Area (evaluation of services).
- I. We need to have no more closures of firehouses! A firehouse is greatly needed to serve the Northside and Waterfront community as a result of a closure of Engine 212 in 2003. There must be no additional closures or reduction in manning.
- J. Need for a hospital or emergency facility within the confines of Community District #1 area none exists now!

- K. Need for increased space at the 94th precinct.
- L. Need for modernized services at the Greenpoint Station and Williamsburg Station (US Postal Service) services are obsolete at these stations.
- M. Need to alleviate overcrowding of the train service especially the Bedford Avenue "L" Station, and stop the continued cuts in service at the "G" train.
- N. The newly created bus service along our waterfront (Kent Avenue and Franklin Street) must be evaluated for any needed enhancements. This service is to be fully funded for expansion and ease of transportation to Manhattan. Other modes of transportation, including larger capacity ferry water service, should be continuously explored.
- O. McGolrick Park is in need of major improvements. We are pleased to learn that funding was secured for the necessary capital projects for the park's infrastructure and building.

Existing commercial activities have also been put at risk, while landowners are certainly attracted to higher rents and dividing rental units into more profitable ventures, businesses are crying out for safe havens to conduct their business with a degree of stability and an opportunity to expand. Existing jobs must be retained in the community and the Administration must accommodate these industries that chose to stay when many others left! These employment opportunities must be protected. Local employment strategies are the foundation of our success.

We will address additional needs in this document as we read on.

However, we would be remiss if we did not recall the City's own standards regarding open and green space. The citywide average for open and green space is 3.5 acres per 1,000 residents. Community District 1 continues to rank near the bottom of the list in terms of open space per capita, with 0.6 acres per 1,000 residents.

With the increase of population expected from the rezoning (25%) the new ratio (0.7) would still fall far below what the New York City Department of City Planning has a its own guideline (2.5 acres).

We therefore urge you to adopt these recommendations of Community Board No. 1.

We now present the specific components of this Statement of Community Needs:

HOUSING

Affordable housing in Community Board No. 1 is a top priority that must be addressed as a critical need. If our neighborhoods are to remain viable and attract/retain jobs and a stable work force, an adequate supply of decent and affordable housing must be available at various income levels.

Community Board No. 1 generally supports the policies articulated by the City, that provides an unprecedented portion of City Capital Budget funding for housing in a manner that gives increased priority to the development of low and moderate income housing. As we have stated in previous years, three general principles must be incorporated into any equitable comprehensive housing plan:

<u>FIRST</u>, those currently funded housing programs that have proven successful must be held harmless from the reduction in past federal assistance, even if an increased City Tax Levy contribution is required to achieve this end.

SECOND, in allocating additional housing funds between the poor and middle class economic segments of our society, it is essential that the <u>first priority</u> be assigned to the <u>poorest</u> <u>segment</u> of our population, those who must bear the brunt of the housing crisis. However, we strongly support the need for affordable housing (both rental and home ownership) for all economic groups.

<u>THIRD</u>, any additional housing funds must be allocated in a fair and equitable manner that responds to the most critical housing needs of each Community District, with a clear and largely advertised marketing throughout the district.

We will now apply these principals to the major housing concerns of Greenpoint and Williambsurg:

While we were extremely encouraged by the Administration's "Points of Agreement" with the NYC Council and its consideration of the Greenpoint-Williamsburg zoning and related ULURP actions, several points were noted in this document, including affordable housing, which the Administration agreed to significantly increase through a variety of mechanisms including inclusionary zoning, financial and tax incentives. In addition to increasing the number of affordable units in the district, the Administration agreed to anti-harassment provisions to be provided separately, as part of a follow-up corrective action. The lack of progress on the many areas outlined in the Agreement shows a violation of the spirit of this document. This anti- harassment initiative should be delivered on a community grassroots level, through a Northside group with a significant track record of achievement. However, we have learned that not all of the groups funded for this endeavor are solely located in the affected geographic area. The ill- fated plans to create a Greenpoint-Williamsburg Affordable Housing and Infrastructure Fund of up to \$10 million, to be managed by HPD, using proceeds received from the sale of air rights from the MTA site on Commercial Street in Greenpoint never happened and there remains a void in a successful formula for ensuring affordability rights and protection for our constituency. A Greenpoint-Williamsburg Tenant Legal Fund (\$2 million) was established and those funds were quickly exhausted. The fund primarily served to protect existing tenants from unfair displacement and harassment. Harassment and displacement continues unmitigated. We are in dire need of funding for these non-profit groups to champion the rights of our residents and to monitor adherence to the City's requirements of affordability.

We are disappointed with the Bloomberg's Administration's Greenpoint-Williamsburg Community Advisory Board (CAB) and the discontinuance of same by the current Administration. Mayor de Blasio must bring back this "CAB" as the Advisory Board was specifically charged with monitoring adherence to these points of agreement, including but not limited to, the development of affordable housing units, the development of open space, the implementation of industrial preservation and the periodic review of social infrastructure needs and mitigations in the Greenpoint-Williamsburg Community. We were discouraged by the slow implementation of the points and several members of the CAB have expressed their concerns over a lack of faith on the part of the Mayor. While we recognized that their agenda was lengthy their endeavors lack fruition and fall short on community participation, they failed to engage the community in a meaningful way and the current Administration has chosen to not engage the community at all.

All efforts must be made to implement those previously proposed projects that are yet to be funded. It is essential that the City realizes the need for low income rental housing/ownership and provide the much needed funds that will help compensate for the past tragic loss of Federal housing subsidies. The inclusion of such programs by the Mayor, an overall comprehensive housing program, is an absolute necessity for our district.

Homeownership in low-income communities is seriously weak. In other areas of the country, the Section 8 subsidy is utilized for home purchasing. We urge that a similar pilot program be brought to NYC, and that Greenpoint and Williamsburg is considered for inclusion.

We have seen the erosion of industrial businesses in the community, even from within the designated areas created by the rezoning to attract these enterprises. A recent report from the Furman Center about gentrification in NYC states that in Greenpoint and Williamsburg there are acute changes in the both the population and rents. The percentage change in the average rent over a period of time (1990 to 2010-2014) was noted as 78.7% versus the City wide average 22.1%. This has not changed and rents continue to spiral upwards.

It is understood that several developers have already proclaimed their desire to build "affordable housing", however, affordable by AMI is not necessarily affordable to our constituency; these residents who have vested sweat equity in our district and colonized this community when others chose to stay away must not be forgotten.

Affordable housing must be constructed "on site" at the waterfront and not scattered into less desirable pockets of the district. Affordable housing is out of reach for local residents because of income guidelines that do not reflect our constituency. The income requirements and rent guidelines need to be re-formulated to reflect our area's AMI for affordability. In addition, those individuals that are in between income levels (\$45,000 - \$60,000 per annum must also be provided for).

Community Board No. 1 asks that the City revisit Greenpoint Hospital and reconsider the RFP submitted by our local nonprofit, and that in the future, that the City would give priority to the local nonprofits submitting RFPs. We continue to support GREC's plans for the development of the site.

The New York State owned Marcy Avenue Armory site could be easily conveyed to the City for development of a very substantial amount of affordable housing.

PUBLIC HOUSING

The District contains nine housing developments with 6,656 dwelling units administered by the NYC Housing Authority (NYCHA). These represent an extremely valuable low income housing resource. Additional City Tax Levy revenues must again be allocated to compensate for federal budget cutbacks, and provide for the best possible maintenance of these facilities. We continue to support the needed renovations to these various developments (i.e. the majority of the Williamsburg Houses storefronts remain vacant and in severe disrepair. These derelict units should be converted to badly needed affordable housing units to serve our constituents.)

Community Board No. 1 continues to oppose the NYCHA's plan to meet their budgetary requirements by implementing drastic increases to fees for service, maintenance and rent of the low income tenants of public housing developments. We stand with the Cooper Park tenants in opposing NYCHA's proposal to discontinue a building's parking lot as a site for new housing, a deliverable from the Greenpoint Williamsburg Zoning Agreement to develop 130 units of "affordable" housing on a resident parking lot within Cooper Park Houses. This "dartboard" style, siting of affordable housing, is dangerous and provides additional stress on already over overburdened sections of the district. The Resident Council has stated that "It is our desire to request on behalf of our residents a decision to support the proposed development of 130 units of affordable permanent housing. However, as an alternate site to the resident parking lot, we

are requesting that a new site be considered. A portion of the Frost Playground, located on Frost Street, between Kingsland and Morgan Avenues is a more suitable site for the proposed housing. We are asking for support of Community Board #1 in developing the much needed housing at this alternate location." * NYCHA should consult with the Cooper Park Resident Council Inc. in soliciting NYCHA's concept. * Communicated in written correspondence sent to Community Board No. 1 from Ms. Diane Jackson, President, Cooper Park Resident Council Inc., dated June 16, 2010.

We continue to request that the parking needs of the development be investigated so that any changes will be a "win-win" situation for the tenants and not pose a detriment.

SENIOR CITIZEN HOUSING

We note that there is a great need for housing of the elderly and an increasing senior citizen population in Community Board No. 1 (over 20,000) remains of paramount concern. In the past, we have been successful in obtaining Section 202 (federal) funding for various senior housing developments in the district: Jennings Hall, Monsignor Vetro Houses, Metropolitan Houses, Monsignor Jarka Hall, Los Sures Senior Citizens Development, Dupont Street Mary D'Angelis Senior Housing) and Huron Street Senior Housing. We urge that similar efforts continue in Greenpoint/Williamsburg, with additional Section 202 sites submitted by private and City sources and evaluated by Community Board No. 1 prior to being recommended to the City. Where there is a shortage of senior citizen, assisted living housing, and nursing homes (a nursing home was targeted for construction at the former Greenpoint Hospital campus) in the district, we hope that the City will develop this targeted housing as promised by a previous administration. However, HPD failed miserably in communicating with this Board. New plans have now come to light and CB#1 will continue to advocate for an active role in its development. HPD must be transparent in its progress.

PUBLIC SAFETY

With the infestation of new construction throughout the entire district we need a commitment from the City for the monitoring of construction safety and abatement of construction-related nuisances(s). We also need increased enforcement of environmental related issues to ensure that new residential sites (conversions) are safe for habitation.

Demolition often poses additional threats to older and existing adjacent structures. This explosion of new construction in our district has resulted in a rise of adjacent property damage complaints at these sites, as well as building collapses. We applauded the Department of Buildings establishment of a dedicated unit to monitor construction sites, however, this unit just deals with excavation/foundations. We are pleased with the subsequent establishment of a "Construction Task Force" under the Department of Buildings that would double check certification for construction plans and also double check individual sites for compliance and adherence. The Department of Buildings must continue to address safety issues and proper attention made to adjacent properties to provide protection and relief.

The Department of Buildings must continue to inventory stalled construction sites and monitor them for any issues that would negatively impact the community (homeless encampments, standing water-mosquito infestation/West Nile Virus/Zika Virus prevention, illegal dumping, trespassing, arson).

Community Board No. 1 was pleased to learn that there was progress at the State level to strengthen regulations over construction projects as both Greenpoint and Williamsburg have been

greatly impacted by the booming number of construction jobs happening in New York City. Our Board had to be the first one to point out problems with a job, often for nonconformance to either plans, zoning or just plain sound construction practices. Adjacent homeowners frequently report that their foundations are being destabilized by work next to them because a contractor failed to simply do required underpinning. In 2009 legislation was introduced into the NYS Assembly to address shortcomings in the Department of Buildings' (DOB's) regulation of construction and development in NYC. The legislative package included seven cohesive bills. One bill, A04770A called "The Department of Buildings Community Accountability Act" aimed in particular provide a greater voice and access for community boards to the Department of Buildings was enacted in 2010. It directs DOB to notify community boards and borough presidents of all construction permits and DOB actions in the district and to issue public reports on all construction accidents, property damage and dangerous conditions. It also prohibits DOB from issuing certificates occupancy until all adjudicated fines are paid; and it gives community boards the right to thirty (30) DOB audits a year and to copies of any plans on file at the DOB. This type of mandated direct access provides additional teeth for our board as we will be able to have a better picture of what a particular job entails and what problems exist. The Board's ability to access information will go beyond just a few lines listed in a computer database. Plans would be more readily obtainable. The Loft Law Expansion, passed in June 2010, was designed to bring loft buildings up to residential safety and fire codes while giving rights and protections to the tenants who inhabited them. The bill was introduced as an extension of the original 1982 law. Overseen by the Loft Board, the city's agency charged with implementing the law, Loft Law coverage means that landlords must adhere to the rules and guidelines set forth by the Loft Board to bring the space up to code while only raising the rent when landlords reach certain benchmarks. After a certain number of rent increases, the loft's rent will become stabilized. In an attempt to rectify some loft law stipulations a bill was introduced to clean up certain provisions of the Loft Law and expand coverage. As the landscape of the city changes, more and more hotels are being built in neighborhoods that are historically residential, such as ours.

Hotels have an outsized, often disruptive impact on our communities. We have urgently expressed the need for a process that provides real community review of hotel development.

Recent hotel growth in Brooklyn is happening in both residential and industrial areas, crowding out local communities, manufacturing spaces, and possible affordable housing sites. This hotel growth has led to the gentrification and homogenization of our communities, and it has inflated rents and property taxes. To maintain our vibrant city, every effort should be made to preserve socioeconomic diversity and keep our neighborhoods affordable for the mix of uses (residential, community spaces, artistic) that currently exists. Since the 2005 rezoning of our District's waterfront we anticipated problems with hotel growth. In addition, hotel developments that fail can easily file for financial hardship and request for a change to a non-conforming use such as residential/condominium development, thus sidetracking the zoning regulations which would otherwise be denied in manufacturing "M" [MX/Mixed Use] zones.

We reached out to the City and our elected officials to tackle this predictive oncoming wave but no substantial action was ever taken. Not only do we have several new transient hotels constructed, more are on their way to be built. They emerge "as of right" in the company of tremendous increasing capacities and multi-functions. Our district has also become fertile grounds for establishing bunker bed hostels, vacation/bed & breakfast apartment rentals, transitional housing for the homeless, and "yotels". A new amendment (Int. 181-A) to the Local Law attempts to establish a process. It however, merely gives notice to the affected community board with no ability to review or establish a community need. We require a real voice in the development process and an opportunity to engage developers before they start building. The simplest most comprehensive approach is to amend the Zoning Resolution so that new hotels
may only be developed by special permit.

We strongly support a city-wide special permit requirement for hotels. This will empower communities and put residents and our representatives in City Council and the Borough President's office on more equal footing with hotel developers, who have too often disregarded substantive issues.

PROBLEMS WITH SIDEWALK OBSTRUCTIONS

We have raised Revocable Consent issues related to the garbage can cages and other such encroachment issues on sidewalks (other than Sidewalk Cafes). There is a question of what particular agency is responsible for things such as sidewalk structures extending onto the sidewalk from stores, the use of wooden crates holding produce or the use of a sidewalk curb area to sell goods (i.e. plants, flowers and ATM's).

We have found that with the proliferation of eating and drinking establishments in the district that many of these businesses are not abiding by the City's rules and regulations for outdoor use. They are either ignorant of the requirements or flagrantly abuse them. Enforcement is a key issue here.

The Department of Sanitation (DSNY) was designated as the agency to address the sudden explosion of illegal clothing bins. Finally, a protocol was developed regarding bins found to be in violation of Local Law 31. According to the agency, if a publicly accessible collection bin is suspected of being in violation, the DSNY will attempt to notify the owner by certified mail. The notice will state that the bin must be removed within 30 days. Regardless of whether the owner's address is ascertainable, DSNY is required to post a notice on the bin stating that it must be removed within 30 days. Failure to remove the bin within the designated time period will result in the removal and disposal of the bin by DSNY.

WEEKEND AND AFTER HOURS CONSTRUCTION WORK VARIANCES

Community Board No. 1 takes a strong stance regarding the granting of weekend and after hour work variances by the Department of Buildings. Given the vast diversity of ethnic beliefs in the greater Greenpoint and Williamsburg neighborhoods, and the super saturation of construction activities throughout the entire district, the Board has taken a position that these types of variances **must** not be granted. In lieu of the perception that the Department of Buildings is not adhering to the wishes of the Board, CB #1 has called upon the Brooklyn Borough President, the Mayor, and the City Council to help us with this endeavor. The issue of excessive lighting (particulary at night) from construction sites, needs serious exploring. There is a lack of enforceable guidelines and the necessary action that could be taken on how NYC regulates this type of intrusion upon adjacent residents. Bright lights, described often a being very akin to a 42nd Street effect, frequently emanate at night from construction sites. These lights have reportedly blinded residents in their homes and disrupting sleep.

POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFFING

Adequate police protection is a basic public right, and we urge the Community Board No. 1's two local precincts – the 90th and 94th – receive their <u>fair share</u> of any additional police staffing. Community Board #1 is experiencing a renaissance. Current population statistics topple over

census figures while new faces fill our streets as we become the trendy place to live -- even more --- to visit. New residences are constructed, lofts converted, and new entertainment venues are developed. While we enjoy this popularity, it comes with a cost.

Our two police precincts (the 90th and 94th) continue to be severely overburdened addressing the many quality of life issues that arise with the many different lifestyles of our new and existing populations. For example, Bedford Avenue (between Metropolitan Avenue and North 12th Street; North 6th Street between Bedford and Kent Avenue) has become a Mecca for bars, eateries – and on the whole - a new venue for nightlife in Williamsburg. Policing is an essential ingredient for these venues to be successful. It is recognized that these growing businesses are important for the City as a tax revenue base and key to economic growth. However, these trends must be carefully woven into an existing community. Likewise, the introduction of clubs, bars and galleries in Greenpoint dually created a greater enforcement need - constituents are walking the streets at later hours whereas past trends of earlier bedtimes drew less police action. We are highly concerned about the sudden rise of huge venues for entertainment that have opened in the district, especially within our industrial/manufacturing enclaves. These large venues are geared to attract thousands of patrons to their doors per event. Such numbers require tight security plans and safety management. In lieu of this ever- changing scenario Community Board No. 1 seeks immediate action in the assignment of additional police officers to the 90th and 94th Police Precincts.

In addition, the growth in the residential and commercial population has brought a great deal more vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle traffic to the district. We would greatly benefit from more traffic enforcement agents, particularly along our busiest and increasingly dangerous corridors: Graham Avenue, Flushing Avenue, Metropolitan Avenue, Bedford Avenue, and Manhattan Avenue. Since the implementation of a cycling network in our district, we are compelled to respond to increased complaints by residents that cyclists are not adhering to the established rules of safety. We call upon the Administration to begin a program of identification license plates for bicycles. Revenues attained by the plating of bicycles can be used to implement additional safety measures to protect cyclist, pedestrians and motorists. We believe that the implementation of the BikeShare program warrants the need for police personnel to be dedicated for bicycle safety enforcement.

We continue to support the installation of surveillance cameras within the City's subway stations. The cameras have aided the police in deterring crime and apprehending criminals. We support requests made by our local precinct(s) commanders to install these cameras, monitored by NYPD personnel, in our district's stations (G, L, M/J lines).

This should result in the assignment of adequate police officers to each facility to maintain the recently reduced crime rate and maintain around the clock coverage of all police sectors in each precinct. In addition, it is essential that the number of police officers assigned to the eight NYC Housing Authority developments located in Community Board No. 1 be <u>significantly increased</u>, whereas Cooper Park was turned over to the 94th Precinct. This should be duplicated throughout Community District #1 area. Turning NYCHA sites over to their respective precincts for a more local policing strategy is the right thing to do!

ADULT ESTABLISHMENT ZONING. LIQUOR AND CABARET LICENSES

In 1995 Community Board No. 1 opposed the City's efforts to regulate and restrict the operation and conduct of Adult Establishments by allocating them to exist only in manufacturing districts. This change in zoning allows for an unfair share of these establishments to have the ability to relocate to communities, such as Greenpoint and Williamsburg that possess large manufacturing areas. We seek the City to progress a strategy addressing this issue to prevent such establishments from opening in a newly developed area. The New York State Liquor Authority has thrust upon our community board the burdensome role of review for applications that the state agency receives for licensing premises. The community board is an advisor only and not a license granter here nor does it share in the revenue stream. However, the review role is both costly and time consuming. It requires the intake of notifications (30 day Municipal Notice). These notifications are accepted by CB #1 by USPS certified return receipt mail. The receipt of this document then triggers the board's review process where:

1.) CB #1 announces the application on a meeting notice. Some types of applications, such as new sidewalk cafe applications and cabaret licenses, notice of the meeting is hand distributed by placing notices within the affected area.

2.) CB #1 dedicates time and space on its public hearing agenda to hear from the public. Comments are solicited, and if made, become part of the board's records.

3.) CB #1 sends out notifications to the applicant, package of materials to be completed, and an invitation for them to attend the review meeting.

4.) Materials are transmitted to the applicant for the review process (questionnaire, poster).

5.) At a review meeting, a presentation is made and the application is discussed, with the committee making a recommendation.

6.) The recommendations are presented to the full board in the form of a report.

7.) The board then votes on the recommendations and the result is submitted to the NYSLA.

All throughout this monthly process, the staff is dedicating an inordinate amount of time to handle the voluminous amount of applications that come to the board. There is a constant stream of mail coming in, going out, email correspondence and hard copied documents to be filed and maintained. For those applicants who are postponed, the process lingers until there is a determination.

There has been a continued landslide in the number of applications made to the NY State Liquor Authority for locations in CB #1. The Board is highly concerned about the proliferation and concentration of bars in the district. Our board is also concerned about an ambiguity that exists in the NYSLA's outdated "200 foot" rule. This ambiguity excludes day care centers and Pre-K institutions from the "200 foot" equation in determining the location of a proposed establishment on the same street. We feel that such an ambiguity is detrimental to the essential purpose of this NYSLA's regulation and seek your efforts in correcting this miscalculation. We have written to the NYSLA recommending that they expand the 200 ft. rule to include day care centers and Pre-K programs.

