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PHILIP A. CAPONEGRO MEMBER-AT-LARGE COMBINED PUBLIC HEARING AND BOARD MEETING JUNE 8, 2021 VIA WEBEX

ROLL CALL

Chairperson Ms. Dealice Fuller requested a roll call to establish a quorum. There were 28 members who answered the call at 6:07 PM to open the public hearing (sheet attached). Chairperson Ms. Fuller provided an overview on process for the meeting. She asked all to be brief. She noted that questions could be entered in the chat.

PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION: 824 Metropolitan Avenue N 200314 ZMK & N 200315 ZRK -Private application for a Zoning Map Amendment to facilitate the development of a eight-story mixed use residential building of 36 dwelling units, of which 11 would be permanently affordable under MIH Option 2, and 7,000 square feet of commercial use at 824 Metropolitan Avenue (Block 2916, Lots p/o 8, 14, 16 & p/o 17) in Greenpoint Williamsburg, Community District 1. Presented by Lauren George, Senior Vice President, Constantinople & Vallone Consulting LLC. (Item to be Voted on 7/13/21.). A presentation was provided (attached). Ms. Lauren George, representative for the application, spoke. She was joined with a colleague, Ms. Lisa Orrantia, to provide the presentation. It was uploaded and shared at the meeting. Ms. George said that she had presented before the Land Use Committee in May. The owner's information was introduced. The development site was bought in 2018 with the aim of providing affordable housing. The applicant is 824 Metropolitan Avenue Owner LLC. The principals are family members and Mr. Michael Kubersky is the manager. Estimated completion year is 2022. The proposed development is an eight-story building containing space for 6,420 sq. ft. local retail store and 27,500 sq. ft. of residential floor area (34 dwelling units, including approximately 9 MIH units on lots 14 & 16). Proposed apartment sizes – Bedroom Mix: 6 studios; 19 one-bedroom; 7 twobedroom; and 2 three-bedroom units. The proposed development will be compatible with taller buildings in the surrounding area. Nine units are designated for residents earning low to middle income in accordance with the MIH program.

<u>PRESENTATION</u>: Citywide Hotel Text Amendment N 210406 ZRY – The special permit would newly require a CPC special permit for new hotels and enlargements where hotels are permitted as -of-right today: C1, C2, C4, C5, C6, C8, mixed Use (MX), and paired M1/R districts. The proposed CPC special permit would replace existing CPC special permit for new hotels in the special purpose districts. The special permit for hotels in M1 manufacturing districts

would retain its findings that are specific to light industrial areas. (Item to be Voted on 6/8/21.) Ms. Alexandra Paty-Diaz, NYC Department of City Planning, provided a presentation (attached). The proposed text amendment would create a new special permit for hotel development citywide. It is intended to create a consistent framework for hotel development and ensure that hotels do not negatively affect the surrounding area. Hotel Trends - by 2019, NYC experienced record growth in the tourism industry and its hotel pipeline. Rapid growth of new hotels throughout the city has led to a variety of special permits