As its role is only one of advisory capacity, CB #1 urges the Police Department, the Department of Consumer Affairs and the State Liquor Authority to aggressively examine these locations prior to granting or renewing any licenses, and urges that both the 500-foot hearing and 200-foot rulings be used to ascertain an establishment's appropriateness. It appears that the SLA uses this permitting process as a fundraising effort for the State and takes little interest in the cumulative effort of these drinking establishments on communities.

We were pleased that the City Council sought with legislation to step up enforcement by requiring stricter hiring regulations and background criminal checks for employees hired as bouncers at clubs and bars. We remain concerned about outdoor uses and noise complaints (i.e. patios, rooftops, backyard gardens) and urge that the City Council reintroduce legislation that would provide restrictions for such uses. We are also concerned about the proposed shortened review period for sidewalk cafes as well as the extended time for sidewalk cafes to open on Sundays. Shortening of the review period will present problems for community boards to complete their process and provide comments. The extended hours for sidewalk cafes to allow an earlier time to

operate on Sundays will conflict with the SLA's regulations restricting establishments to not serve alcohol before 12:00 (noon).

Furthermore, Community Board No. 1 pre-warned the Administration that the "Smoking Ban" would project bar-goers into the streets and rear yards of communities to smoke and that must be addressed in any legislation. Unfortunately, we were right and we continue to receive voluminous complaints about bar patrons outside bars smoking and sidewalks riddled with cigarette and cigar butts. Residents have expressed health concerns as second-hand smoke tends to linger and enter their abodes. In August 2017, New York City passed Local Law 147, which requires residential buildings with three or more residential units to create a policy on smoking and to share or disclose it with current and future tenants. We are pleased that this quality of life concern is now be addressed by the Administration with its implementation of new housing regulations regarding smoking. Managers and residents of multifamily buildings across the country are discovering the benefits of smoke-free housing. A 100% smoke-free building is one where smoking tobacco products are prohibited everywhere. That means no smoking in individual apartments or common indoor and outdoor areas. Some smoke-free buildings may allow smoking only in a limited outdoor area.

ANTI-DRUG TASK FORCE

We note the valuable contribution of the anti-drug SNEU (Street Narcotic Enforcement Unit, housed at the 90th Precinct). We urge continued efforts by the NYPD to deter illegal drug dealing in our community and reduce crime.

We are concerned about the lack of planning on both New York State and New York City levels in regards to medical marijuana operations. In July 2014, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature enacted the "Compassionate Care Act" making the drug available to certified patients with serious conditions who need it. The program is reportedly designed to ensure that medical marijuana is available for patients and is dispensed and administered in a manner that protects public health and safety. The State's website notes that As of May 24, 2016: 583 physicians have registered for the NYS Medical Marijuana Program, and 4,081 patients have been certified by their doctors. Since the "legalization" of marijuana in other US states, problems of abuse have skyrocketed in communities, especially in places like Colorado and California. We are concerned that our community will suffer from similar woes and fear that New York State does not have a firm grasp on the matter.

FOOT PATROL

The foot patrolman is a valuable public safety resource and more personnel must be put on patrol to increase efficiency and address quality of life type complaints. It is extremely disappointing that this Mayoral budget is void of any additional funding for the NYPD. We strongly urge that there be additional funding for police staffing and that resources also be increased for foot patrol at the various NYCHA developments in the District under the auspices of the local precinct. We are pleased that they have started a new initiative: "NCO". For each sector team there are two officers designated as the neighborhood coordination officers (NCOs).

SPEED CAMERAS

We continue to support the installation of these cameras on McGuinness Boulevard, especially at the intersection of Norman Avenue where Public School 34 is located.

ANTI-ARSON PROGRAMS

Community Board No. 1 unfortunately, had the distinction of being in the top three of the

community districts with the highest suspicious fire rates. For 2016 the Fire Department's statistics for CB #1 show that there were: 11,788 total emergency & medical emergencies; 6,188 non-fire and nonmedical emergencies; 618 nonstructural fires and 669 structural fires; 13,539 total incidents - the third highest in the borough). From January - May 2017 CB #1 has had 13 suspicious fires. In 2016 there were a total of 48 suspicious fires, ranking the district as fourth in the borough with a high rate. The devastating 10+ alarm fire in 2006 the Greenpoint Terminal Market (remarked as rivaling the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center) shows too dramatically the need for fire protection and the full complement needed to investigate and solve suspicious fires. We must not forget that a large percentage of housing

stock was lost in our communities during the arson ravages of the 1970's. It was only through prevention, education, investigation and the bringing to justice those persons criminally responsible, that the spread of fire damage was stemmed. We continue to rank within the top five community boards in terms of total incidents. As long as this intolerable situation continues to exist, it is essential that a team of Fire Marshals be specifically assigned to serve Community Board No. 1 on a full time basis.

We are concerned that the consolidation, re-deployment and continuing attrition of Fire Marshal personnel has greatly decreased the efficiency of this unit and its ability to effectively perform its role (today, there are only 80 Fire Marshals and 19 Supervisors for the entire City of NY). In 2002 the FDNY had four Marshal Bases [one in each Borough, except Staten Island]. Today there is just one Fire Marshal Base in the entire City!)

We seek the Red Cap Program (called this because its 50 Fire Marshals wore red caps to make their presence known in the neighborhood) to be reinstituted. These "Red Caps" worked in twoperson teams around the clock responding to every fire. The advantage of the Red Cap is that investigators are on the scene immediately, not waiting to be notified that a blaze was suspicious. Teams of Marshals and Police Detectives worked to investigate arson- related fires and to prosecute the criminals that started them.

FDNY/EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

We continue to be in "shock and awe" with the Mayor's decision to close Engine Company 212 that we are compelled to once again reiterate our extreme and vehement opposition to any Fire Station closings. The future of our community depends on this essential service. We are pleased that 136 Wythe Avenue was awarded to two local community based organizations, People's Firehouse and Neighbors Allied for Good Growth (NAG). Both are prominent in the Northside and will develop the site. The Board played a vital role in seeing this through to fruition. Our support of the award in no way implies a complacency with no firehouse in its stead. We need a ladder company and hazmat unit here. The growth of the area commands a large more state of the art facility. We oppose any plan by the Administration to close any more units! We are concerned about acute proliferation of high rise development in the district and having adequate fire protection. There are unique challenges that FDNY must meet for our area because it that has a mix older wood frame housing, high-rise buildings, commercial establishments and manufacturing hubs. These matters are compounded by the various environmental encounters presented by each property and any of its historic uses (i.e. underground oil spills, industrial uses, hazardous materials storage, vacancy or abandonment.)

With the closing of St. Catherine's Hospital in 1964 and the Greenpoint Hospital shutdown in 1982, the Greenpoint/Williamsburg community remains void of any hospital facility within its confines. Although vibrant and expanding, the communities of Greenpoint/Williamsburg continue to have an older population (and a rising young one) and thus rely on the Fire services, EMS, Engine Companies with defibrillators to be the "1st Responders" when needed. For the

period of January – May 2017, our fire companies responded to 4,933 emergencies (total emergency & medical responses) as "Certified First Responders- Defibrillators" in Community Board No. 1. The ranking for our district is the third highest in Brooklyn with Emergency Medical total responses. The total number for Non-fire and Non-medical Emergencies for this year to date (May) is 2,783 noting our district as the highest in Brooklyn with these responses. There were 238 responses to structural fires and 223 nonstructural fire responses, with a total of 461 year to date, ranking our district as first with the highest number. In 2016, from January to December, CB #1 ranked third in the borough with 13,539 total incidents handled by the FDNY. We remain concerned about rising heroin overdoses and advocate for the use of Naloxone, a medication called an "opioid antagonist" used to counter the effects of opioid overdose (i.e. morphine and heroin overdose).

As a community in renaissance, we have seen a steady rise in population (noted in the 2010 census). <u>We believe that this figure is far short of the actual increase (the notable growing population includes many new families with young children, and there is a boom in the restaurant/bar type businesses with many patrons attracted from both inside and outside of the community). In fact, the Mayor had acknowledged the City's increasing population in his PlaNYC which addresses the challenges facing the city. By 2010 it states that NY will have added a population the size of Salt Lake City and in the year 2030 Brooklyn's population is to increase by 11.4%.</u>

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The exodus of the commercial use to that of residential is extremely problematic mainly as well because most – if not all – of the properties are wood beam construction with an extreme potential for fire.

Additional projects already completed or those that are in the works which create further housing units includes the: HPD – Schaefer Brewery Site: 350 units; Domsey Site: 540 units; Kedem Winery: 450 units. The former Domino Sugar site (11 acres) at our waterfront's edge promised development by the Community Preservation Corporation: 2,200 units had remained dormant. The Community Preservation Corporation sold the property to Two Trees Management. We had looked forward to a dialogue toward developing the site as a major source of affordable housing (CPC had indicated that they would develop 660 of these units). The refinery building has received landmark status and development for this building is to be carefully considered with preservation. This project has not moved quick enough to address our pressing need for affordable housing. We were concerned that the developer would be able to retool this property for other uses. However, the City reached an agreement on the redevelopment of the Domino Sugar site to increase affordable housing.

The NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development submitted an application to the Department of City Planning seeking a rezoning in the Broadway Triangle area. Community Board No. 1 held a public hearing on June 9, 2009 regarding the application and the ULURP Committee reviewed it at a meeting held later in the month to formulate a recommendation. At its regular board meeting held July 14, 2009, the members of Community Board No. 1 voted to support the application with modifications. We continue to support affordable housing and open space for the Broadway Triangle area. Development of this area is underway.

How did we close a firehouse on the heels of a major rezoning plan that reportedly will create several thousand additional housing units to an already overburdened area? <u>Surely someone in the Administration advising the Mayor did not do the math!</u>

We applaud the Fire Department's efforts to bring better service via the concept of housing EMT bases strategically located in the community. A location was identified and secured within Community Board No. 1 (332 Metropolitan Avenue). After several delays this facility's construction was completed and operating. The FDNY has made little attempt if any, to site a location to serve the northern portion of Greenpoint. <u>We hereby call upon the Administration to address the community's need for ready ambulance services.</u>

The FDNY in recent years collaborated with the DOT (in Staten Island) on addressing speed bump concerns. The increase in these barriers caused many FDNY personnel and residents to worry that there may be considerable increases in response times for ambulances and fire apparatus. The initial study proved that these mounds yield an increase in response time. DOT routinely seeks our Board to support request for speed bumps. We therefore, must oppose any such requests until a proper study is conducted demonstrating the safety of this alleged speeding deterrent. We request that further study be done specifically in our district to evaluate these areas of concern. A letter was sent to the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation on this matter has gone unanswered.

PARKS & RECREATION

INCREASE STAFFING

The over 110 acres of parkland situated in Community Board No. 1 represent an extremely valuable resource, the potential of which, however, remains to be realized due to the continued erosion of Park Department staff. Clearly, 29 "real" (1 manager, 3 supervisors, 1 full time gardener, 1 part time gardener, 23 other regular staff) maintenance workers cannot begin to supply even minimal coverage of our heavily utilized parks, and underscore the need to provide for the proper maintenance of these facilities. We currently have only 1 slot for workers (playground associates) who provide recreational services for youths and administer programs in the district. This playground associate is located in only one of our many playgrounds - totally insufficient to fully serve Community Board No. 1's district. According to the 2010 census, our District contains over 51,600 residents who are 19 years of age or less, and hosts a heavily used regional park (McCarren Park). We have found that the number of children in the district is steadily increasing as can be seen with the corresponding increases of public and private school enrolled pupils (kindergarten - 8th grade). A minimum of 5 more supervisory staff positions and 30 employee staff positions are badly needed. Specifically, additional maintenance staff must be assigned to the following facilities: McCarren Park, Cooper Park, Sternberg Park (Lindsay Park), Sqt. Dougherty (was reconstructed with the Kosciuszko Bridge Project), P.S. 84 Playground, Martinez Playground, La Guardia Playground, Bushwick Houses Pool. Beyond this, it is essential that adequate recreation staffing is assigned to Metropolitan Pool and such major facilities as McCarren, McGolrick and Sternberg Parks. Finally, firm commitments to secure adequate, year round, recreation, security and medical first aid staffing at McCarren Pool is essential and must be made a very high department priority.

McCARREN PARK AND POOL

Since its opening in 1938, McCarren Pool has been a valuable Summertime resource to the youth of our community, and North Brooklyn, and was imperative that its reconstruction proceeded as <u>promptly as possible</u>. Community Board No. 1 was pleased that a community consensus was reached in February 2001 regarding the derelict facility. We supported the feasibility plan presented by the consultant firm. Vollmer Associates, to redevelop the site to include an Olympic size pool, a multi-purpose year round facility and an ice skating/inline skating rink. This concept gained support from the Community and the Board's McCarren Park Pool Task

Force. In June 2007, the Mayor allocated \$50 million for construction of a new pool and recreation area with retention of the bathhouses and archway. The Board supported a feasibility design strategy that was presented by the Parks Department to recommend alternate venues to accommodate the many community events enjoyed at the pool site. The pool and recreation center are now open for all to use. We were pleased that the Parks Department had issued an RFP for a seasonal ice skating rink concession. A rink was operated in the pool It proved to be a successful endeavor that was enjoyed by many. We are greatly concerned that it has not returned last winter and is not slated to open this winter. It is important that the Parks Department reconsider the activity. It is important that sufficient funding continues to flow steadily to sustain our new facility for generations to come.

Most of the acreage (especially the adjacent Abate Playground) has received benefits of renovation or upgrading. These efforts have restored the majority of this park's recreational uses and these areas are now more heavily used than ever. In fact, parents of children who use the facility ("Park Moms") take an active role in the playground and make recommendations to the Parks Department for improvements.

McCarren Park is basically divided into three large parcels with different park uses. Each parcel is separated by roadways from each other. We seek the Parks Department to address the need for additional comfort station facilities as the only one available is in the existing Park Field House located in the portion with the baseball field and is always in total disrepair. The walk is too far for the children at the playground and isolated from the handball courts, running track and soccer field. The illuminated soccer field, and all other permitted fields, must allow preferences for its use by bona fide Greenpoint/Williamsburg youth groups.

The de-mapping of a portion Union Avenue that lies adjacent to McCarren Park will provide additional open space for the park. Community Board No. 1 provided support for the action with conditions. We are still not apprised of the efforts that the City had made to address concerns about the loss of 34 parking spaces (DPR committed to providing the completed survey and to accommodate all of the parking that will be displaced by this action). The existing successful uses (including the dog run, Green Market and Green Dome Garden) are to be preserved. CB #1 is to be keep apprised on the project and any interim use of this extended acreage for McCarren Park. The Parks Department should also explore having a food vending concession in McCarren Park's field house with the caveat that the restroom/comfort facilities remain open and maintained by the concessionaire.

METROPOLITAN POOL

Met Pool now serves Community Board No. 1 in a more effective manner than ever before. The City should further support the valuable voluntary efforts of the Friends of Met Pool by assigning additional recreation staff to this facility and extending hours of operation to further meet the needs of the community.

SAND PARK

The Williamsburg Bridge reconstruction project has long been completed and we are outraged that the rehabilitation of Sand Park (the mapped park playground beneath it) has not happened. Community Board No. 1 demands the restoration of this mapped parkland to its "<u>pre-destruction</u>" <u>use by the NYC Department of Transportation</u> in reconstruction of the Williamsburg Bridge. Once this park is completed, it will serve the community with additional recreational space and begin a connection between the waterfront and the upland blocks. The Williamsburg Waterfront 197-a plan seeks the development of a waterfront promenade circumnavigating the DOT property under

the Williamsburg Bridge and providing an additional "greenway" for the community. We call upon the Mayor to intervene on our behalf and restore this park in as much as the DOT and Parks have continued to fail to begin a meaningful dialogue to restore this park. We are encouraged that the Brooklyn Parks Commissioner has placed this park on his "to do" list for the NYC Council to allocate funding.

OTHER PARK PROJECTS AND GENERAL OPEN SPACE COMMENTS

The Board continues to seek the City's funding of renovations for the various playgrounds. In our view, the upgrading of these deteriorated recreation areas constitutes a <u>major</u> need.

We reinforce our past support for those additional park reconstruction projects: Greenpoint Playground, La Guardia Playground, Classon Playground, any additional projects in the inception stage. The Tennis Courts at McCarren Park are heavily utilized during the warmer season. As dusk approaches, play is made easier by the cool of the evening. Players have requested that lighting be placed in the park to allow practice and matches to continue into later hours. The courts were in need of immediate resurfacing and users of the park formed a volunteer group to pursue the effort. The courts were resurfaced using funds privately raised. The Parks Department issued an RFP for "doming" (doming of the tennis courts to allow for winter time play). Community Board No. 1 supported the issuance of the RFP and urged that the RFP contain year round lighting of the tennis courts be given special consideration. We are pleased to learn that this project is moving forward as a concessionaire was selected and the tennis courts are currently being made ready for the doming.

The Parks Department should also explore having a food vending concession in McCarren Park's field house with the caveat that the restroom/comfort facilities remain open and maintained by the concessionaire.

Community Board No. 1 continues to support the valuable work that volunteers do to help our neighborhood parks and we hope that the Parks Department will increase their efforts in this area. Efforts to instill pride about our parks are applauded. We look forward to the Parks Department efforts to display historical markers and educational plaques in the District's inventory.

In order to better address public safety, lighting in each of the Board's parks needs to be evaluated and enhanced. Increased lighting will allow better visibility at their perimeters and interiors.

Convenient location of comfort stations is a constant request made by park users. We urge upgrading of facilities that now exist and the introduction of new ones in those parks that greatly need them. We were pleased that the Department of Environmental Protection funded a station in Greenpoint Playground. It was constructed and is now open for use. We urge the Parks Department to monitor the district's comfort facilities and keep them well maintained.

BUSHWICK INLET PARK

We support the completion of Bushwick Inlet Park, including all of the condemnations, remediation and build out of the promised 27 acre park. The NYC Department of Parks and Recreation touts on its website that "Bushwick Inlet Park is the centerpiece of the Greenpoint- Williamsburg Waterfront." The agency reported that the City has already invested \$225 Million to develop, but these funds that have gone to complete only a small section of the park. This section is located at the southern tip where the soccer field and community building (with a green roof) are located and included the purchase of three parcels of land. There is another budgeted \$72million for the purchase of a fourth section where demolition at that site "should happen soon". However, the CitiStorage site is not included in those estimates. The remainder portion of the full Bushwick Inlet Park is yet to be realized. After over a decade of waiting the community expressed its displeasure. With a series of outcries and public protests it called for the City to make good on its promise to acquire this portion of the planned park.

At the close of 2015 Mayor de Blasio's office provided a statement that "the administration would never accept a rezoning here that did not have the support of the councilman and community". However encouraging this statement may first appear, it comes without a concrete handshake or have a solid financial commitment needed for the full development of the park. We sought that the City stop its waiting and foot dragging while costs escalate. Instead - to go full steam ahead - acquire the land - and expand the Bushwick Inlet Park as pledged. We are pleased to learn that the acquisition has commenced.

MCGOLRICK PARK

This notable park hosts a landmark structure, its central Pavilion Shelter (comfort station) and two important historic sculptures. The World War I memorial (1923) to the south of the shelter pavilion was designed by Carl Augustus Heber. It honors 150 Greenpoint soldiers who fought in World War I. The Monitor and the Merrimac (1939) by sculptor Antonio de Filippo, celebrates the battle of the ironclad USS Monitor and Confederate Merrimac on March 9, 1862 off the coast of Hampton Roads, Virginia. Designed by Swedish engineer John Ericsson, the Monitor was built at the Continental Iron Works in Greenpoint and outfitted at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. These iconic features of the park require varying degrees of maintenance and should be made a number one priority by the Parks Department for funding. In addition, this park is enjoyed by many local families whose children recreate in its playground or use its passive greened spaces. People take pleasure walking the quiet pathways and can often be seen seated on benches surrounded by the park's many century old trees. Attention and funding is needed to preserve its fine and unique character as well as upgrade its aged infrastructure.

TEN EYCK PLAYGROUND

The Parks Department is in the process of upgrading this playground so that it will better serve the community. This park will receive new play spaces and equipment, re-designed seating, new landscaping and a comfort station. We applaud their efforts to enhance this park.

EAST RIVER PARK

A State park was designated for a portion of the former BEDT site (Kent Avenue/North 7th Street) and funded by New York State. After much delay, the park is has opened and is to be further developed. The park <u>should</u> remain open with regular hours for the area's residents throughout the year. We look forward to the park being further developed. Solar lighting for the park must have the necessary funds to maintain them. We are concerned about the park having any exclusive use by private entities for profit.

WILLIAMSBURG PARK

We ask that with the holding of any special events and use of this new park (at the former Department of Sanitation Garage/50 Kent Avenue) as a performance venue that the sound levels be restricted so not to negatively affect the surrounding community. Police must be involved in crowd control.

GREENPOINT MONITOR MUSEUM

Community Board No. 1 is pleased to learn that the NYS chartered Greenpoint Monitor Museum received donated land at the Bushwick Inlet (where the historical iron clad ship was birthed) for the construction of a museum in honor of the USS Monitor. The ship's construction here was a major event in the community's history – we support the museum's efforts to keep alive the memory of the USS Monitor. The museum seeks to retain its donated property as it will act as a catalyst for additional donations as it moves forward with founding a home at the site. The City is moving forward to develop this area around the Bushwick Inlet, from North 9th Street to Quay Street as parkland and must respect the issues raised by the Greenpoint Monitor Museum and partner to make their dream a reality. On May 29, 2015 a trail marker was proudly unveiled at the launch site of the Civil War Ironclad USS Monitor. CB#1 continues its support for the Monitor Museum and having its permanent home here on our waterfront.

RETENTION AND EXPANSION OF PARKLAND

As the pertinent City Planning Department studies indicate, Community District No. 1 is one of the most under-served area with regard to park and recreation services. Thus, we would strongly oppose the elimination of any currently mapped parkland in our district or usage/renting of same for other than parkland/recreation unless as per current City policy, equivalent space is developed as parkland in the immediate vicinity. We also strongly support the establishment of additional parks and playgrounds within our borders.

Community Board No. 1 continues its support for the development of appropriate small parks on triangles. The Southside and South Williamsburg have few local parks, and the triangles, such as where Heyward. Wallabout and Wythe Avenue come together, should be implemented. We have requested for many years that the concrete triangle at Meeker Avenue, Morgan Avenue and Driggs Avenue to be greened. We were pleased that the site finally received this treatment, but it has now been destroyed with construction signage from the Kosciuszko Bridge project.

We are delighted to see that the Administration supports the expansion of the Waterfront Park to the Bushwick Inlet and its subsequent phases are moving forward. This expansion proposal provides much needed recreational space for our residents and insures some greening of the waterfront (the former Sanitation Garage at 50 Kent Avenue was demolished and annexed as parkland/open space). The development proposal also suggested the inclusion of a Waterfront Access Plan (WAP). While we support this concept, we most certainly want to be directly involved in the design process. The Administration should commence the condemnation procedures to demonstrate a good faith gesture to our community while carefully retaining jobs and relocating existing businesses.

BQ GREEN

In an effort to increase open space for our district a proposal dubbed "BQ Green" was developed and endorsed by both the district's past and current councilpersons. This plan promotes building a deck over the sunken stretch of the BQE (between South 3rd and South 5th Streets) and creating greened spaces and play areas. This innovative idea is a resourceful way to provide additional open space for the community to enjoy.

SGT. DOUGHERTY PLAYGROUND

This park is situated adjacent to the BQE at Vandervoort Avenue. It had suffered from dilapidation and many repairs were needed to upgrade it. We are pleased that this park is receiving a total makeover with funds coming from the NYS DOT in conjunction with the Kosciuszko Bridge's reconstruction of the. The park was expanded and has many modern amenities for all to enjoy. We urge that programming for the park is included in the Parks Department's budget.

THE GREENPOINT-WILLIAMSBURG WATERFRONT ACCESS PLAN

The Department of City Planning proposed a Waterfront Access Plan (WAP) tailored to the specific conditions of our district's waterfront and to establish a coordinated framework for public access to the Greenpoint-Williamsburg waterfront in advance of development. This plan takes advantage of this opportunity to enlarge existing waterfront park spaces and to mandate connections to the neighborhood at important locations. In addition, the zoning text changes allow the WAP to combine public access requirements on parcels spanning multiple blocks, allowing several smaller spaces to be combined unto a single, larger and more useful public access area, which is not possible under existing waterfront zoning regulations. Community Board No. 1 looks forward to the various elements of this open space network which include: existing and proposed waterfront parks (including Box Street Park, Newtown Barge, the former NYC Transmitter site. the State Park/former BEDT site, street end park at end of Manhattan Avenue); mapped parkland at Bushwick Inlet; a continuous shore walkway; public access to piers; supplemental access areas; upland connections and visual corridors. As internal mechanisms continue at the Parks Department, we look toward the further development and implementation of the Parks Department's "Master Plan". Our Board endorses the Greenpoint-Williamsburg Open Space Design Guidelines and Master Plan with the caveat that the City and the Monitor Museum principals continue a meaningful dialogue and that Community Board No. 1 reserves its decision on the museum/boathouse to be sited in the Bushwick Inlet until said dialogue is conducted.

The site of the former gas holders at Vandervoort Avenue (or what was known as the "tanks") was a familiar landmark for travelers through the community. This site (once held by Brooklyn Union Gas, and then KeySpan) contained two gigantic holders that were no longer being used. They were in derelict condition and demolished by use of implosion techniques that are rarely allowed in NYC. The property is now owned by NationalGrid. The company should take similar action at this site to convert it into a public park like they have done with an akin site in nearby Elmhurst, Queens.

In March 2016, a news article revealed that the Administration was quietly eyeing sites for to move inmates off Rikers Island. They were considering renovating borough detention centers and building two new jails in city neighborhoods. The former gas holder site on Maspeth Avenue appeared to be one of the proposed new locations in Brooklyn. The community has expressed vehement opposition to this plan.

WNYC TRANSMITTER SITE

We continue to look forward to of the full completion of Transmitter Park. Conceptual designs that were collaboratively executed denote a passive park, recreational area, gardens, benches and lawns. The renovation of the 1930's World's Fair house was not included in the current construction plans and we urge the City to pursue this project. This site represents a portion of the Parks Department's Master Plan and should be the first stage of development for a waterfront promenade. Community Board No. 1 has learned that this work reconstructing the park (including a bathroom) is mostly completed and a RFP was issued for a concession at the site. The site is also a location for the mobile cart program.

<u>TREES</u>

In the Fall of 1996 Community Board No. 1 was dealt a devastating blow with the discovery of the

Asian Long horned beetle found infesting many of its street and backyard trees. In an effort to contain this foreign pest which has a voracious appetite for sugar maple trees, the US Department of Agriculture and the State Department of Conservation/Forestry Division along with the New York City Park's Department studied methods employed by China for eradication. An area of infestation was identified and "quarantined", a heavy infestation was found in the heart of Greenpoint (a significant number of trees in McCarren Park fell to the beetle) spreading towards adjacent neighborhoods of Northside, Southside, Central, East and South Williamsburg.

The most effective method was to cut down infected trees and remove them. In the period of 1997 and 1998 over 1000 trees in parks, on the street and in backyard/private property had to be destroyed. This represents a large portion of the district's green canopy and efforts to replace it are a high priority for this Board. A new method of eradication, using a pesticide, is being used. We remain alarmed at the recent announcement of a new pest found in NYC, the Ash Beetle. We urge that this pest be comprehensively addressed to halt any damage that it may cause to this species of tree and that the agencies remain diligent.

The Community Board's Ad Hoc Committee on Asian Long Horned Beetle Infestation worked diligently with residents, community leaders, groups, elected officials and agencies to develop a <u>Strategic Plan For The Re-Greening of Greenpoint & Williamsburg</u> which was subsequently adopted by Community Board No. 1 in August 1, 1997. This plan received support of elected officials and the Mayor's Office. The plan's vision is "Greenpoint-Williamsburg will be a greener, healthier and more beautiful community" with a goal to make every street in Community Board No. 1 a "Tree Lined Street". To further preserve our greenery it is important that our parks and street trees receive the utmost attention and maintenance from horticulturist and forestry personnel.

We urge that all efforts to re-green our community be maintained and that the strategic plan be used to implement such efforts. Community Board No. 1 supports an increased allocation for street tree planting as well as funding for maintenance of this vital resource. We urge that additional programs, such DEP's grant initiative under federal funding to do tree planting in specific areas that they have identified as recipients of heavy truck traffic (i.e. BQE corridor), be utilized to help accomplish this effort. The GCEP project has provided enhancements for the community of its greenspace. We applaud their diverse efforts.

Community Board No. 1 seeks the Parks Department to immediately remedy hazardous problems with the multiple plantings of Bradford pear trees along Graham Avenue. These trees are notorious for having weak forks with resultant falling limbs, a condition that has been noted by the Director of Forestry, who has related that these trees have weak branch connections, and it is the most common call for limbs down across the city. Forestry no longer plants them, but uses new varieties that are less susceptible to limb breakage. There removals of these old Bradford pear trees are necessary for the public's safety. Each removal must include immediate replacement with a more suitable and stable tree species.

Tree maintenance is key to a successful green canopy. It is therefore extremely important that there be an aggressive stump removal and pruning program implemented in Community Board No. 1.

HUMAN SERVICES

YOUTH SERVICES

More than 51,600 residents of Community Board No. 1 are 19 years of age or less, and a very high percentage of this population resides in the poorest portions of the district. Unless an

effective network of youth service programs is established, many of these youths will never have a fair opportunity to succeed in life, and will instead be attracted to the alternate lifestyles of crime and drugs. In light of this, the appallingly small allocation for delinquency prevention and after school programs funded by the Department of Youth and Community Development remains a perpetual source of frustration to the Board's Youth & Education Committee.

We are also concerned with the closing of youth centers at our public housing developments. The youth center at the Cooper Park Housing development is closed in the evenings. The closings should be stopped and these centers reopened and financially supported. Not only do they provide vital recreation but are safe havens for the youths.

The Beacon program located at 850 Grand Street Campus has offered a valuable resource, but is not enough to service the approximately 51,625 youths of our district. Unless the City and State agree to substantially bolster this modest allocation, and a 100% increase is not-out-of order, its impact upon the youth of Community Board No. 1 will remain slight. We were pleased that the City expanded Beacon Programs citywide and, as a result, additional Beacon programs for our area have been made available at MS 126 and MS 50. The Beacon program at MS 126 has served as an anchor for a newly formed "Greenpoint-Williamsburg Youth Soccer League" that has over 500 youths. There is extremely limited open space to accommodate these youngsters to play concurrent games and we urge that additional space be made available for this use.

We are concerned about the sudden increase in the number of Charter Schools being sited in the district (Community School District 14 serves the CB #1 area). Often they are being collocated in existing school buildings. We raise the question of their having a negative impact upon funding allocations for our existing public schools.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

The Department of Youth and Community Development must increase the number of slots and continue to develop and expand local sponsorship within Community District No. 1 for the City's "Summer Youth Employment Program". It must take a more aggressive role in addressing program sponsorship in each Community Board area. We urge the City to increase its outreach within the community to obtain non-profit agency sponsors who will adequately service our youths.

TEEN PREGNANCY

One of the most serious problems involving youth is adolescent pregnancy, which had reached epidemic proportions throughout North Brooklyn. We are pleased to learn that statistics in this area are starting to show a decline. It is essential that a systematic approach to this problem is continued aimed at preventing unwanted pregnancies form occurring in the first place and providing educational and social services to the teen mothers in order to prevent long term welfare dependency. We urge support for young parents (females and males) and that programming is provided to ensure successful childrearing, good health and general welfare,

DAY CARE AND SENIOR CENTER SERVICES

Community Board No. 1 was served by 30 Day Care/2,956 slots 9 Head Start/799 slots, 18 Group Day Care/2,100 slots, 2 Day Care-Voucher Sites/8 slots and 1 LPOS/49 slots and 9 Senior Centers serving an average of 1,338 daily meals. We strongly urge continued support of the City's extensive tax levy commitment to maintain day care and senior center services at least a their current levels despite devastating budget cuts, and urge that it be maintained as long as the need exists. In particular, the need for new day care centers, head start program and an increase in

meals-on-wheels program is rising in the District, especially in the South Williamsburg area.

We are totally dismayed to learn that the City has chosen to close the two agencies at the 211 Ainslie Street facility: The Small World Day Care Center and the Swinging 60's Senior Citizen Center. These two programs have co-existed in the same building for several decades to serve two populations in the neighborhood that are at high risk: the very young and the elderly. The City planned to close two other day care centers in Williamsburg: Nuestros Niños Day Care and the Bushwick United Day Care Center. We are pleased that the City has started a ULURP action to continue a day services care at Nuestros Niños. We urge the Administration to provide the necessary funds to continue and maintain these programs. We have learned that funding is needed to upgrade cooking facilities in these centers. The Pete McGuinness Center in Greenpoint seeks to have its kitchen restored and brought up to code. The Center wants to resume full operations and prepare its own hot meals for the seniors to enjoy.

We recommend that the City promptly act to meet the unmet needs that currently exist in the District: the lack of adequate day care services in Greenpoint and the lack of a full senior center to serve the Southside/South Williamsburg. Although we acknowledge the severe funding constraints that the City faces in this area, we must also note that these needs are real and <u>accelerating</u>, and cannot be adequately addressed by existing resources.

SOCIAL SERVICES

The New York City Department of Human Resources Administration reports that 41.5% of the Community Board No. 1 district's population were assisted by the agency. The numbers from the agency are: 61,723 Medicaid only/total Medicaid enrollees are 75,748; 6,209 Cash Assistance; 8,322 SSI; 57,281 Food Stamp Recipients). We rank fourth (4th) highest in the Borough and rank thirteenth (13th) Citywide in the number of persons receiving Medicaid, and rank third (3rd) in the Borough and rank seventh (7th) Citywide with the number of persons receiving food stamps. Because of the quantity and complexity of the social service needs that exist in Community District No. 1, we believe that it would be most appropriate to establish a multi-service center in the community (we believe that the 30 Thornton Street "Job Center" facility complies with the requirements specified by the Human Resources Administration for such a Center). The continuing need for a K-1 OFS Office requires immediate attention. We are extremely disappointed in the closure of the Marcy Avenue office as users at this facility will now have to travel further out of the district to obtain services.

Community Board No. 1 supports increased funding for Managed Care education (such as through the Managed Care Consumer Assistance Program) in Greenpoint and Williamsburg. In addition we support an increase in funds for vocational training, job placement and workforce development in low-income areas of the District.

HOUSING FOR THE HOMELESS

We continue to support and urge a continuation of the reduction in the census at the remaining temporary shelter at the former Greenpoint Hospital. The positive positions taken by the Community Board are well known to the City. We applaud the revised policy changes by the City and look forward to the eventual results, a reduction/elimination of the "warehousing" of the homeless in our Community District and throughout the City. Expensive temporary housing must be replaced with permanent low-rent housing, including housing for single individuals, in each Community District. We also urge the expansion of support services to identify and address individual medical/social needs of homeless individuals residing in city and private facilities.

HOMELESS SERVICES

Community Board No. 1 approves the downsizing plan that decreased the census a the former Greenpoint Hospital Site, as the City has agreed to do at <u>all</u> other "armory" type shelters. We agree with the City's decision to limit the overall census at any one site to 200 persons or less, and we hope that this number can be further reduced.

In the past, Community Board No. 1 supported the development of compassionate and effective programs for the homeless. We share the City's basic policy to provide shelter to those who request it and, in 1983 were the only Board in Brooklyn to positively respond to the Mayor's appeal to suggest potential shelter sites.

Our recommended location, the former Most Holy Trinity Convent, was initially identified as a shelter for homeless women, and subsequently opened as a model S.R.O. facility. We have supported this excellent private shelter administered by Most Holy Trinity Parish, and stand ready to assist the efforts of other local community groups to establish similar programs.

The City should review regulatory policies toward private facilities, in which, homeless individuals reside such as, the Clay Family Residence (at the former Greenpoint Hotel building). Also, the City must insure that adequate support services are provided to maintain the safety of surrounding residents and to minimize quality of life problems. We have received complaints regarding the newly opened Clay Family Residence about the facility's clients loitering and fighting outside.

Community Board No. 1 had vehemently opposed the Department of Homeless Services' (DHS's) and the Doe Fund's advancement of a shelter at 89-111 Porter Avenue. We were truly saddened that the Appellate division failed to find merit for appeal when the City found a loophole in the ULURP process and sited this "homeless" shelter in the heart of a city designated "in place industrial park". We remain concerned about the establishment of a homeless facility at 400 McGuinness Blvd, (a former factory building that a previous owner eyed for residential development) and 66 Clay Street (aka the Greenpoint Hotel/SRO). We remain concerned about these facilities and any associated rise in crime statistics demonstrated for the area.

HEALTH

WOODHULL MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

The Board believes that all steps must be taken to improve the quality of services delivered at the facility. We also urge that Health and Hospitals Corporation's Brooklyn Regionalization Plan continues in such a way that it will not in any terms undermine the integrity of Woodhull as a full-fledged hospital. We continue to encourage the administrators at this facility to advise Community Board No. 1 of its needs. We have received the capital funding needs from the hospital's administration. The hospital is in great need of a new Emergency Department (ED), with new equipment. The current ED was originally built for a capacity of approximately 60,000 patient visits per year, and has been exceeding twice that number for the past several years. In 2015, emergency room visits were 117,000. A new Emergency Department would enable Woodhull to continue providing quality emergency care to the community. Construction of a new Emergency Department is estimated at \$30 million. Equipment for a new ED is estimated at \$10 million.

AMBULATORY CARE

With the closure of Greenpoint Hospital came a strong commitment to this community from HHC to provide medical services to the district by maintaining two clinics within the confines of

Community Board No. 1. As a result of this commitment, two satellite facilities were established by the Woodhull Medical and Mental Health Center. As we stated in previous years, we believe that the clinic at 960 Manhattan Avenue presented "a positive action that was, providing a valuable health resource in the North Greenpoint Community". To the dismay of CB#1, this satellite facility was closed as its lease expired. The Board strongly advocated for its reopening in the immediate community. The Greenpoint satellite was eventually located to a newly renovated facility at the ground floor of 875 Manhattan Avenue.

The 279 Graham Avenue location of the Williamsburg Satellite with bigger quarters and expanded services has worked well. The under-served Southside community could also greatly benefit by having a clinic within its confines and HHC should explore establishing an additional site for this segment of the district.

PEST CONTROL

Community Board No. 1 remains concerned about an increase of the rodent population in the district. The City must promptly address this epidemic on a community-by-community level. Steps should be taken to regularly bait problem areas and coordinate efforts with the MTA/NYC Transit and other city agencies that are responsible for their own pest control. The Health Department must initiate aggressive programs to address the urgency of this dilemma and install checks and measures to monitor and insure that the MTA/NYC Transit are in fact involved in a pest control program.

Demolition, new construction, and street reconstruction have greatly increased in our district. These activities are known for creating problems with rodents and other pests. It is vital that pest control measures are strictly adhered to and that these sites are monitored for compliance.

It has been noted Community Board No. 1 has several transfer stations located within its confines and these facilities are seen as a major draw for rodents and other pests.

We continue to support the Department of Health's efforts to inhibit the growth of mosquito infestation and combat the spread of the deadly West Nile Virus and the Zika Virus.

RECENT HEALTH TRENDS

Community Board No: 1 had ranked third out of the 59 districts citywide with a high number of asthma cases. Despite a city-wide drop in cases, our district still has a high rate. We remain concerned in any rise in cases of asthma in the district. Funds must be earmarked for additional testing, education and specialized treatment. Several years ago there was a CDC cancer and asthma study conducted in this District and we strongly support a new, updated study be carried out. In addition, the DEP ought to conduct a study of air and traffic pollution (which is particularly bad in our District) and their environmental and health impacts.

We continue to support efforts by the Department of Health & Mental Hygiene, DEP and HPD to thwart lead poisoning as it is a very serious condition, especially for children. Children with lead poisoning may develop health, learning and behavior problems. Education about lead poisoning is important so that people can make their homes safe and healthy as well as learn about treatment and access to testing.

Reports about AIDS in New York City have yielded the following figures for Community Board No. 1: the rates of new HIV diagnosis in Greenpoint and Williamsburg-Bushwick health districts range 0.50 & 1.30 per 1,000 persons/population. The combined rates for our district are above the rates for Brooklyn (0.68), New York City (0.84) and the US (1.14). Rates of people living with HIV & AIDS show Greenpoint at 5.5 and Williamsburg-Bushwick at 12.1 per 1,000 persons/population which again, is above the rates of Brooklyn (6.4), NYC (9.2) and US (3.2). We urge that the medical community continue addressing this grave disease and that additional programs be developed toward prevention, education and treatment. As the only New York City hospital within blocks of Community Board No. 1 Woodhull Hospital must be aggressive in addressing the needs of all of our constituents.

<u>Health Services</u> – Our district has serious health issues that must be addressed. CB #1 remains concerned about the delivery of health care services in the district and supports efforts for improvement. The top causes of death for residents of Greenpoint and Williamsburg, as for most New Yorkers, are heart disease and cancer. Death rates due to heart disease, flu and pneumonia, diabetes, stroke and liver disease are higher in Greenpoint and Williamsburg when compared to the City rates.

<u>Quality Health Care</u> - A lack of quality health care can lead to negative health outcomes and more intensive treatment, such as avoidable hospitalizations. Access to health care is therefore a needed focus. About one in six adults in Greenpoint and Williamsburg has no health insurance, and one in eight goes without needed medical care. We urge continued funding for asthma patient care, research and education. We were pleased when a dental clinic (Williamsburg) was reopened to provide much needed services for youngsters in the district whose families do not have adequate financial means or insurance coverage, and were left dismayed that the clinic was again closed as a budget savings measure by HHC in 2010. We support any necessary funding to reopen and maintain the clinic within our district. The only dental clinic that offers free and affordable dental care is located in Woodhull Hospital, a facility not located in our district's confines. In addition, we urge that emerging health care need trends (such as access to health care, treatment and prevention of heart disease, psychological & mental illness treatment) be addressed. The Brooklyn Hospital/Mt. Sinai in its 2015 report relates that the burden of both asthma and hypertension have increased to 18% and 33% respectively in our district.

<u>Air Pollution and Respiratory Illnesses</u> - Although NYC air quality is improving, air pollution, such as fine particles (PM2.5), can cause health problems, particularly among the very young, seniors and those with pre-existing health conditions. In Greenpoint and Williamsburg, levels of PM2.5, the most harmful air pollutant, are 10.1 micrograms per cubic meter. Our district ranks as 8th in the highest in the City.

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Zika Virus - We are concerned about the findings of Zika virus in the United States and urge that

measures to stem the spread of this disease are fully funded. From January 2017- October 25, 2017, there are 326 symptomatic cases reported in the United States, 58 cases were found in New York from travel related sources. In 2016, one case has been denoted at Woodhull Hospital. None have vet been reported as being locally acquired. Zika is transmitted to people mainly through the bite of infected Aedes aegypti mosquitoes, or through sexual transmission, or maternal-fetal transmission. Mosquitoes that spread Zika virus also spread dengue and chikungunya viruses. Infection in pregnant women is associated with birth defects and adverse pregnancy outcomes, and the evidence for a causal link is growing. Pregnant women represent a highly vulnerable population with special needs. A vaccine or treatment for Zika virus infection is not currently available. With the recent outbreaks, the number of Zika cases among travelers visiting or returning to the United States will likely increase, and 80% of cases will not be diagnosed. These imported cases could result in local spread of the virus in some areas of the United States. As more is learned about the Zika virus, the CDC reports that its guidance and recommendations will change. Currently, it has set goals for public health, surveillance and epidemiological investigation. Funding is needed to ensure adequate diagnosis and reporting of Zika virus cases, to monitor epidemiologic trends in distribution, transmission, and severity; to direct prevention and control efforts; and to identify cases that require follow up or intervention. Education and prevention are key elements in tackling this disease early on. We raised concern about contagious diseases which could spread from localized outbreaks such as meningococcal disease (meningitis), shigellosis, tuberculosis, and hepatitis. We urge our health officials to careful document these cases, provide curative measures and conduct public education to increase awareness about recognizing symptoms, carrying out prevention and accessing treatment.

We urge that additional resources be allocated to prepare for outbreaks of influenza – including both H1n1 (swine flu) & avian (bird flu) – which is being noted by world health officials as a possible pandemics. We also urge that the City to continue efforts to identify sources of Legionnaire's disease to prevent future outbreaks. Measles vaccinations and boosters must be provided to community to combat outbreaks.

Community Board No. 1 is also deeply concerned about the rising instances of diabetes, cardiovascular, heart disease, high cholesterol and osteoporosis in Greenpoint and Williamsburg. We urge the City to provide additional funds and programs for diet therapy, nutritional support and education for our district. Additional women's health services (such as a clinic with birthing rooms) are needed in our community. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene has reported in its recent community study that residents of our community suffer from a high rate of depression. We urge that this serious health issue be addressed with expanded outreach, education and better access to medical care.

TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

TRANSPORTATION BLUEPRINT STUDY

We urge the Department of Transportation to realize Community Board No. 1's goals for adequate mass transit, safer streets, more accessible and safer walking and biking environment, and better driving and parking conditions for delivery trucks and motorists. We continue to urge the City and State to budget money to adequately forecast transit and traffic growth projections. Newly constructed buildings have brought – and will continue to bring – thousands of new residents to Greenpoint and Williamsburg. It must be stressed that the time for sitting back is over. We no longer need a proactive approach, but a reactive one! The L train is so overcrowded that commuters are turning toward alternate sources that are already beyond capacity (i.e. G train line; cross town buses). In addition, many of our bus routes are so convoluted that they fail to provide direct and expedient access to key commuter hub points. The failure of the Administration

to respond to our mass transit crisis remains a sharneful blot on its legacy. Rethinking is needed for our bus routes and alternate forms of access to Manhattan must be implemented (i.e. water taxis have limited capacities and short service hours. A larger accommodating ferry type service, with affordable fares, is needed). We are pleased that the City has planned to improve ferry access to our waterfront with comparable fares as subways and buses (MetroCard fare). The fruits of this new plan under the NYC Department of Economic Development have been rolling out slowly. We look forward to enhancements in the service.

DOT has undertaken traffic two studies: South Williamsburg and Williamsburg. We have seen only the preliminary results of these two studies and we are concerned that the public's participation in the process is severely lacking.

BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT

Since Community Board No. 1 is nearly surrounded by the East River and the Newtown Creek, it is not surprising that the quality of our local bridges remain continuing concerns. Emphasis must be placed on adequate continued coordination (access/egress) to our community during any upcoming construction work. We must express deep concern about traffic impacts on the community during any bridge reconstruction. We urge that such construction proceed with on-going monthly maximum community input.

Repeated delays on the reconstruction of the Grand Street (Penny Bridge) continue to spell disaster. The Grand Street Bridge is particularly dangerous as the narrow width of the bridge does not allow for two lanes of vehicles, especially trucks, to pass at the same time. Community Board No. 1 supports the alternative which is a Steel "Basket Handle" Tied Arch design. This project was to precede the Kosciuszko Bridge reconstruction agenda. However, it has not. Every effort must be made to ensure that there are adequate safety measures and detours in place.

We are highly concerned that the fairly recent renovations for the Metropolitan Bridge did not fully address glitches with the bridge's opening and closing. Often, the bridge cannot be lowered and remains stuck in the upright position, obstructing the flow of traffic and creating blocks of snarls. DOT <u>must</u> comprehensively address this apparent engineering problem and go beyond "watering the bridge down" in an effort to fix expansion defects.

The City-Wide need to upgrade its East River bridges is of great concern to the Board as it relates to the Williamsburg Bridge. Its closing in 1988 caused both traffic and economic hardship to the surrounding community. This century old landmark literally opened North Brooklyn to Manhattan and, through the implementation of the extensive repairs contained in BR-253, will continue to serve the people of the City for at least a century to come. There must be safe traveling by pedestrians and bicyclists.

An issue of particular concern is the upgrading of the pedestrian walkway that serves as a vital link with the Lower East Side. All efforts must be made to ensure the implementation of improvements, which should, as much as possible, aim to enhance security on these paths. This includes installation of emergency call boxes and cameras on these stretches. While so called improvements to this bridge are being made, it is distressing to see this landmark bridge being slowly dissected beam by beam to make way for a "highway type overpass". The integrity and glamour of Roebling's structure is being lost. Community Board No. 1 request the City to directly involve it with all discussions on repair, design and plans for all bridges in the district as they are being developed, not after the fact. We continue to support the safer methods and construction protocols that have come forward to remove lead paint, including testing and clean- up of any contaminants needed with this type of construction work. We urge continued adherence to these

strict and comprehensive protocols in order to provide the best protection for our community's residents as well as those who work here.

BROOKLYN-QUEENS EXPRESSWAY (BQE) RENOVATION

Community Board No. 1 was actively involved in both the review of plans and construction phases of the renovation of the Brooklyn Queens Expressway situated between Metropolitan Avenue and Kingsland Avenue. We have found that the inclusion of an independent engineer for the community in this project was a valuable resource.

Through a carefully structured partnership of Community Board No. 1's Ad Hoc Committee, City and State agencies, elected officials, Ombudsman's office and the independent engineer, this project was delivered on target, without extensive cost overruns while meeting a multitude of community concerns. This partnership is a model that must continue in future projects. We particularly look forward to a similar relationship with New York State DOT in reconstructing the Kosciuszko Bridge (inclusive of a drainage plan). The New York City Department of Transportation must also conduct immediate detour studies so that this project could commerce with little impact on vehicular traffic/pedestrian flow including, but not limited, to the widening of the Grand Street Bridge.

Community Board No. 1 remains opposed to condemnation of any property with the implementation of the Kosciuszko Bridge's reconstruction. In response to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) both Community Board No. 1 and the Brooklyn Borough President requested that NYSDOT pay attention to the following issues:

- BR-5 alternative (bridge replacement with a permanent bridge on the eastbound side) is superior to replacement of the existing bridge to other bridge replacement alternatives and appears to provide the best combination of improved physical and performances attributes. Construction began in Fall 2014. The design work was completed and the confirmation on a final design was for a Cable-Stayed bridge. We are now in Phase II of the construction where demolition of the existing bridge is underway. The one completed roadway to date is opened to carry traffic over the new bridge. With the demolition of the existing structure, the other roadway will be constructed.
- CB #1 had advocated for the allowance for an Independent Engineer in the contract. This
 bridge spans the Newtown Creek. It is a major connection to the BQE and for those persons
 traveling to or from Queens. An independent consultant funded with this construction project
 was a must for this community as it will be greatly impacted by the future work to improve the
 structure and its approaches. It is the Community Board's experience, gained with the major
 reconstruction of the BQE (in the early 1990's), that the independent engineer connected with
 this project was a most invaluable resource that greatly served the community providing
 engineering and technical knowledge.
- Traffic and noise conditions abatement of traffic and noise conditions on Meeker Avenue needs to be addressed collaboratively by both NYC and NYS DOT.
- Study suggested detours as part of the construction period impacts.
- Address community's concerns about any contingency arising from the underground oil spill during the construction period.
- The development of a benefit/cost ratio for each alternative as a means to standardize comparisons of the alternatives.

There are continued serious problems with the BQE at Vandervoort Avenue because the radius for turns is insufficient, especially the left turning point.

<u>Vandervoort Avenue/Meeker Avenue/Apollo Street</u> – With NYS DOT's construction of the state of the art skateboard park (Eastbound BQE), new activities park (Westbound BQE) and the brand new Kosciuszko Bridge Pedestrian Walkway/Bikeway all culminating on/about

this intersection. We believe that this proposal severely lacks significant investment to pedestrian, cyclist, and skateboard safety. We therefore reject this proposal until it is adjusted accordingly!

Poor planning for the outfall of the combined pedestrian walkway and bike path from the bridge on the Brooklyn side created a formula for disaster. CB #1 continues to voice high concern regarding the conflict between vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists coming off the bridge.

Continued maintenance of the BQE is extremely lacking, decking of the viaduct and rutting of the asphalt on both the roadway and exit/entrance ramps is obviously apparent and severely lacking of regular maintenance.

STREET RECONSTRUCTION/PLANNING

The deplorable physical state of our local streets is an ongoing problem. It is essential that the City prioritize the street reconstruction projects scheduled for Community Board No. 1

Additionally, we welcome DOT to join us at occasional transportation committee meetings to update the public on the progress of these projects. We have learned, particularly through the Kent Avenue/Franklin Street project that unforeseen traffic problems can arise, such as the heavy truck volumes which suddenly were routed onto Calyer Street. In the case of Calyer Street, an excellent resolution was put forth by Calyer Street residents: Banker Street was converted from a northbound one way street to a two-way street. The truck traffic was diverted onto this primarily industrial corridor, offering Calyer Street residents immediate relief.

It is clear that the most successful street reconstruction projects are those that are planned with close collaboration with the community, and we urge DOT to work with the Board to continue to reach out well in advance of these projects, as well as throughout construction.

The industrial zone situated beneath the Kosciuszko Bridge is in dire need of repair. Although it is currently M1-3 industrial space, the development potential of this area – either residential, commercial or industrial – is severely restricted by an inadequate infrastructure. Some streets have either never been paved, or have sewers installed underneath them. The Board has worked closely with all affected City agencies to develop a plan for the comprehensive revitalization of this area, and we urge that the needs of this area be included in the budget as the Meeker Avenue Sewer/Water Main project has severely lagged.

Last year there were a number of cave-ins and sinkholes that occurred within Community Board No. 1. We have a high rate of potholes. We ask DEP and DOT to collaborate, to determine the cause(s) of these cave-ins, and work with the Board on long-term solutions.

The Department of Transportation needs to stop planning for us and start planning with us. We have requested the agency to address conditions at various locations:

- 1. Greenpoint Avenue at Provost Street right turn on red light: to alleviate traffic congestion.
- 2. Traffic light at Humboldt Street and Withers Street a long standing request to allow safe crossing for pedestrians and to halt vehicular speeding.
- 3. Traffic light for Keap & Ainslie Street
- 4. Wythe Avenue/Kent Avenue stemming from the traffic diverted to Wythe Avenue (because of the changes to Kent Avenue becoming a one-way) concerns from the

community still need to be addressed.

- 5. McGuinness Blvd. the creation of turning lanes with no signals has created a dangerous situation. We ask that safety measures be implemented along this corridor and turn signals be immediately installed.
- 6. Kent Avenue and North 6th Street the newly designed parking lane and vehicular volume with the newly configured Kent Avenue has created a hazardous roadway condition that must be made safe.
- DOT must re-evaluate North 8th Street to North 6th Street along Kent Avenue as well. DOT must re-evaluate the corner of Maspeth Avenue & Kingsland, and Maspeth Avenue and Olive Street for traffic light/controls.

Most of our requests have been ignored at the DOT!

SPEED BUMPS

Community Board No. 1 will not endorse the valuation of the Department of Transportation term "speed humps" for the following reasons:

- Each speed hump delays the Police responding to shootings, break ins, or muggings. It
 has been reported that ambulance or fire trucks have to slow down for about 10 seconds
 for each bump--times that by 3 per block, that's 30 seconds slower for one block, which in
 case of a heart attack or stroke, where the patient needs to be in the hospital by 6 minutes.
- Based on the FDNY's 2004 study of streets containing speed bumps, it was found that on streets where speed bumps existed, response times were delayed for ambulances, fire engines and tower ladder vehicle.
- Not being aware of the speed hump, statistics show that most drivers after slowing down for the hump impatiently speed up much faster than they would without the hump, which makes the block more vulnerable to speeding.
- Street humps cause more noise and pollution, since cars have to slow down and reaccelerate, which causes disturbances and respiratory health hazard for us and our children.
- Residents on blocks, especially those where the hump is pilled up in front of their homes, complain about the constant noise that is generated when vehicles hit the hump.
- The posting of the speed hump sign is another form of street sign litter for our greening neighborhood.
- The humps are a detriment, extremely unsafe to unsuspecting bicyclists and motorcyclists.
- They impede snow removal, plowing activities and emergency vehicles.

in addition, the FDNY in recent years collaborated with the DOT on addressing speed hump concerns. The increase in these barriers caused considerable increases in response time. The initial study proved that these mounds yield an increase in response time. On the streets where speed humps existed, the ambulance took 45-47 seconds (17 to 18 seconds longer), the engine took 68 to 70 seconds (23 to 25 seconds longer), and the tower ladder took 83 to 85 seconds (38 to 40 seconds longer). DOT routinely seeks our Board to support requests for speed humps. Our response remains steadfast. We continue to oppose any such requests until a proper study is conducted demonstrating the safety of this alleged speeding deterrent. We request that the NYC Department of Transportation conduct a study specifically in our district to evaluate these areas of concern.

SEWER CONSTRUCTION

As one of Brooklyn' oldest communities, Community District No. 1 naturally suffers from a terribly outdated and inadequate sewer system. The continued upgrading and replacement of our sewers remains an on-going necessity. The stretch of Graham Avenue, from Meeker Avenue to Metropolitan Avenue, continues to be plagued by foul sewer odors that emanate from the catch basins. To date, DEP has not been able to resolve the condition. An additional unresolved sewer related matter is DEP's failure to step up to the plate and aggressively correct numerous cave-in conditions from previous sewer pipe work that now requires trench restoration. These are sites where there was inadequate shoring, or wood shoring that was never removed and decayed causing underground subsurface voids which have subsequently collapsed. **The Department of Environmental Protection continues to drag its feet in this matter while every day these conditions worsen and present public safety hazards.**

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THE ENVIRONMENT

WATER QUALITY

Because of our extensive waterfront, Community Board No. 1 has in the past, vigorously supported all efforts to clean the waters of the East River and Newtown Creek. The success of these efforts is indicated by the substantial water quality improvement that has occurred in the East River, a development that greatly enhances the recreational potential of the waterfront. In recent years, ducks, geese and swans have been observed to be nesting along North 13th Street. Looking ahead, our commitment to the goals of high water quality remains as strong as ever, and the Board will vigorously oppose all effort to retreat from this principle.

Our Board hosts the largest sewage treatment plant in the eastern United States and the cost of its upgrading is \$3.5 billion and approximately \$60 million is being spent to retrofit the old DOS MTS facility/construct a loading facility on Whale Creek for pumping and shipping out the plant's sludge. Quite frankly, DEP is not a good neighbor to Greenpoint and Williamsburg. Greenpoint Avenue surrounding the plant continues to flood.

Community Board No. 1 has not changed its position to oppose any expansion of the Newtown Creek Water Pollution Plant that would allow for an increase in the capacity of secondary treatment. We have recently reviewed items under ULURP regarding DEP's plans to upgrade the facility. This complex undertaking to upgrade the plant was approved by Community Board No. 1 with conditions and an amenities package to be included. A monitoring committee chaired by former Councilman Fisher has spearheaded the Board's commitment to this process. Kingsland Avenue was to be widened from Greenpoint Avenue towards the northern end of the street as part of slated improvements to enhance traffic flow and safety. However, this reconstruction work has not occurred and this lack of progress is of paramount concern for CB #1. Any contract penalties should be directed to the Community and not funneled into the DEP's general fund.

DEP demolished the sludge storage tank at Dupont Street. In previous plans, the material was to be pumped away via an underground pipe system. However, the agency changed its plans and continues a barging operation to remove sludge from the Greenpoint WPCP. A new sludge loading facility located at a site on Whale Creek and the MTS operation utilizing new specially designed barges and tugboats that will reportedly fit under the Pulaski Bridge. CB #1 feels that the application is an important step towards the realization of the parks and open space component of the Williamsburg/Greenpoint rezoning. Our previous support was contingent upon DEP mitigating the landfill component of the project locally and not at a site in Jamaica Bay.

MOBIL OIL UNDERGROUND SPILL

Community Board No. 1 urges the continued monitoring by NYC DEP and NYS DEC of the 1990 Mobil Oil Consent Order to remediate the free product plume in the Greenpoint area of Brooklyn. As required by the Consent Order, in 1990 and 1991 Mobil performed a site assessment to determine the magnitude of the free-product plume and subsequently developed a remedial action plan to recover the free-product. The Off-Site Product Recovery System was designed from 1991 through 1993. Permits and approvals for construction of the facility were obtained from the NYS DEC, the NYC Department of Buildings and the NYC Fire Department in 1993 and 1994 at which time construction of the facility began. The Off-Site Free Product Recovery System began operation on September 1, 1995 and over 643,246 gallons of free-products have been recovered by the system as of fall 1997. Between 5 and 10 million of gallons of groundwater are pumped and treated monthly. Additionally, since the 1980's, product recovery booms have been installed in Newtown Creek along the Peerless Importers bulkhead and since 1979 Mobil has been recovering free-product from on-site monitoring wells. By January 1999 6,706,654 million gallons of free product was recovered from on-site operations (with 1,564,326 gallons recovered of the cumulative product for off-site product plume). NYS DEC relates that over 9 million gallons have been recovered (according to a report by the US Coast Guard 9,106,000 gallons were recovered as of March 31, 2006).

In 2004, Riverkeeper (an independent) member-supported environmental organization founded 40 years ago) has filed suit in federal court against Exxon/Mobil for the spill. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation reports that there has been a noticeable slowdown of seepage into the Newtown Creek at the end of Meeker Avenue and that product recovery is expected to continue for a few more years. Community Board No. 1 demands that recovery activities must continue until <u>all_</u>of the spilled product is removed from beneath

Community District No. 1 and that the board be updated quarterly by the New York City Department of Environmental protection and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation as to the removal progress. Revenues from the recovery of the petroleum products should be directed to the Community.

The Attorney General and the Department of Conservation announced last year that the Greenpoint-based North Brooklyn Development Corporation and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation would jointly administer the Greenpoint Environmental Benefits Projects (EBPs) Program. This program (with a \$19.5 million fund) was established with money paid by Exxon Mobil in a 2011 settlement with NYS State related to its massive oil spill in Greenpoint.

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ORGANIC WASTE PROGRAM

Our board opposes the Organics Recycling/Waste to Energy Program at the Newtown Creek Water Pollution Control Plant and unanimously passed the following resolution:

RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE PROCESSING OF ORGANIC WASTE/WASTE TO ENERGYAT THE NEWTOWN CREEK WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT

WHEREAS the City of New York, with the Department of Sanitation and the Department of Environmental Protection has co-ventured with Waste Management Inc. and NationalGrid to conduct a recycling program to process organic waste/waste to energy at the Newtown Creek Water Pollution Control Plant,

WHEREAS a "pilot" program for processing organic waste/waste to energy is currently taking place at the Newtown Creek Water Pollution Control Plant located in CB #1's Greenpoint neighborhood and its waterfront,

WHEREAS this processing site is located directly adjacent to residential homes, residential developments, and a business zone,

WHEREAS the tanker trucks for Waste Management are routed on supposed truck routes ---Morgan and Kingsland Avenues are heavily populated residential streets, and the return route from the plant to Waste Management is yet to be determined,

WHEREAS this "pilot" program is to be expanded City Wide,

WHEREAS the Administration has announced its plans for "Zero Waste" aiming for full recycling of <u>all</u> the city's waste materials,

WHEREAS Greenpoint and Williamsburg top NY's list for having the most garbage trucks roaming neighborhood streets (19 of the city's 58 waste transfer stations are located in CB #1 handling almost 40% of New York City waste),

WHEREAS a recent study shows there is an increase (355%) in pollutant matter floating in the air when transfer stations are open and operating,

WHEREAS Community Board No. 1 has a high rate of asthma cases (according the North Brooklyn Asthma and Environment Consortium study conducted 1995 to 2003 for Williamsburg and Bushwick, the rate is 60 times worse than any part of the USA),

WHEREAS Dr. John C. La Rosa, President of SUNY Downstate Medical Center, in a report titled <u>Brooklyn Community Health – Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease</u>, states that "For residents of Brooklyn - a borough with a relatively young population - the prevalence of

COPD...is still a major cause of sickness and death". The study also notes that rates of chronic bronchitis for persons over 45 in Greenpoint, Williamsburg/Bushwick have increased,

WHEREAS the district's air is contaminated due to:

- The Brooklyn Queens Expressway emissions
- Williamsburg Bridge traffic
- Brooklyn's largest bus terminal
- Waste transfer stations
- Toxic ecological footprints left over from the industrial past,

WHEREAS the "pilot" program at the Newtown Creek Water Pollution Control plant is currently accommodating a private carter's 15 18-wheel tanker trucks per day and the "pilot" program aims to increase this capacity to 30 18-wheel trucks per day and beyond,

WHEREAS the "slurry" mix is created from various private carters' collected waste from across the city that is brought to the Waste Management's Facility in CB #1,

WHEREAS the professed "pilot" program would substantially <u>increase</u> truck traffic to and from a waste transfer facility in CB #1 through the district's streets,

WHEREAS the household organic waste collection from our district's residences will <u>not be part</u> of this "slurry" waste stream,

WHEREAS the private carter (Waste Management) pays no dumping/tipping fees for using this program at the plant,

WHEREAS the gas produced at the plant is provided for free to the utility company (NationalGrid),

WHEREAS the organic recycling/waste to energy program is cloaked and not transparent,

WHEREAS there is no realized public benefit for our district from this recycling program,

WHEREAS Community Board No. 1 has more than its fair share of waste transfer stations, sanitation garages and salt piles,

WHEREAS Community Board No. 1 was negatively impacted for decades by the DOS Greenpoint Incinerator,

WHEREAS Community Board No. 1 has suffered from many negative environmental impacts and facilities (for example, an underground oil spill, estimated 17-30 million gallons of oil, benzene, naptha and other carcinogenic chemicals pollute a 55 acre, 25 foot deep swath of soil, a newly discovered plume of toxic underground material found near the proposed facility's site; the Newtown Creek Water Pollution Control Plant and the barging of sludge),

BE IT RESOLVED: Brooklyn Community Board No. 1 vehemently opposes the Organics Recycling/Waste to Energy Program at the Newtown Creek Water Pollution Control Plant as such a processing program would negatively impact the health and quality of life for all who reside, work, or commute in Greenpoint and Williamsburg.

WASTE TO ENERGY REP

The Department of Sanitation has indicated in recent documents that it would embrace the siting of a facility at the National Grid site (Varick Avenue & Lombardy Street) and/or the Phelps-Dodge site in Queens (57th Avenue along the Newtown Creek). We vehemently oppose any siting within the confines of Community Board #1 and view such siting as being disastrous and a step backward for the Greenpoint-Williamsburg Community. The following resolution by Community Board No. 1 was unanimously adopted by the full board and sent to the Department of Sanitation relating our opposition:

WHEREAS the City of New York, with the Department of Sanitation, has released a Request For Proposals to allegedly build state of the art facilities to convert waste to clean energy as part of PlaNYC,

WHEREAS a proposed site is located in Community Board No. 1 at Varick Avenue and Lombardy Street,

WHEREAS the proposed site in Community Board No. 1 is located directly adjacent to residential homes, housing developments, and in a business zone,

WHEREAS another proposed site (located in Community Board No. 2/Queens) is directly across the Newtown Creek (mirrored across the waterway) within close proximity to Brooklyn Community Board No. 1,

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WHEREAS such a facility would substantially increase truck traffic to and from said facility,

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WHEREAS the district's air is contaminated due to:

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WHEREAS the Community Board No. 1's district lacks green space (the citywide average for open space is 3.5 acres per 1,000 residents, our district ranks near bottom of the list in terms of open space per capita with 0.6 acres per 1,000 residents),

WHEREAS the proposed plant would begin operating by processing 450 tons of waste per day,

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board No. 1 vehemently opposes the siting of a proposed waste handling facility at Varick Avenue and Lombardy Street (Brooklyn union Gas Company – National Grid property) and 57th Avenue along Newtown Creek (Phelps Dodge Refinery) as such facilities would negatively impact the health and quality of life for all who reside, work or commute in Greenpoint and Williamsburg.

There are plans to expand this "pilot program" and increase the capacity of handling this "organic material" at the plant. The Mayor has allocated funding to the program for the next three years. The DEP has retrofitted one of the four decommissioned digestors to hold hundreds of thousands gallons of slurry. We are concerned about this enhancement because of the increased material being brought in by trucks. In addition, the designated truck route for these vehicles to go to the plant and return to waste facility is not clearly planned. The use of Morgan Avenue brings this traffic through heavily residential enclaves such as NYCHA's Cooper Park Houses. We are concerned about the truck traffic (TPD) increasing to 150 trucks per _day!

SANITATION GARAGES

The construction of a new garage to serve Community District 1 and 4 was completed. The Department of Sanitation has not acted responsibly to relocate the K-3 Sanitation Garage. It still needs to be placed in Community District #3 and no longer be situated in our district. The Department of Sanitation must take immediate corrective action to relocate this to its respective district as per co-terminality guidelines and not juggle it within the confines of Community Board No. 1. The DOS relocation of BK3 to the old BK4 site remains completely unacceptable.

STREET CLEANING REGULATIONS

We urge the Department of Sanitation to change the parking regulations to reduce the number of street cleaning days from four to two. We should be treated like any other Community Board and be granted a reduction. The agency needs to step up to the plate and reduce the regulations as our board has achieved the required scorecard rates.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

In the past Community Board No. 1 has greatly benefited from the excellent activities of no fewer than seven commercial revitalization programs, Grand-Metro, Graham Avenue, Bedford Avenue, Havemeyer-Grand, Broadway West, Lee Avenue and Manhattan Avenue which have done much to further stabilize and strengthen these active shopping-strips. We support public funding for the formation of merchants associations to improve the marketability and viability of commercial corridors throughout CB#1.

We continued to critique the City's efforts in the area of industrial development and commercial revitalization. We look forward to seeing the strides presented in DCP's Innovation Plan for our area.

Without question (jobs) industry constitutes the economic backbone of Community District No. 1, and a substantial percentage of our residents are still employed by local industries. While Greenpoint/Williamsburg has shared in the City-wide decline of manufacturing jobs and suffers from chronic security, sanitation, facility and infrastructure problems, the core itself is strong, and with proper governmental support, should endure and prosper in the coming years. Undoubtedly, along with new residential development should come accommodating and appropriate commercial services to sustain the fundamental growth of all mixed-use neighborhoods (such as grocery stores, affordable eating establishments and clothing shops/boutiques). Such support could include capitalizing on local economic empowerment zones and tax credit programs to provide incentives for businesses to remain in the District. We ask that the Industrial Business Zone be maintained in order to retain blue collar and industrial jobs. Despite the overall city wide decline in manufacturing. North Brooklyn's manufacturing industry is still alive. North Brooklyn has attracted small distilleries, artesian food and wood design manufacturers. As these sectors continue to drow we must support both new and longtime manufacturing businesses in order to retain these blue collar and industrial jobs in our community. Supporting the Industrial Business Zones and its funding is an essential part of this growth and job retention.

We support the continuation of public funds for nonprofits to develop affordable industrial real estate. This is similar to the way that affordable housing is developed with public funds (i.e. 20% below market rate). Currently GMDC and Evergreen (formerly EWVIDCO) have each developed a number of properties in CB #1. More capital support can expand the availability of industrial real estate made affordable in perpetuity.

MOORE STREET MARKET

We continue to support the merchants and strongly advocate retention of the market at its current location. As part of its support for the market, CB #1 wrote and submitted a proposal to NYC DOT on behalf of the merchants for inclusion in the agency's Plaza Program. We are pleased that the proposal was well received and accepted in April 2009 for funding. The plaza was designed and constructed. The Plaza will provide open space for the community and additional vending opportunities at the market for the merchants. A "Percent for Art" project for the location provides a unique design for the plaza.

We reminded the Administration that the Moore Street Market plays a vital part in the community by providing both jobs and consumer goods for area residents - and shoppers City wide. The role of this market is woven tightly into the ethnic fabric of our neighborhood and thusly represents a unique historic shopping Mecca. These retail markets were traditionally designed to the assist the

pushcart small businesses to operate off the city streets and into safe clean environments. The markets have evolved and represent physical and entrepreneurial landmarks today. It is highly outrageous that EDC chose to backdoor the elimination of our local market, exclude the community's input, and put at risk the long term livelihood of local businesspersons. Community Board No. 1 continues to support the landmarking of this institution so that it would be around for generations to come.

In March 2015 we reinforced our board's steadfast commitment to the Moore Street Market again in a letter to EDC as it appeared that NYCEDC has a seven year itch that it is scratching this year. To date, we have not received a response! This particular itch is one that surfaced in 2007 - an action by the agency - to covertly close the Moore Street Market by any means possible. NYCEDC had then placed pressure on the market's merchants, including squeezing them with fruitless permit agreements.

It appears to come full circle again. We have learned that each of the entrepreneurs at the market were issued "Market Stall Permit" documents to complete. On page 2 of the agreement under section "3." "Period" (of Permit) the following is stated in big bold letters -

THIS IS A SHORT-TERM REVOCABLE PERMIT, TERMINABLE AND REVOCABLE AT WILL AT PERMITTER'S OPTION. PERMITTEE AGREES TO PROMPTLY VACATE THE PREMISES UPON THREE (3) BUSINESS DAYS' WRITTEN NOTICE OF REVOCATION AND TERMINATION FROM PERMITTOR. NO OWNERSHIP, LEASEHOLD OR OTHER PROPERTY INTEREST SHALL VEST IN PERMITTEE BY VIRTURE OF THIS PERMIT.

The language makes it clear that the vendors have absolutely no contractual security thereby extinguishing the opportunity of entrepreneurial opportunity!

The New York City Economic Development Corporation states that their mission is "to encourage economic growth throughout the five boroughs of New York City by strengthening the City's competitive position and facilitating investments that build capacity, create jobs, generate economic opportunity and improve quality of life."

When encouraging New Yorkers to support small businesses, NYC EDC acknowledged that small businesses have a vital role in our economy and urged those persons who were shopping to do so at the local markets (mentioning Moore Street Market as one of them). Also stated is "With more than 88% of NYC businesses employing fewer than 20 employees, small businesses are a crucial part of the city's economy". In terms of transparency NYCEDC notes that it "is committed to developing our projects through an open and transparent process to ensure our work is held accountable to all New Yorkers."

NYCEDC needs to practice what it preaches. We cannot stress enough that NYCEDC should be placing its emphasis on small business development by aiding these unique ethnic entrepreneurs with all of the resources available in the agency's toolbox...not rushing them out the door as it has emerged to be.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT – NEWTOWN CREEK AREA

We continue to urge monitoring the progress of the Superfund scoping and remediation project to minimize negative impacts on creek side businesses. To date, these impacts have included inability to obtain financing and insurance. All of these businesses were adversely affected by Superstorm Sandy; it is vital that proposed public works projects address storm impact on business operations.

HOTEL DEVELOPMENT

CB #1 seeks the City to address an issue that is of increasing importance to our community: hotel development. As the landscape of the city changes, more and more hotels are being built in neighborhoods that are historically residential, such as ours. Hotels have an outsized, often disruptive, impact on our communities and we urgently need a process that provides real community input on hotel development. Recent hotel growth in Brooklyn has been in residential and industrial areas, crowding out local communities, manufacturing spaces, and affordable housing. This hotel growth has led to the gentrification and homogenization of our communities, and it has inflated rents and property taxes. To maintain our vibrant city, every effort should be made to preserve socioeconomic diversity and keep our neighborhoods affordable for the mix of uses (residential, community spaces, artistic) that currently exist.

We need a real voice in the development process and an opportunity to engage developers before they start building. The simplest, most comprehensive approach is to amend the Zoning Resolution so that new hotels may only be developed by special permit. We strongly support a city-wide special permit requirement for hotels. This will empower communities and put residents and our representatives in City Council and in the Borough President's office on more equal footing with hotel developers, who have too often disregarded substantive issues.

EDUCATION

We support an overall master planning effort for the Department of Education's District14. With the acknowledged change in student population, schools in our district must be retooled to address the ever changing needs.

We continue to support our area schools and their needs that were previously related to our Board: outfitting each school with a science laboratory and to provide wireless computers and stations for the schools within the Community School District. We continue to support (1) After School, Saturday, Summer Instructional and Recreational Programs; and (2) Repair, Refinishment of our area's School Buildings. In the past, budget cuts to several capital projects caused them to be eliminated in a number of schools and many educational programs were either ceased or reduced as well as staff connected with those programs. We are concerned about the need for student protection and support all recognized security programs approved by the Department of Education to protect our children.

A major push by parents, community residents and teachers to reorganize the academically declining Comprehensive Eastern District High School proved to be quite successful as the 850 Grand Street Campus facility was instituted. In 1996 the Board of Education started three smaller schools, also called academies, that focused on particular themes of study (Progress HS for Professional Careers; Enterprise Business HS; and the School for Legal Studies), and eventually phased out Eastern District High School. Since that time, several other smaller schools are established in our district: the Academy for Young Writers; Williamsburg Preparatory School; Williamsburg HS for Architecture and Design; El Puente Academy for Peace and Justice; Harry Van Arsdale HS GED; Green School: An Academy for Environmental Careers; and charter schools: Williamsburg Collegiate Charter School; Williamsburg Charter HS ("Beginning with Children" was a pioneer charter school in our community for elementary school age youngsters. It grew out of a private partnership with Pfizer and opened its doors in September 1992). We look forward to our educational facilities having future success in serving the educational needs of our children. We have received the expressed needs (list shown below of schools within the confines of CB #1) from School District #14's superintendent.

Schools	Needs
MS 126 424 Leonard Street	- Air conditioning in the auditorium and cafeteria.
PS 132 320 Manhattan Ave.	- 13 classroom air conditioners are not functioning, as well as the air conditioners in the Performing Arts Space and in the cafeteria.
PS 147 325 Bushwick Ave.	 Comprehensive Auditorium Upgrade including Electrical Wiring to accommodate air conditioning systems, new seating and floors, state-of-the-art stage equipment to include a defined stage area with backstage, lighting, sound. Comprehensive Bathroom Upgrades for students and adults building-wide to include new plumbing, flushing systems, toilets, sinks, wall tiles, floors. Window Upgrade (entire building).
PS 250 108 Montrose Ave.	 Bathroom upgrades. Brighter lighting in the Gym. School yard upgrades. New closet Doors in Classrooms.
PS 319 360 Keap Street	 New PA System. New Windows. Courtyard Resurface. New toilets and sinks for student restrooms.

Additional comments for the needs of PS 250 are:

Multi Media Center at PS 250 - Comprehensive Multi Media Center for students and community members to have the opportunity to learn photography, film-making, animation, graphics, podcasting, and otherforms of communication. This proposal calls for state of the art technology and support for media.

A Modern Gym at PS 250 - The idea is to resurface the gym floor with hardwood and to install new wall padding. We also need the basketball hoops fixed. The gym lighting needs to be upgraded, and the gym needs bleachers installed.

Restroom Upgrade - The student restrooms have not been upgraded in over two decades.

School Yard Upgrade - Repair broken asphalt and overall redesign

Auditorium Upgrade - Add air conditioning system, new seating, state of the art stage equipment to encompasses backstage upgrade, new sound system, projector upgrades, and lighting enhancements

It has been reported by the Department of City Planning that according to the Census, out of the total district's population, in the group 5 years and over: 89,085 persons are proficient and 57,775

are not proficient in English. Those persons not proficient in English had another language spoken at home. Roughly 46.5% spoke Spanish/Spanish Creole; 20.8% spoke Polish; 20.5% spoke Yiddish (with the remainder percentage scattered in other categories). We encourage programs that will assist persons with attaining better English proficiency skills. Our board has sent a letter of solicitation to the superintendent of District 14 on April 22, 2015 and was never answered.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Community Board No. 1 contains four public libraries (Greenpoint, Bushwick, Leonard and Marcy Avenue branches) which provide a variety of services for the community. We support their needs for enhanced equipment, computer linkages, increased book budgets and physical improvements.

The Leonard Branch has its elevator installed and is still seeking to construct a ramp as well as other sorely needed improvements for this aging Carnegie branch. We support their efforts to have the facility wheelchair accessible. Greenpoint Branch is an existing facility that can no longer accommodate the growing needs of the community in terms of function and programming and the construction of a new facility, on its current footprint, is being sought. We have learned that the work will commence on this project at the end of June. We urge that all efforts be made to accommodate the community with auxiliary service while the branch is closed. It is most encouraging to see that these facilities are being highly used by both young and older residents alike. CB #1 strongly opposes cuts to the budgets for our libraries.

MASS TRANSIT

Before discussing the reconstruction work that the MTA/New York City Transit planned for the "L" train line's Canarsie Tubes, we will address the transit system as it currently stands.

Mass transit is woefully inadequate to meet the needs of our district. Local bus service is frequently delayed because of overall traffic congestion. Overcrowding on the L train is so severe that riders often must allow 2, 3, <u>or more trains go by before they can board</u>; while on the G train, growing ridership is straining the limits of the current 4-car trains and the service schedule, which is that of a non-rush-hour service schedule.

MTA-NYC Transit's E/F/G/V service change in 2001, which terminated the northbound G line at Court Square on weekdays, interfered with many commutes; service has deteriorated further: the MTA indicated that the G would run its full route on weekends, but on any given weekend, that is not the case. G rides suffer from short, overcrowded trains and a halved line most of the time. For those North Brooklyn commuters who solely depend on the G, improved service must be a priority. The Board has read with interest – not to mention a sense of irony – that the V line has the lowest ridership in the entire system – lower, even, than the G line, which makes far fewer stops.

In 2001, the G line was shortened from its then-6 subway car trains to its present 4-car trains in order to supply the newly created V line. The V line was so clearly underutilized since its inception and the crowding on the G has increased dramatically with no downward trend in sight. The V line was eliminated and the M train was rerouted to cover the service. <u>The Board recommends that MTA-NYC Transit reallocate subway cars from the M line and return them to the G line to offer relief for G line riders</u>.

There needs to be better connection to trains that travel to and from Manhattan. The connection at Court Square for the G line remains inadequate and difficult to navigate. We continue to advocate that there be a free transfer between the G line and the elevated (J/M) line (Broadway/Hewes Street). During the work planned on the G line's Greenpoint Avenue Tube (it was badly damaged during Hurricane Sandy) the MTA announced that they would temporarily

provide a free transfer between the G line and the elevated trains. We were pleased that the temporary extension of the G line that brought it further into Brooklyn was made permanent. The Greenpoint Avenue station on the G line needs to be upgraded to include a public announcement system as one is sorely lacking. Delays in service on the line leave riders at this station in the dark because there is no communication.

Ferry service has resumed at the CB #1's waterfront, with an expanded service. We ask that the ferry service be "hooked into" the NYC Transit's fare system to allow payment by use of a MetroCard. In down times on the G, the ferry could serve as alternate mode of transportation to and from Manhattan, Long Island City or further into Brooklyn where they may stop. We are pleased that EDC have expanded the ferry service in our district making commuting to other boroughs more conducive.

Everyone agrees that the extreme ridership growth on the L train seems to have caught many agencies by surprise although we have been consistently warning them to expect this shift for several years now. We understand that more cars are on their way, but in the meantime, district residents and businesses are frustrated by the increasing unreliability of L service. The Board recommends that the MTA-NYC Transit consider implementing an express- style L train, running in morning peak hours from Myrtle-Wyckoff to 8th Avenue, and in evening peak hours from 8th Avenue to Broadway Junction. This would allow the L train fleet to turn around more quickly and service more riders.

We continue to urge the siting of elevators to ease the ability of those persons who are limited in mobility to be able to use the system.

<u>L Train and Reconstruction of the Canarsie Tubes</u> - We were both totally surprised and utterly outraged to learn through the media that MTA's plans to close the "L" train Canarsie tubes for a period up to four years while it conducts repairs to damage that occurred from the 2012 Hurricane incident. No discussion was made with our board! We had to repeatedly request a copy of the damage report. We were taken aback by the MTA's turning a blind eye to our community on this most important issue! The closure of the tubes would have not just a huge impact on our residents and the general traveling public, but on the local economy as well. The agency considered an "A" and a "B" plan. The plan selected will close the tubes entirely for a year and a half. The MTA/NYC transit continued to work on alternate plans to carry the ridership into Manhattan. Fortunately, the Governor intervened in the planning process and implemented a new construction plan that would not require the tubes to be completely shut down. He devised plans that would allow the tunnel to remain open and for construction work to take place in the evenings. Trains would then alternate going through the tunnel on one track.

<u>Bus Service</u> - We must also express our concern about delays in local bus service. Our bus schedules have been changed/combined with increased traffic and our bus riders are waiting longer than ever for many routes, such as (but not limited to) the B24, B48 and Q59.

Given the changes in our community – notably the increases in our nightlife, with many visitors to our galleries, restaurants, night clubs, boutiques, and our slowly-developing waterfront parks – we are seeing more ridership on local bus service, and ask the DOT and MTA-NYC Transit to develop a service plan to meet ridership demand.

We are pleased that MTA-NYC Transit has begun to install smaller, more streamlined bus shelters; we plan to request more bus shelters, now that the odds are better that they can be accommodated at certain bus stops.
We note that the City and State collaborated on a Bus Rapid Transit pilot project; the proposed Brooklyn route terminates at Williamsburg Bridge Bus Plaza, which is within the Community Board No. 1 district. We believe it would be beneficial to CB #1 residents if the BRT could extend over the Williamsburg Bridge, so that CB #1 residents could also use this service to reach Manhattan.

Given our growth, transportation along the District's waterfront needs to be planned now. The DOT and MTA-NYC Transit must take an aggressive, proactive approach. The implementation of the new bus route along Kent Avenue will provide a much-needed service to our district, and complement service provided by other routes, such as the B62.

With the siting of the MTA's revenue depot at 46-25 Metropolitan Avenue, Community District #1 has been inundated with armored trucks flying through residential areas. The MTA must take immediate action in advising their drivers to adhere to truck route designations.

The addition of water transportation (such as ferries and water taxis) must be encouraged with any new development on the waterfront. We urge the formulation of an MTA "Needs Assessment" panel to review the service in our district and make much needed service changes to better serve our community and the Authority.

The NYC's Ferry service was expanded and has more stops in the CB #1's district, Queens and Manhattan. To ensure the viability of the service and continued operations in the future, this mode of transportation must receive a permanent form of subsidy. All of the docks must be kept well maintained to avoid any accidents such as with the 2014 gangway collapse at India Street. We continue to press for the ability to utilize the MetroCard for ferry passage.

COMMUNITY BOARDS

Community Board No. 1 continues to lack adequate funding. The meager budget provided for our board does not keep pace with inflation and any increased operating costs. The cost for acquiring much needed newer technology, computer software, upgraded hardware as well as internet/web access capabilities is expensive.

Community Board No. 1 is always facing yet another round of budget cuts in the budget process. While restorations were made this fiscal year, we remain guarded about projected cuts for upcoming fiscal years. For over 20 years, <u>Community Boards have not seen any substantial increases in their budgets.</u>

Fortunately, last year and this year we were provided one time increases for our expense budgets through the generosity of the City Council. However, this budget growth is not sustainable as our base line has not increased.

Our internal budget is not sufficient enough to meet the ever escalating costs of necessary office operations and staffing. The rapid changes in communications, media and computers, plus the costly upgrading of various programs and equipment would inhibit a Board's daily operations whose insufficient budget covers a small staffing of only three persons (3 full-time) and miniscule operating (OTPS) cost of \$ 10,476.

Our office carries out a myriad of services. CB #1 is the mini City Hall for our constituents. We handle complaints, provide comments on projects, land use and develop capital/expense budget lines for the district as well as conduct public hearings.

We have 13 established committees that comprehensively tackle matters of concern and service

delivery. Our staff also supports the board members in preparing reports, minutes, and scheduling of meetings. Matters from the public are handled as well, these often range from simple point of information inquiries, "freedom of information (FOIL)", to major investigations requiring constant follow up!

In addition, we have other operating tasks that are for specifically needed to administer the CB #1's internal operations. These include recordkeeping, timekeeping, budget preparation, monitoring & payment of expenditures, voucher preparation, inventory and auditing.

TECHNOLOGY - WEBCASTING REQUIREMENT FOR COMMUNITY BOARDS

City Council's Int. No. 28, a proposal to amend the City Charter that would require community boards to webcast their full board meetings. Although we have consistently advocated for increased budgets for community boards, Community Board No. 1 still lacks adequate funding. The meager budget provided for our board does not keep pace with inflation and any increased operating costs. The cost for acquiring much needed newer technology, computer software, upgraded hardware as well as internet/web access capabilities is expensive and way beyond our fiscal capability.

Web casting is a high tech area of deployment requiring cameras, software, various hardware, a streaming server, a database server, a web/content management server, a directory management server and a series of "apps", not to forget additional staff to operate the camera. There are also serious costs included in setting up an infrastructure to carry out webcasting. All of this is something that we cannot both fiscally and physically accomplish "in house".

CB #1 has to make do with the limited resources of DoiTT (there is one tech person assigned for all of the 59 community boards). Additionally, since community boards lack their own meeting venues (relying on rented or donated space) any recording set ups must be portable. The City should instead develop a team that would perform this service for each of the 59 community boards. Int. 28 was laid over by the City Council's Committee on Technology. We seek an update regarding this requirement as there was discussion about community board's being exempt. This year, the City Council has put in place a pilot program to do the broadcasting. CB #1 is receiving live broadcasting of the regular meetings during this pilot program. We urge that the City consider extending the program and provide these telecommunication services on a permanent basis.

SUSTAINABILITY OF COMMUNITY BOARDS

Community boards provide a vital function for the districts they are designated to serve and consequently stand as valuable assets to the City as well. There is urgent need for increased funding as moneys were lost in previous budget crunches and were projected to be further reduced in the upcoming fiscal years.

Community Board budgets should not be at the sole whim of the Administration. The NYC Charter's language regarding community boards must be strongly re-written to ensure that community boards are fiscally protected and legislatively promulgated – the budgets must be held harmless from political climates.

BIGGER AND BETTER LAND USE ROLES

Community Board No. 1 is no stranger to the land use process. Many impacts for Greenpoint and Williamsburg have been from various ULURP, BSA applications, development scenarios and siting

actions – all which our board has taken an active role in. Our diligent work never ceases and our voices must be heard. Community Board No. 1 needs the commission to strengthen our role by giving us more teeth with which to have a better bite. We will continue to partner with the Brooklyn Borough President on these important matters that affect the life, health and welfare of our constituency.

CONCLUSION

Community Board No. 1 is prepared to discuss each of the items addressed in this <u>Statement of</u> <u>Community District Needs</u>. Please do not hesitate to contact us. In closing, we trust, that the City of New York will act favorably upon the items contained in this report or advise reasons for not implementing the needs of the Greenpoint-Williamsburg Community.

Respectfully submitted,

Dealice Fuller Chairperson Stephen J. Weidberg Third Vice Chairperson Gerald A. Esposito District Manager

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			Absent:	Weiser; Argento; Elkir Gangone; Gallagher; Green; Kuonen; Nieve Solano
			_	Burrows; Barros;
SLA Review & DCA		06/25/19	Present:	Bruzaitis; Foster; Sofer Solano; Stuart; Torres

Capital Budget	06/27/19	Present:	Weidberg; Teague; Chesler;
		Absent:	Gross

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Committee		Meeting Date	Member's	s Attendance
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			Absent:	Bachorowski; Barricelli; Bruzaitis; Cohen; Dybanowski



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ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairperson Dealice Fuller and CB #1 Board Members

FROM: Rabbi David Niederman, Attendance Committee Chair

RE: Committee Attendance Compilation August 13, 2019 – September 10, 2019

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

Committee	Meeting Date	Member	Member's Attendance		
Executive	08/14/19	Present:	Fuller; Weiser; Teague; Weidberg		
		Absent:	Viera; Iglesias; Caponegro		



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September 10, 2019

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

TO:All Board MembersFROM:Dealice Fuller, ChairpersonRE:Executive Committee Meeting held on August 14, 2019
in the CB #1's District Office

The Executive Committee met on Wednesday, August 14, 2019, at 6:30 PM, in the CB #1's District Office at 435 Graham Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11211 (Corner of Frost Street).

ATTENDANCE: Present - Fuller (Chair); Weiser; Teague; Weidberg.

<u>Absent</u> – Viera; Iglesias; Caponegro (absent because they were either vacationing or traveling). It was noted that a quorum was achieved. Also present were: Mr. Torres (CB#1 Board Member); Mr. Esposito (District Manager); and Ms. Bueno-Wallin (Assistant District Manager). It was related that Ms. Viera was traveling outside of NYC, however, she would be conferencing in to the meeting via telephone. The meeting was called to order at 6:46 PM.

Chairperson Ms. Fuller noted the written agenda. The agenda was previously distributed to each of the Executive Committee Members and to all of the CB#1 board members. The committee's meeting agenda was also posted on CB#1's website, and displayed on all of the 55" Link Local kiosk screens located throughout the district. The meeting's agenda included the task of organize the itinerary for the Board's September 10, 2019 Combined Public Hearing and Board Meeting.

I. Establishing the Agenda for the September 10, 2019 Meeting

A copy of the "Presentation Requests Received Log" was distributed for all to review. The committee members discussed the various requests received to date. They decided on how the order of items would appear on the agenda. The various clock details for the items were also noted. The



specific time allotment for each item was also decided upon. It was noted that Item #1 [LPC – 171 Calyer Street] was previously withdrawn from the June meeting by the applicant. The applicant has requested to be rescheduled to present in September. There were other land use items placed on the agenda. Chairperson Ms. Fuller noted that no individual presentations were requested for any of the liquor licenses and therefore a list of the liquor license notices received by CB#1 would be included in the agenda so they could be announced. The discussion was completed and it was agreed that the agenda would appear as follows:

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Chairperson Ms. Fuller asked for a vote on the agenda. Mr. Weidberg made a motion to approve the agenda as arranged. Mr. Weiser seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried. The vote was as follows: 4 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS; 0 "RECUSALS".

Additional items were raised for discussion by the committee members.

II. Mayor's Personnel Order #2018/2

Chairperson Fuller noted a memorandum that the Executive Committee received about salary increases for the board's employees. There was a 3% increase authorized by the Mayor. The salaries for the assistant district manager and the community associate will be increased automatically, but the district manager's increase needs community board approval. Mr. Weidberg made a motion to support the 3% increase for the district manager. Mr. Weiser seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried. The vote was as follows: 4 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS; 0 "RECUSALS".

III. Financial Secretary's Report

Ms. Viera noted that she would be making a report at the next board meeting. She asked about the status of forming the Board's Budget Committee. She wanted to he proactive and include the information in her report. Chairperson Ms. Fuller related that the new committee was included the revised "Committee Request Form". This revised form was sent to each of the board members. However, the forms are not being returned in a timely manner.

It was noted that a written report would be completed and forwarded for the board meeting.

IV. Announcements:

Woodhull Hospital CAC Representative – Chairperson Fuller announced that Ms. Viera had completed her tenure on the hospital's CAC and that Woodhull has asked her to consider a replacement. Chairperson Ms. Fuller requested that the representative opportunity be sent to the board members to solicit their interest. Mr. Weiser expressed his interest. Ms. Viera noted that whoever the CB#1's representative candidate is, their application is ultimately subject to Woodhull's approval.

Post Office - Chairperson Fuller discussed the Post Office and related that there was a new Postmaster for Brooklyn. She noted that were problems receiving packages at the Lindsay Park Development because packages are being left outside of the secure locker boxes.

V. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chairperson Fuller. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weidberg and was unanimously carried. The meeting was concluded.

DF/mbw Attachments

PRESENTATION REQUEST LOG - REQUESTS RECEIVED TO PRESENT AT THE CB #1's COMBINED & PUBLIC HEARING - September 10, 2019

#	DATE RECEIVED	ноw	REQUEST FROM	PRESENTATION DESCRIPTION	ITEM ON A CLOCK?	CLOCK DETAILS
1	6/11/19 ACTION - #7 on the agenda	Email	Sherida E. Paulsen, FAIA, PKSB Architects, PC 330 West 42 nd Street, NY, NY 10036 [Tel. (212) 594-2010]	LPC Application - Regarding the Proposed Development Of Property Within the Greenpoint Historic District, 171 Calyer Street, Brooklyn, NY11222 – by Sherida E. Paulsen, FAIA & Robert Bianco Architect AIA, PKSB Architects PC (Docket LPC-19-38988; Brooklyn - Block: 2573 Lot: 23)	LPC Filing Submitted.	LPC has related that they want them to meet with CB#1. LPC is scheduling them for review in October.
2	6/17/19 ACTION- #1 on the agenda	USPS Mail (Ccrtified)	NYC DCA	Unenclosed Sidewalk Cafe, SJD 220 Corp, Bread Brothers Bagel Café, 220 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206- 4459 Application # 2052885-DCA, 3Tables, 6 Chairs (RENEWAL)	YES.	45 Days 7/22/19
3	6/25/19 ACTION- #3 on the agenda	USPS Mail (Certified)	Adam W. Rothkrug, Rothkrug Rothkrug & Spector LLP, Attorneys At Law, 55 Watermill Lane, Suite 200, Great Neck, NY 11021 [Tel. (516) 487-2252]	BSA Variance Request, Cal. # 2019-192-BZ, 16 Harrison Place, Brooklyn, NY 11206 (Southside of Harrison Place between Morgan Avenue and Bogart Place) Block 3093, Lot 13) – To permit construction of a residential building in an M1-2 zoning district contrary to permitted use.	YES. (received 7/25/19)	60 Days 7/2519 to 9/22/19.
4	7/30/19 and 8/8/19 <i>ACTION-</i> #4 on the agenda	Email	Sandra K. Moryto, Partnership Specialist US Census Bureau [Cell (959) 333-9203]	Update on the Census Bureau's current design plans for 2020 Census and partnership opportunities.	NO. Wants to present at the Sept. meeting.	NA
5	8/14/19 ACTION- #5 on the agenda	Via Email	Rosario Mangual, Chary Mangual	Street Co-Naming Request, at 303Broadway, to "Calle Frenchie" to honor Mr. Santos "Frenchie" Ramos (deceased) who was the longtime owner of Frenchie's Gym.	NA	NA

PRESENTATION REQUEST LOG - REQUESTS RECEIVED TO PRESENT AT THE CB #1's COMBINED & PUBLIC HEARING - September 10, 2019

6	8/14/19 ACTION- #2 on the agenda	Via Email	DCA	Unenclosed Sidewalk Cafe, Grand Endeavors Inc., dba Clem's, 264 Grand Street, Application # 1145629-DCA, 5 Tables, 20 Chairs (RENEWAL)	YES. 45 Days.	9/28/29
7	8/14/19 ACTION- #6 on the agenda	Reminder: to schedule budget item for a public hearing	OMB	Comments On The Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Priorities - Comments to be received regarding Expense/Capital Budget Priorities For Fiscal Year 2021 and Service Program Priorities. [Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes; written testimony requested.]	YES.	Budget Prioritics are due in October

(Updated 08-14-19 PM)

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	FROM:	Gerald A. Esposito, I	District Manager	
	RE:	Mayors Personnel ord	er #2018/2	

Subject: Revision of Pay Plan for Management Employees and Salary Increases for Employees Covered by the Pay Plan for Management Employees effective October 24, 2019.

Salary Increase Effective October 24, 2019

Each manager, including and Agency Head or Deputy Mayor, who is in active pay status in a position under the Pay Plan for Management Employees on October 23, 2019, shall receive an increase of 3% effective October 24, 2019. The amount of the increase shall be calculated on the basis of the manager's October 23, 2019 salary.

Effective October 24, 2019, the minimum and maximum salaries for assignment levels of the Pay Plan for Management Employees are hereby increased by an additional 3 %.

All officers or employees of the City having any jurisdiction over the matters provided in this Order are hereby directed, pursuant to the powers vested in them, to take the steps necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Order.

Bill de Blasio Mayor

In Lieu of this Mayoral directive, the salaries of the Assistant District Manager (Marie Wallin) and Community Associate (Johana Pulgarin) will be increased automatically.

The 3% (Authorized by the Mayor) increase for the District Manager (Gerald Esposito) requires Community Board approval.

Current Salary		<u>3% Increase</u>
DM*	129, 205	3816.
ADM	61, 143	1842.
Community Associate	42,799	1284

* The Mayor's Office of Management and Budget has already projected the increase in our FY 2020 Spreadsheet.

Thank you for consideration of this request!

Best Always

Fw: NYC Health + Hospitals/Woodhull CAB Term Limit

BKO1 (CB) Wed 8/14/2019 8:38 AM To: Viera, Maria <marivi246@aol.com>

1 attachments (535 KB)CAB Application.pdf;

FYI ----

Marie Bueno Wallin ADM CB#1 Brooklyn

From: Riccio, Maria <Maria.Riccio@nychhc.org> Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2019 5:10 PM To: Maria Viera <mviera@riseboro.org>; BK01 (CB) <bk01@cb.nyc.gov>

Cc: Jessica Arocho <arocho.jessica@gmail.com>; Riccio, Maria <Maria.Riccio@nychhc.org>; Anaya, Dyhalma <Dyhalma.Anaya@nychhc.org> Subject: FW: NYC Health + Hospitals/Woodhull CAB Term Limit

Hi Maria

As per our conversation, you have reached your Term limit of 9 years with the NYC Health + Hospitals/Woodhull Community Advisory Board, representative of Community Planning Board #1. We sincerely "Thank You" for your dedication to Woodhull and its Community. Attached, please find a CAB Applications for someone, who you may think would be an asset to the Woodhull Community Advisory Board. Please be mindful, that you are always welcome to come to our meetings. Our next scheduled CAB meeting will be held on Monday September 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in conference room #2. Please join us.

In addition, I'll be reaching out to Ms. Dealice Fuller, Chairperson of Community Planning Board #1, to respectfully request a replacement.

Thank you. Sincerely, Maria Riccio 718 963-8140

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HEALTH+ HOSPITALS

Community Advisory Board Membership Application

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in becoming a NYC Health + Hospitals Community Advisory Board member. Before you complete the attached application, please take a few moments to read the following overview.

What Are Community Advisory Boards?

In 1970, when NYC Health + Hospitals was created to operate the city's municipal hospitals, a provision in the NYC Health + Hospitals enabling legislation mandated that Community Advisory Boards become an integral part of the NYC Health + Hospitals framework. Since that time CAB members, consisting of the residents, patients and community members of New York City, volunteer precious hours striving to ensure access to the best possible medical care services in their communities. These are individuals who are interested in health care or may have a history of public health advocacy. The membership of each CAB is between 15-25 members.

What is the Role of a Community Advisory Board Member?

CAB members function as links between NYC Health + Hospitals facilities and their communities. They represent the views of the community in the health care facility's decision-making process and keep the community informed of NYC Health + Hospitals' goals and objectives. As advisors, CAB members provide a vital perspective on the development of facility plans and programs. CAB members serve on various committees that monitor the respective facility's patient services, planning priorities, allocation of funds and reporting of problems. They interact with community groups, local officials and facility administrations.

Who Can Become a Community Advisory Board Member?

CAB members are consumers of NYC Health + Hospitals facility services and/or are community representatives who either live or work in NYC Health + Hospitals service area.

Who Is Ineligible to Become a Community Advisory Board Member?

- 1 Employees of NYC Health + Hospitals facilities (except non-managerial employee representatives) or the affiliate corporate officers, and corporate employees who hold a direct supervisory position on the CABs
- 2. Persons or their spouses and those employed by a vendor in a contractual relationship with the facility or with NYC Health + Hospitals healthcare system
- Community Board (CB) members of the facility CABs who are employees of the facility, the Affiliate or Corporation
- 4. Members of the CAB who become employees of the facility

- 5. Salaried elected officials or their Authorized Representatives
- 6. Persons who are listed on the NYS Office of the Medicaid Inspector General's (NYS OMIG's) List of Excluded/Restricted or Terminated Individuals or Entities, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General's (federal OIG's) List of Excluded Individuals or Entities, or the United States General Services Administration's System for Award Management (SAM) database, and are thereby, excluded from participating in Federal health care programs, such as Medicare and Medicaid.

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Business Name	Title/Occupation	
Business Address		
Home Telephone	Business Phone Email.	Ackiress
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New Appointments:		
 Have you ever served as a m 	ember of this or any other NYC Health + I	Hospitals Community Advisory Board (CAB)?
⊡ Yes □ No if yes, please g	jive dates:	
Reappointments:		
What committee(s) did you s	erve on? (Approximate dates):	
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 What offices have you held of 	on the CAB?	When?
All Appointments:		
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		vith NYC Health + Hospitals or one of its affiliates?
What do you think will be yo	ur major or general contribution to the C	AB?
	ur background including skills and expert	tise of value to the CAB and attach resume if
available		

*A consumer shall be defined as any individual, at least 18 years of age, or the parent of a minor who uses or has used the NYC health + Hospitals facility as his/her primary source of health care within a period of two (2) years immediately prior to his/her application/appointment to the Community Advisory Board as must be confirmed by the facility to the membership committee. (2) Is not a direct or indirect provider of health care.



The following information is requested to ensure that CAB composition accurately reflects the demographic composition of the CAB will serve. You are not required to answer these questions but your cooperation is appreciated. Please answer the following:

Gender: o Male lo P	Female	D Non-binary c	Something else:		Race or Ethnicity:	
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List boards, committees and organizations in which you have participated, particularly, those related to health care. Give a brief description of responsibilities and offices held.

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Defenses (Manual III)				
References (Names and Addr	ess):			
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EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE APPLICANTS ONLY

Department

Dates of Election/Appointment

A materially false statement willfully or fraudulently made in connection with this application may result in rendering the application ineligible to serve as a community advisory board member.

Signature: ____

_____ Date: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY FACILITY STAFF ONLY

Appointment Category: ____

Appointment Date:	Termination Date:
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Reappointment:	a Yes	u No
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Certification Concerning Conflicts of Interest and **Compliance With Policy and Guidelines for Community Advisory Board Members**

______, residing at _______ am a member of, or an applicant for

membership on the Community Advisory Board of ______ (the "Facility") of NYC Health + Hospitals.

I understand that NYC Health + Hospitals' enabling act requires NYC Health + Hospitals to establish Community Advisory Boards for each of its facilities to consider and advise NYC Health + Hospitals and the facilities on matters concerning the development of any plans or programs of NYC Health + Hospitals, and that the enabling act empowered NYC Health + Hospitals to establish rules and regulations with respect to the Community Advisory Boards. I also understand that it is imperative that the advice of a Community Advisory Board be free from conflicts of interests.

I hereby certify that, as a member of, or applicant for membership on a Community Advisory Board of a facility of NYC Health + Hospitals, I am bound by the provisions of the facilities' Code of Ethics and NYC Health + Hospitals Principles of Professional Conduct.

I understand that my appointment to the CAB is subject to my being cleared by the NYC Health + Hospitals, which will include a background investigation. Thereby authorize NYC Health + Hospitals to commence its clearance procedure by making any investigation of my background deemed necessary. I give NYC Health + Hospitals permission to secure all necessary personal data from governmental sources. I further agree to cooperate in all phases of the clearance procedure and, if deemed necessary, to provide additional personal information in order to complete the clearance process. Moreover, I hereby agree to hold NYC Health + Hospitals and the City of New York, its agencies, employees and agents harmless with respect to any personal claim for damages, expenses or injuries that may arise should the clearance procedure not be completed satisfactorily and my service terminated.

l understand that I cannot serve as a CAB member if I am excluded from participation in Federal health care

programs or if I am debarred by the General Services. Administration from any other Executive Branch procurement or non-procurement programs or activities.

Moreover, Lunderstand that the NYC Health + Hospitals has established and adopted the "Policy and Guidelines for Community Advisory Boards", which excludes certain people from membership on a Community Advisory Board. As such, I certify that neither I nor my spouse is employed by a vendor or any organization that has a contractual relationship with the Facility, with NYC Health + Hospitals, its corporate subsidiaries, or with any of the NYC Health + Hospitals' auxiliaries.

I acknowledge that I am unaware of any actual conflict of interest, nor is there an appearance of a conflict of interest, which would prevent me from performing my duties as a member of a Community Advisory Board in a fair and unbiased fashion.

Should I be unable or unwilling to attest to any of the above, I agree that I will not be permitted to apply for membership on or to continue as a member of the Community Advisory Board.

Finally, I also agree to immediately notify the Executive Director of the Facility of the Community Advisory Board of which I am a member, or applicant for membership on, of any change of circumstances affecting myself or a member of my immediate family, which might create a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest.

Name:	 	
Signature:	 <u> </u>	
Date:	 _	

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Examples of Potential Conflict of Interest Situations

- 1. A CAB candidate with a spouse who is an employee of a company that does business with NYC Health + Hospitals is ineligible for CAB membership.
- 2. A CAB candidate with a near relative (other than a spouse) who is a manager and a decision-making employee of a company that does business with NYC Health + Hospitals. That candidate may be eligible to continue as a CAB member but should be aware of the potential appearance of a conflict of interest. The CAB member should advise the Executive Director of the facility of the relationship.
- 3. A CAB candidate who is on the Board of Directors of a not-for-profit organization or is a manager with decisionmaking authority at a not-for-profit organization that partners with an NYC Health + Hospitals facility may remain a CAB member, but must not participate in any activities (including contract approval) for the not-for-profit involving NYC Health + Hospitals and must not participate in the CAB in any matter that involves the not-forprofit. Because of the potential appearance of a conflict of interest, the CAB member should advise the Executive Director of the facility of the other position.
- 4 A CAB member may do volunteer work for a not-for-profit organization that partners with an NYC Health + Hospitals facility, but because of the potential appearance of a conflict of interest, the CAB member should advise the Executive Director of the Facility if the work is being performed at the facility.
- 5. A person who does business with an NYC Health + Hospitals facility or who leases property from or to the facility is ineligible to be a CAB member of that facility.
- 6. CAB members should not accept gifts in any form, including money, entertainment and meals, from any person or entity that does business with NYC Health + Hospitals or the facility or which are intended to, or may appear to be intended to, influence the CAB member in performance of the duties of a CAB member.

Requests for advisory opinions as to interpretation and compliance with the conflicts of interest rules, or for waivers of the rules in particular circumstances, may be addressed in writing to NYC Health + Hospitals Committee on Conduct and Practices, care of Patricia Lockhart, Secretary to the Corporation, Room 528, 125 Worth Street, New York, New York 10013.



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CHAIRPERSON'S CORRESPONDENCE

June 7, 2019- July 9, 2019

No.	DATE	RECEIVED FROM	SUMMARY	REFERRED TO
1	6/12/19	Friends of The Brooklyn Queens Connector c/o Yoswein New York 111 Broadway, Suite 1504 New York, NY 10006	RE: Support for the BQX at last week's NYC Council Oversight Hearing.	Bruzaitis
2	6/17/19	NYC Alliance to Preserve Public Housing	RE: A Briefing on the NYCHA Draft Annual 2020 Plan, Monday, June 24 th , 2019 at 3:00 PM to 4:30 pm. Public Hearing, Thursday, July 18 th , 5:30pm – 8:00pm.	Housing & Public Housing

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3	6/17/19	State of New York Department of Public Service Three Empire State Plaza Albany, NY 12223	RE: Consolidated Edison Company of New York Inc. Proposed Rate Request.	Board Member
4	6/17/19	Community Service Society Fighting Poverty Strengthening New York 633 Third Avenue, 10 th FL New York, NY 10017	RE: The Volunteer Health Advocates Project of the Community Service Society in partnership with NYC Health & Hospitals (H+H) is seeking individuals age 55 years or older to serve as Health Advocates in NYC H+H facilities.	Public Safety & Human Service

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5 6/17/1	9 RND Transportation Inc. 135 Greenpoint Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11222	RE: License Base Rencwal.	Transportation
6 6/20/1	 Rachel Freir, AEMT – Paramedic Director Ezeas Nashim 1716 56th Street Brooklyn, NY 11204 	RE: Ezras Nashim RE: Requesting Letter of Support.	Public Safety & Human Services

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7 6/2	120	YC City Planning 0 Broadway w York, NY 10271	RE: Environmental Assessment Statement for 215 Moor Street.	Environmental Protection
8 6/2	33	YC Taxi & Limousinc Commission Beaver Street ew York, NY 10004	RE: CB#1's letter dated May 17, 2019 regarding identification for app-based for- hire vehicles in New York City.	Board Members

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9	6/24/19	New York City Department of Transportation 55 Water Street New York, NY 10041	RE: Update on City's school speed zone camera program.	Transportation & Public Safety & Humane Service
10	6/24/19	City Planning Commission Department of City Planning 120 Broadway, 31 st Floor New York, NY 10271-3000	RE: Proposed 2018 Consolidated Plan Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) 15 day public comment period from June 24, 2019.	Capital Budgct & Housing & Public Housing

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11	6/24/19	Hon. Joseph R. Lentol Assemblyman 50 th District 619 Lorimer Street Brooklyn, NY 11211	Letter From Assemblyman Joseph Lentol to NYC Economic Development Corporation Chairman Schlein & NYC Department of Parks & Recreation Commissioner Maher RE: Upcoming demolition of the Bayside oil tanks.	Environmental Protection & Park & Waterfront
12	6/24/19	Friends of The Brooklyn Queens Connector c/o Yoswein New York, Inc. New York, NY 10006	RE: Crain's NY op-ed on why BQX is a better option than buses on Brooklyn- Queens corridor.	Transportation & Parks & Waterfront

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13 7/8/19	City Planning Commission Department of City Planning 120 Broadway 31 st Floor New York, NY 10271-3000	RE: Notice of revised public comment period for the proposed annual performance and evaluation report 2018 consolidated plan program year.	Land Use, ULURP & Landmarks



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CHAIRPERSON'S CORRESPONDENCE July 9, 2019- August 13, 2019

No.	DATE	RECEIVED FROM	SUMMARY	REFERRED TO
1	7/15/19	The Police Commissioner City of New York Police Commissioner One Police Plaza, Room 1400 New York, NY 10038	RE: The residents requested that motorist be allowed to cue in the center of the roadway on street that have alternate side parking for cleaning.	Mr. Weiser, Transportation
2	7/15/19	Joseph R. Lentol Assemblyman 50 th District Kings County 619 Lorimer Street Brooklyn, NY 11211	RE: July 2019 Edition of the New York State Assembly Grants Action News, Vol. 33, Issue 7.	Environmental Protection, Education & Youth, Public Safety & Human services



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3	8/1/19	Maria Elena King 91 Boerum Street Apt 18R Brooklyn, NY 11206	Complaint RE: Owners of Post Office Box 60052 are requesting a "mail fraud and mail tampering' investigation at Postal Station 11206, Debevoise Street Brooklyn, NY.	
4	8/5/19	Olga Abinader, Director Department of City Planning 120 Broadway 31 st Floor New York, NY 10271	Environmental Assessment Statement RE: Acme Fish Expansion, CEQR No. 20DCP009K.	Land Use , ULURP, & Landmarks

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6	8/12/19	Joseph R. Lentol Assemblyman 50 th District Kings County 619 Lorimer Street Brooklyn, NY 11211	RE: August 2019 Edition of the New York State Assembly Grants Action News, Vol. 33, Issue 8.	Public Safety & Human Services, Education & Youth



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CHAIRPERSON'S CORRESPONDENCE August 13, 2019- September 10, 2019

No.	DATE	RECEIVED FROM	SUMMARY	REFERRED TO
1	08/27/19	NYC Department of Transportation 16 Court Street Brooklyn, NY 11241	RE: Planned Citi Bike Station that will be installed in Brooklyn's Community Board #1.	Board Members
2	8/28/19	WSP 4 Westchester Park Drive Suite 175 White Plains, NY 10604 NY 10604	RE: Environmental Clean up to Begin at Brownfield Site, Fyn Paint & Lacquer Co., Inc., 230 Kent Avenue.	Environmental Protection

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3 9/03/19	Conselyea Street Block Association Cooper Park Houses Residents Council Inc. Friends of Cooper Park GREC Maspeth Avenue Homeowners Association Neighborhood Women of Williamsburg/Greenpoint School Settlement Association Sharon Street Block Association St. Nicks Alliance	RE: Request for DOT to reevaluate how successful the traffic calming measures have been in the area, including Kingsland/Maspeth as well as Olive/Maspeth.	Transportation



District Manager's Report Community Board No. 1 Brooklyn

TO:	All Board Members
FROM:	Gerald A. Esposito District Manager
RE:	September 10, 2019

- 1. Complaint Tally Sheet for June, July & August 2019.
- 2. District Service Cabinet Meeting Minutes June 20, 2019.
- 3. LIRR Notification RE: Schedule Update Scott Avenue Pedestrian Overpass Bridge Replacement.
- 4. NYC Department of Transportation 2019 NYC Bike Maps. Available at the Board Meeting (Table).
- 5. Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities Empowered NYC RE: Free, Trustworthy Financial Counseling for People with Disabilities.
- 6. Brooklyn Community Board #1 RE: Link NYC All CB#1 meeting notices are being sent to this communications network.
- 7. NYC Health RE: Response to CB#1's Letter about Freeman, Green, and Huron Street petroleum odors.
- 8. MTA RE: Bus Schedule Revision Effective Fall 2019.
- 9. The New York Times Article RE: "The City's Most Hated Bridge Gets a Nearly \$1 Billion Makeover".
- 10. New York City Council RE: Fiscal 2020 Community Boards Enhancement Initiative Guidelines Memo.
- 11. New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio Appointed Lorraine Cortès-Vázquez as Commissioner to the Department for the Aging in April 2019.



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September 10, 2019

TO: FROM: RE: ALL BOARD MEMBERS GERALD A. ESPOSITO, DISTRICT MANAGER COMPLAINT TALLY SHEET – JUNE/JULY/AUGUST 2019

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BULK PICKUP	-	1
REGULAR PICKUP		3
LOT CLEANING		1
UNSWEPT STREET LITTER		4
SNOW REMOVAL		
ENFORCEMENT	-	2
BASKET REQUESTS	-	1
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SIGNS		1
RECYCLING		3
HEALTH DEPT		
PEST CONTROL		1
LOT CLEANING		
ASSISTANCE		2
DOCUMENTS	-	1
HOUSING AUTHORITY	-	-
APPLICATION		1
SERVICE	-	1
ELEVATOR		2
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SENIOR HOUSING		1
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SERVICE		4
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RELOCATION		
RENT CONTROL		1
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BUILDINGS DEPT		4
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REE REQUESTS	2
REE REMOVAL	2
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Respectfully submitted, Marie Bueno Wallin Assistant District Manager



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DISTRICT SERVICE CABINET MEETING JUNE 20, 2019 435 GRAHAM AVENUE

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

District Manager Mr. Gerald A. Esposito called the District Service Cabinet Meeting to order and noted the agenda which included a round robin session for updates from city agency representatives. The representatives were asked to provide what their budget needs are for both capital and expense categories.

DEPARTMENT FOR THE AGING (DFTA): Ms. Charise K. Lawrence, Director, Brooklyn Community Outreach, announced that that the agency has a new commissioner: Lorraine Cortés-Vázquez. She discussed her background. She has had a lot of different roles in government. One matter that they are focusing on is eliminating stigma around older adults. She noted the "Home Sharing Program" and that they were still campaigning for it. It helps to avoid isolation. NYFSC's Home Sharing Program is made possible in part through a partnership with DFTA, whose mission is to eliminate ageism and ensure the dignity and quality of life of diverse older adults. The program presents an innovative and practical approach to providing older adults with a safe and affordable place to live or a reliable source of income. The program pairs hosts with an extra bedroom in their homes or apartments with compatible guests in all five boroughs.

NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (EM): Mr. Peter Bojmal, Community Coordinator, noted that Commissioner Joseph J. Esposito was leaving and they will hire a new commissioner. By September they will have a better idea. NYC Emergency Management (formerly the Office of Emergency Management or OEM) has rebranded as part of a comprehensive effort to increase the public's awareness of its presence and role in the city. This rebranding included phasing out the use of the OEM title, acronym, and logo. District Manager Mr. Esposito extended his best wishes to Commissioner Esposito and related that he will be sorely missed. District Manager Mr. Esposito spoke about a sporadic gasoline odor that the office had experienced. The office had to be temporarily evacuated.



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FIRE DEPARTMENT (FDNY): Chief Pete Gannon, 35th Battalion, FDNY, provided a report for the calendar year to date with information of their various activities in CB#1. About 300 persons ("Probies") will be graduating from the academy this month. He spoke about the upcoming Mt. Carmel Feast (in July) and noted that they have been meeting with EM on it. They are keeping a 12 ft. access lane with the booths. Ms. Sandra Sanchez, Assistant Director, FDNY Community Affairs Unit, noted that they are looking into what the agency's needs are. They are checking on the current age of its equipment, and anything else, so they can provide the update on what their equipment/capital needs are for the new Fiscal Year.

NYC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT): Ms. Ronda Messer, Director of Community Affairs, Brooklyn DOT Office, related that she has just returned from being out of the office for the week and was catching up and will provide a report later on. She noted that they were working on resurfacing and street lights.

NYC DEPARTMENT OF DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION (DDC): Mr. Ian Thornel, Community Construction Liaison, West Street Project (HWK1048A), noted that they are almost finished with the project. They are working on a punch list/sidewalks.

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS (DCA): Ms. Marian Jones, Community Affairs, DCA, provided a brief update. The agency's office is located in Manhattan.

NYC COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (CCHR): Ms. Sulekha Frank, Associate Human Rights Specialist, CCHR, provided a few updates. She noted that persons cannot be discriminated on the basis of their hair. She noted that there are guidelines for mandatory lactation stations. She spoke about anti-sexual harassment regulations. Cleaners and babysitters were covered.

NYC DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION (DSNY): Supt. Scott James, BK1 Garage, was filling in for the regular superintendent. He noted that Supt. Gormely was on vacation. He would relate any information to him. District Manager Mr. Esposito asked that the superintendent provide information on the budget, that DSNY provide their wish list. The information would be needed for the budget consultation with the agency.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (DEP): Ms. Denise Hubbard, Community Coordinator, DEP, was present. She noted that DEP was working on the issue of the petroleum/oil smell, to discover its source.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES/HOMELESS SERVICES: Ms. Yuri Sanchez was present at the meeting and provided a brief update.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.

(attachments)



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×	Inbox	447	Subject: Re: LIRR NOTIFICATION: SCHEDULE UPDATE SCOTT AVENUE PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT
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	Conversation Histo	ry	REPLACEMENT This summer the Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) will be replacing the Scott Avenue Pedestrian Overpass
	RSS Subscriptions		Bridge to maintain the LIRR's infrastructures State of Good Repair. The bridge spans over the New York & Atlantic Railway in Bushwick.
	New folder		Starting August 3, work at Scott Avenue Pedestrian Bridge will include, but not be limited to the
			 following: Full closure of Scott Avenue Pedestrian Bridge for approximately six to eight (6-8) weeks during which pedestrians will be defoured to Varick Avenue
			 Installation of new pedestrian overpass including staircases, mid-September Staging and equipment to be located on both sides of the bridge for the duration of the project
			Please contact Ryan Attard at <u>rlattar@lirr.org</u> /718-558-7767 or Vanessa Lockel at <u>vlockel@lirr.org</u> /917-364- 8940 if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your support and assistance in getting this information out to the community.
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RE: LinkNYC

LinkNYC adds to New York City's efforts to bridge digital divide, with more than 7,500 free Wi-Fi kiosks initially planned for across all five boroughs. They are digital displays which exhibit strategic, insight-driven advertisements and public service announcements.

Community Board No. 1 has begun to explore using this system to advertise information for the various monthly meetings of the board. The information that can be posted is limited, but free of charge. Requests must be made a minimum of five days before the meeting. The announcement will be displayed on all of the 55" Link Local kiosk screens in the district.

Attached is a listing of the locations of "Live Links" located within Brooklyn Community Board No. 1. Additional information regarding the system is provided below.

LinkNYC is a first-of-its-kind communications network that will bring the fastest available free public Wi-Fi to millions of New Yorkers, small businesses, and visitors. Built at no cost to taxpayers, the five-borough LinkNYC network will, through advertising proceeds, generate more than \$500 million in revenue for the City over the initiative's first 12 years. Granted a franchise by the City in 2014, CityBridge will administer construction of the LinkNYC network.

By replacing the aging network of public pay telephones with state-of-the-art Links, CityBridge will transform the physical streetscape, enhance New Yorkers' access to information, and create new local jobs for the development, servicing and maintenance of the structures.

<u>What is a Link</u>? Links are connection points that house cutting-edge wireless technology, interactive communication systems, and digital advertising displays. Each ADA-compliant Link structure features:

- 24/7 free encrypted Wi-Fi with up to gigabit speeds
- Free phone calls to anywhere in the U.S.
- Integrated lighting
- Digital displays which exhibit strategic, insight-driven advertisements & public service announcements
- Touchscreen Android tablet expediting access to the Internet



- Tactile keypad with Braille lettering, dedicated 911 button, speaker, microphone & headphone jack
- USB charger for free mobile device usage
- Iconic & durable aluminum construction
- Sleek design & minimal footprint which restores sidewalk space previously encumbered by large payphone enclosures

DoITT reports that up to 10,000 Links will be installed across all five boroughs during the term of the franchise agreement.



LinksNYC - Live Links In CB#1

- 183 Calver St (Calver St & Manhattan Ave)
- 182 Bedford Ave (Bedford Ave & N 7th St)
- 2 Graham Ave (Graham Ave & Flushing Ave)
- 15 Debevoise St (Debevoise St & Graham Ave)
- 24 Graham Ave (Graham Ave & Debevoise St)
- 32 Graham Ave (Graham Ave & Debevoise St)
- 101 Graham Ave (Graham Ave & Mckibbin St)
- 268 Broadway (Broadway & Havemeyer St)
- 88 Norman Ave (Norman Ave & Manhattan Ave)
- 511 Broadway (Broadway & Union Ave)
- 395 Broadway (Broadway & Hooper St)
- 709 Broadway (Broadway & Debevoise St)
- 213 Union Ave (Union Ave & S 5th St)
- 61 Graham Ave (Graham Ave & Moore St)
- 202 Graham Ave (Graham Ave & Scholes St)
- 691 Metropolitan Ave (Metropolitan Ave & Manhattan Ave)
- 1007 Manhattan Ave (Manhattan Ave & Huron St)
- 326 Graham Ave (Graham Ave & Devoe St)
- 45 Graham Ave (Graham Ave & Varet St)
- 46 Graham Ave (Graham Ave & Cook St)
- 126 N 8th St (N 8th St & Metropolitan Ave)
- 458 Union Ave (Union Ave & Conselyea St)
- 219 Grand St (Grand St & Driggs Ave)
- 230 Berry St (Berry St & Grand St)
- 43 N 11th St (N 11th St & Kent Ave)
- 145 Wythe Ave (Wythe Ave & N 7th St)
- 185 Berry St (Berry St & N 4th St)
- 203 Berry St (Berry St & N 3rd St)
- 101 N 5th St (N 5th St & Berry St)
- 7 Nassau Ave (Nassau Ave & N 14th St)
- 178 Broadway (Broadway & Driggs Ave)
- 2 Devoe St (Devoe St & Union Ave)

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- 28 N 5th St (N 5th St & Kent Ave)
- 79 Grand St (Grand St & Whyte Ave)
- 364 Grand St (Grand St & Havemeyer St)
- 561 Metropolitan Ave (Metropolitan Ave & Lorimer St)
- 175 Grand St (Grand St & Bedford Ave)
- 153 N 8th St (N 8th St & Bedford Ave)
- 361 Broadway (Broadway & Keap St)
- 63 Guernsey St (Guernsey St & Nassau Ave)
- 394 Kent Ave (Kent Ave & Broadway)
- 33 S 2nd St (S 2nd St & Kent Ave)
- 256 Graham Ave (Graham Ave & Maujer St)
- 1133 Manhattan Ave (Manhattan Ave & Box St)
- 984 Manhattan Ave (Manhattan Ave & Huron St)
- 103 Seigel St (Seigel St & Manhattan Ave)
- 119 Graham Ave (Graham Ave & Boerum St)
- 475 Manhattan Ave (Manhattan Ave & Eckford St)
- 459 Bergen St (Bergen St & Flatbush Ave)
- 45 N 9th St (N 9th St & Kent Ave)
- 43 N 10th St (N 10th St & Kent Ave)
- 29 S 3rd St (S 3rd St & Kent Ave)
- 500 Grand St (Grand St & Union Ave)
- 31 Nassau Ave (Nassau Ave & Dobbin St)
- 1049 Manhattan Ave (Manhattan Ave & Freeman St)
- 434 Manhattan Ave (Manhattan Ave & Bayard St)
- 145 Montrose Ave (Montrose Ave & Manhattan Ave)
- 115 N 6th St (N 6th St & Berry St)



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June 13, 2019

Chairperson Dealice Fuller Brooklyn Community Board 1 435 Graham Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11211

Re: Freeman, Green, and Huron Streets

Dear Chairperson Fuller:

I am writing on behalf of Commissioner Barbot in response to your letter dated May 16, 2019, concerning petroleum odors at the above-mentioned locations. Thank you for sharing your concerns. I apologize for the delay in responding.

Please be advised that the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) is currently working with the State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to address this matter.

In addition, staff from our Environmental Health team attended a community meeting on June 12, 2019 to address any health-related questions regarding these locations. Please contact DOHMH Environmental Health Assessment and Communications at (646) 632-6102 with any further toxicological or health inquiries.

Thank you for taking the time to bring this matter to our attention. If I can be of further assistance, please contact me at (347) 396-4078.

Sincerely, Much Kenal

Maura Kennelly Acting Associate Commissioner

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Commissioner Oxiris Barbot, MD NYC DOH& MH 42-09 28th Street LIC, NY 11101

Dear Commissioner Sapienza, Commissioner Seggos, and Commissioner Barbot:

Please be advised that at the regular meeting of Brooklyn Community Board No. 1 held on May 14, 2019 the board members voted unanimously to send this letter.

For several months now a serious number of odor complaints were related by residents who reside in the Greenpoint area of Freeman, Green, and Huron Streets. These odors have extended to properties on Manhattan Avenue and McGuinness Blvd. as well. It was reported that the noxious petroleum/gasoline smell appeared to be emanating from the sewer system.

To date efforts to clean the sewers in these areas have not completely abated these odors nor reveal a source of the contamination.



Community Board No. 1 calls upon the NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), and the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) to work together in fully investigating the issue and identifying the source of the vapors (including ruling out potential sources like the Greenpoint Oil Spill).

On May 16, 2019 at approximately 9AM, a strong odor of gasoline was detected in the Community Board No. 1's Office at 435 Graham Avenue (at the corner of Frost Street) necessitating a call to the Fire Department and 911. The 35th Battalion responded with Ladder Company #146 to the calls. An odor of gasoline was detected and the office was promptly evacuated and ventilated. The Battalion Chief related that earlier in the day, there was a call for the same kind of "gasoline" fumes emanating in the area of Metropolitan Avenue, Lorimer Street and Union Avenue.

These key lead agencies must invest in whatever precautions or operations necessary (i.e. - further sewer maintenance) to end this issue as soon as possible. We also request that Brooklyn Community Board No. 1 be kept apprised on this matter.

Working for a Better Greenpoint-Williamsburg.

Sincerely,

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Attachments: 3

cc: Mayor Bill De Blasio Comptroller Scott M. Stringer Public Advocate Jumaane Williams Council Speaker Corey Johnson Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams Council Member Stephen T. Levin Council Member Antonio Reynoso Assembly Members Maritza Davila Assembly Members Maritza Davila Assembly Member Joseph Lentol Senator Brian Kavanagh Senator Julia Salazar Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez 2 Broadway New York, NY 10004-2207 646 252-5800 Tel 646 252-5815 Fax



New York City Transit

June 21, 2019

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

Re: Bus Schedule Revisions Effective Fall 2019

Dear Mr. Esposito:

I am writing to inform you that NYC Transit is planning to implement bus schedule revisions affecting 23 bus routes this fall, as part of our ongoing bus schedule review and evaluation process.

The regular assessment of bus schedules is one of our routine business practices. It is an effort to ensure that we are accurately meeting current ridership demand on each route by time of day, in compliance with MTA bus-loading guidelines; it also allows us to adjust bus schedules for changing operating conditions. These routine schedule reviews are essential to deploy available bus resources where they are most needed to provide our customers with the most efficient and effective bus service possible.

As is typical with service reviews, the Fall 2019 schedule revisions include both servicelevel increases and decreases. *(See Attachment I for details.)*

- Three routes (B38, Bx35, and Q12) are being converted to articulated buses, which will significantly increase seat capacity on these routes.
- Seven of the route changes add more service to ensure that adequate bus capacity is available to meet customer demand during particular time periods.
- Six of the route schedule revisions reflect reductions in service frequencies to more closely align service with ridership.
- Seven route schedule adjustments reflect faster bus travel times, providing our customers with faster trips, while solely increasing service efficiency and reducing our operating costs.

The bus service reductions will only have minimal impact for customers using the affected bus routes during weekday a.m. and p.m. peak travel periods. We will closely monitor the service to ensure that the new schedules provide sufficient service to meet customer demand.

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The bus schedule changes will be presented to the NYC Transit and Bus Committee of the MTA Board on Monday, July 22, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the 20th floor boardroom at 2 Broadway. Speaker registration will be conducted during the 15-minute period preceding the meeting.

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

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Sincerely,

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Enclosure

cc: Max Young Darryl Irick Sarah Meyer Tim Mulligan Judith McClain Robert Marino

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

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Route	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Change
838*	7	10	85%	84%	6	8	89%	79%	7	9	86%	73%	8	10	63%	54%	+26.8%
B.35"	6.5	10	90%	96%	6.5	10	69%	74%	8.5	10	93%	70%	10	12	86%	66%	+18.4%
Q12*	8	10	86%	76%	9	10	79%	59%	9	10	99%	74%	9	10	96%	72%	+32.5%
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Q48	20	\$5	130%	97%	20	20	83%	83%	20	20	83%	83%	20	20	76%	76%	+3,4%
S46	15	15	93%	93%	15	15	99%	99%	15	12	101%	81%	20	20	90%	90%	+3.4%

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B38*	10	10	97%	52%	7	9	80%	74%	8	10	B5%	74%	9	10	66%	49%	+29.3%
Bx35*	12	12	112%	72%	10	12	81%	62%	9	12	77%	69%	12	12	84%	54%	+30,4%
Q12*	12	12	86%	55%	9	12	79%	71%	10	12	94%	72%	10	12	76%	59%	+49.2%
S74	15	15	51%	51%	15	15	61%	61%	15	30	46%	92%	30	30	65%	65%	-15.6%
S78	30	30	60%	60%	15	30	38%	75%	15	30	47%	94%	15	30	29%	58%	-30.1%

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Local bus guidelines call for stendees during peak periods and up to a seated load during non-peak periods and on weakends. Express bus guidelines call for up to a seated load at all times. Weekday AM and PM peak headways and percent of guideline capacity based on peak hour. Midday, evening, and weekend headways and percent of guideline capacity based on a representative hour during the time periods described in the headings. Routes with running time changes only: M31 and M57

(*) B38, Bx35, Q12 - Anticulated Bus Conversion, "Current" represents Standard Bus service, "Proposed" represents Anticulated Bus Service, (**) Trip adjustment may occur during time periods not shown above

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

Weekday		AM	Peak		Midday					PM	Peak						
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Route	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Change
B15	5	5	74%	74%	7	8	77%	93%	8	8	71%	71%	9	9	84%	84%	-6.9%
B38*	3	4	92%	76%	5	5	73%	50%	5	5	98%	63%	7	8	86%	64%	+41.0%
854	7	8	84%	94%	12	15	66%	83%	9	9	85%	85%	9	12	55%	77%	-13.2%
B.35'	4	6	89%	85%	6.5	10	71%	76%	5.5	7.5	83%	75%	8.5	10	93%	70%	+22.0%
M5	6	8	54%	68%	10	15	38%	58%	10	10	65%	65%	12	15	49%	61%	-15.2%
M20	15	15	34%	34%	20	20	40%	40%	15	15	54%	54%	20	30	39%	58%	-22.6%
Q12*	5	6	87%	73%	10	10	84%	54%	6	8	91%	75%	6	9	89%	91%	+32.7%
Q24	8	7	80%	53%	15	15	62%	82%	12	12	99%	99%	20	20	\$0%	80%	+1.1%
Q27	4	4	84%	84%	6	5.5	110%	93%	4	4.5	68%	75%	6,5	6.5	79%	79%	+1.1%
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S53	6	6	95%	95%	12	12	96%	96%	9	8	101%	89%	10	10	95%	95%	+3.2%

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New York City Transit

June 21, 2019

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

Re: Implementation of BRWAC Subway Schedule Revisions in November 2019

Dear Mr. Esposito:

I am writing to inform you that NYC Transit will be making changes to some evening and late-night schedules on the B R W subway lines and some weekend schedules on the A C subway lines in November 2019. These adjustments are being made to accommodate the rigorous maintenance, repair, and construction projects associated with the Subway Action Plan and other efforts to improve service, while also ensuring that we can operate the best service possible for our customers while this essential work is underway.

Over the past two years, NYC Transit has been working intensively to improve the reliability of the subway service we provide to our customers. This work includes clearing tens of thousands of grates and drains, sealing thousands of leaks, repairing or replacing miles of track, removing tons of debris, and rebuilding thousands of signal components. Our most recent statistics show continued dramatic improvement in subway performance, with the highest on-time performance numbers in more than half a decade. This demonstrates that the substantial investment of the State and the City in infrastructure and maintenance improvements, under the Subway Action Plan, are yielding remarkably positive results, and illustrates the rewards of the planned service changes.

Subway on-time performance for May reached its second-highest level since October 2013—nearly 80 percent. In addition, major incidents decreased more than 40 percent from last May, approaching the lowest monthly total since measurement began in 2015. Furthermore, weekday delays decreased 39 percent from last May, close to recent lows not achieved since December 2013. One of the contributing factors to the reduction in subway delays has been the significant progress made in reducing track debris fires. Year-to-date, track fires have dropped by 34 percent compared to 2018.

The installation of Communications-Based Train Control (CBTC) on the 8th Avenue line will further the critical modernization of the subway signal system, a linchpin in NYC Transit's Fast Forward plan. Effective installation of this high priority, high-profile project to bring more state-of-the-art signaling technology to the subway will require that considerable work takes place on the 8th Avenue line tracks between Columbus Circle-59th Street and High Street on weekends. As much of our repair, upgrade, and intensified maintenance activities are performed during evening, late-night and weekend hours, we are seeking to maximize the productivity of our workforce during those times. This necessitates adjustments in our operations to accommodate the unprecedented level of work that is underway.

The schedule adjustments we will be making on the \bigcirc \bigcirc lines during evenings and late nights are essential to facilitate track replacement, signal and power cable upgrades, and drain cleaning—work that requires transitioning to the overnight service pattern earlier than previously scheduled. In addition, the schedule changes we will be making to weekend frequencies on the \triangle \bigcirc lines are needed to facilitate ongoing and upcoming capital investments—in particular, the Fast Forward CBTC project.

These changes—already implemented regularly via temporary schedules most weeknights and weekends—will help our customers plan their trips ahead, based on a stable and reliable schedule. Incorporating these schedule revisions in our base timetables will result in more efficient and less costly service, while providing more consistent evening and late-night service for our customers.

Basic information about these schedule adjustments follows:

- Weekday evening service will end slightly less than one hour earlier than at present. B line service on weekdays, from approximately 9:25 p.m. to 10:10 p.m. between 145th Street and Brighton Beach, will no longer operate. Service along the route of the d during these hours will continue to be provided by other routes—the between 145th Street and 59th Street-Columbus Circle, the between 59th Street-Columbus Circle and Atlantic Avenue-Barclays Center, and the between Atlantic Avenue-Barclays Center and Brighton Beach.
- Weekday evening W service will end slightly less than one hour earlier than at present. W line service on weekdays, from approximately 9:35 p.m. to 10:10 p.m. between Astoria-Ditmars Boulevard and Whitehall Street, will no longer operate. Service along the route of the W during these hours will continue to be provided by other routes—the N between Astoria-Ditmars Boulevard and 34th Street-Herald Square, and the R between 34th Street-Herald Square and Whitehall Street.
- One **R** line roundtrip, operating weekdays from approximately 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. between Forest Hills-71st Avenue and Bay Ridge-95th Street, will be discontinued. **R** service levels and service span are otherwise unaffected by this change.

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- (a) line service frequency on Saturdays, from approximately 8:45 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. between Inwood-207th Street and Ozone Park-Lefferts Boulevard or Far Rockaway-Mott Avenue, will change from every 8 minutes to every 10 minutes.
- G line service frequency on Saturdays, from approximately 7:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and on Sundays, from approximately 10:25 a.m. to 5:20 p.m., between 168th Street and Euclid Avenue, will change from every 10 minutes to every 12 minutes.

The subway schedule revisions package will be presented to the NYC Transit and Bus Committee of the MTA Board on Monday, July 22, at 10:00 a.m. in the 20th floor boardroom at 2 Broadway. Speaker registration will be conducted during the 15-minute period preceding the start of the meeting.

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

Sincerely,

Andy Byford President

cc: Max Young Sally Librera Sarah Meyer Tim Mulligan Judy McClain Robert Marino

The New York Eimes

The City's Most Hated Bridge Gets a Nearly \$1 Billion Makeover

Motorists, cyclists and pedestrians marveled at the opening of the second span of the Kosciuszko Bridge, which connects Brooklyn and Queens.

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By Azi Paybarah and Nate Schweber

Aug. 29, 2019

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A drive over the Kosciuszko Bridge, once known for traffic jams that could provoke the most sedate motorists into shouting expletives, prompted a different reaction from drivers and cyclists on Thursday: astonishment.

And that was during New York's morning rush hour.

The second span of the cable-stayed Kosciuszko Bridge (arguably pronounced ko-SHCH-OO-SH-ko), which connects Brooklyn and Queens over Newtown Creek, opened to vehicles on Thursday as part of an \$873 million project. The first span opened in 2017. Both spans replaced the crumbling bridge that opened in 1939 and became a despised crossing because of its choking traffic.

How do you pronounce Kosciuszko? It depends on where you're from.

"It was nice and not bumpy," said Ines Leong, 40, of Astoria, Queens, who works in Greenpoint, Brooklyn, and drove over the bridge on Thursday.

The new span has four Brooklyn-bound lanes; the other span has five Queens-bound lanes. Both spans have shoulders. The bridge also has a 20-foot-wide protected lane for cyclists and pedestrians, who got to first experience it, and its views of Manhattan, on Wednesday.

Many early bridgegoers were impressed.



The new Koschuszko Bridge is New York City's first cable-stayed bridge. Steel cables are placed at an angle to connect the bridge deck to vertical towers. Gabby Jones for The New York Times

"The skyline looks a lot different now," said Tom Bulger, 65, of Brooklyn, as he walked across the Kosciuszko Bridge with his family on Wednesday. The last time he remembers walking across it was in 1968, around the time the walkways on the old bridge were removed.

"The only thing that looks the same is the cemetery," Mr. Bulger said, referring to Calvary Cemetery in Queens.

Troy Stone, who had never walked over any of the city's bridges until Wednesday's preview, was struck by the view. "I'm taking it all in."

But not every part of crossing the new bridge has been smooth sailing. There are no cyclist lanes near the bridge on the Brooklyn side, according to Gerard A. Esposito, the district manager of Brooklyn Community Board I.

"We're concerned about what happens when you come off the bridge," he said, standing near the bridge's entrance in Greenpoint. "It's a hard enough area without the new walk-cycle lane. If you're new to the area, you might not know the danger."

But cyclists interviewed did not express those concerns.

"It's awesome," said Andrew Williams, 50, of Williamsburg, Brooklyn, who cycled across the bridge for the first time on Thursday morning. "I'm loving it."

Overall, the new structure was greeted as a welcomed upgrade.

"The thing was falling apart. It looked like it was going to fall any day," said Henry Cordero, 50, of Glendale, Queens.

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Angelo Papajorgji, 39, a contractor from Queens, said he loved the new bridge for its swooping, stylish grandeur and its magnificent setting. It is also sparkling clean, a big contrast, he said, from the old, boxy bridge with its pocked concrete and rusting iron. He said he also would not miss his tires rumbling over potholes, stripped asphalt and metal road plates.

"You're not supposed to feel the traffic," he said. "It's a beautiful bridge."

For decades, vehicles on the old Kosciuszko Bridge squeezed onto one span of six narrow lanes that could feel like a parking lot at times. The approach ramps were steep.

The new bridge is 35 feet lower than the original. The shorter incline allows large vehicles to maintain a consistent speed, reducing congestion. In announcing the opening of the second span of the bridge on Wednesday, Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo said the new bridge would reduce traffic hy 65 percent.

On Thursday, Mr. Cordero drove across the new Kosciuszko span while listening to drivers complain on the radio that traffic on the bridge still did not move fast enough. "Everybody's complaining about, 'I thought there was going to be less traffic,'" Mr. Cordero said. "You're in New York City. There's going to be traffic, baby!"



The new bridge has five Queens-bound travel lanes and four Brooklyn-bound lanes. Gabby Jones for The New York Times

Gregory Lewis, 70, a retired contractor who lives in Brooklyn, said the thing that made him happiest as he walked the bridge on Wednesday was hearing people say "Kosciuszko" correctly.

"People can pronounce. Traffic can improve," he said. "People learn. Progress."

Rebecca Liebson contributed reporting.

Read more about new bridges in New York

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THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK CITY HALL NEW YORK, NY, 10007 August 30, 2019

To: District Managers and Community Board Members

Re: Community Boards Enhancement Initiative

In the Fiscal 2020 Adopted Budget, the City Council, for the second consecutive year, allocated supplemental funding for each of the 59 Community Boards through the Community Board Enhancement Initiative. This initiative grants each of the Community Boards an additional \$42,500 in Other than Personal Services (OTP5) funding.

The initiative provides supplemental funding directly to each Community Board with the intent to aid the critical work you do for your local communities.

Below are guidelines for the use of these funds. With respect to the \$42,500 allocated by the Council, all purchases with a value of \$10,000 or more should be approved by a vote of the full Community Board. OTP5 purchases should be made within the boundaries of the scope of work of the Community Board and should be limited to the items listed in the following categories:

1) Information Technology Upgrades:

- Computers/laptops;
- Computer monitors;

- Projectors;
- Copiers/printers/scanners;
- Sound/Audio systems;
- Tablets;
- Desk phones;
- Customer Relationship Management (CRM) System;
- Software upgrades;
- Community Board website upgrades;
- Software licenses;
- Hardware upgrades;
- Network equiptment;
- Webcast live-streaming and translation tech services; and
- Faster internet speed packages.

2) Community Outreach/Community Events:

- Community correspondence (i.e. mailings, notifications, and other advertisements of services);
- Operating expenses for board member/community meetings (i.e. rental space costs, live streaming services and other expenses, to exclude food and catering costs);
- Sponsoring/co-sponsoring events in the local community (i.e. street fairs, local entertainment events, Charity walks/runs, health and safety workshops – to include space and equipment rental costs); and

3) Professional Development/Staff Trainings:

- Staff training relevant to the work of the Community Board
- Computer training;
- Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) training;
- Skills training (software/hardware);
- Sensitivity training;
- Management training; and
- Health and Safety training.

4) Consultants:

- Urban planning consultants;
- Land-use consultants;
- Demographic consultants;
- Historical District Preservation consultants;
- Affordable housing study consultants;
- Computer consultants;
- Temporary office help to cover short staffing issues (i.e. parental/medical leave); and
- Other consultants for studies on local issues relevant to the work of the Community Board.

5) Office-wide Upgrades:

- New furniture;
- Equipment/equipment rentals;
- Office supplies;
- Office renovations;
- Energy efficiency retrofits;
- New air conditioning (A/C) units/fans;
- New paint coating for the office;
- Security cameras;
- File cabinets/Storage cabinets;
- Desks;
- Carpeting; and
- Cleaning supplies.

In order for the Council to evaluate the efficacy of the initiative, each Community Board will be required to report on the use, or intended use, of the City Council's discretionary funding. Similar to last year, the Council will provide a survey midyear, which all Community Boards must complete and return to the Council. Additional information regarding the survey will be forthcoming. For any questions or concerns, please contact Sebastian Palacio Bacchi, Financial Analyst for the New York City Council Finance Division at (212)-482-2958 or <u>sbacchi@council.nyc.gov</u> or John Russell, Unit Head for the New York City Council Finance Division, at (212)-482-2931 or jrussell@council.nyc.gov.

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Lorraine Cortés-Vázquez

CUNY Trustee Commissioner, Department for the Aging

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio appointed Lorraine Cortés-Vázquez as Commissioner to the Department for the Aging in April 2019. As Commissioner, Cortés-Vázquez will work to advance DFTA's mission to eliminate ageism, ensure the dignity and quality of life of older adults and support caregivers. Most recently Cortés-Vázquez worked within the Mayor's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs as Senior Advisor to Mayor Bill de Blasio.

Prior to serving in the Mayor's Office, Cortés-Vázquez was Senior Vice President of Corporate Relations and Government Affairs at EmblemHealth, where she was responsible for EmblemHealth's relationships with key government, community and industry stakeholders, better positioning EmblemHealth for new growth opportunities. Cortés-Vázquez was also the Executive Vice President for Multicultural Markets and Engagement at the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) where she developed a comprehensive 5-year strategic plan. At AARP, she ensured that the interests of multicultural age 50-plus audiences were integrated into everything AARP does, with the goal of increasing multicultural presence among AARP membership and increasing AARP's involvement in those communities.

Before joining AARP, Cortés-Vázquez was New York State's 65th Secretary of State, and the first Hispanic appointee to serve in that role. She also served as Vice President of Government and Public Affairs at Cablevision Systems Corporation, a leading media, entertainment, and telecommunications company. She brought to this position a distinguished career in the nonprofit, government and corporate sectors that extends more than 30 years. Her work in the nonprofit sector bas gained her national recognition and numerous awards.

From 1998 to 2004, Cortés-Vázquez served as President of the Hispanic Federation, a nonprofit network of Latino health and human service agencies with a footprint throughout the East Coast. She has extensive experience creating community partnerships to leverage civic participation and increasing the visibility of educational initiatives. In the early 1990s, she served as Executive Director of ASPIRA of New York, the nation's oldest and largest nonprofit Latino youth leadership development and education advocacy agency.

Lorraine Cortés-Vázquez obtained her undergraduate degree from Hunter College and earned a master's degree from New York University's Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service. She is a Toll Fellow and has earned certificates from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government and Columbia University's School Professional Studies.

She is dedicated to her family, particularly ber nieces, nephews, and grandsons.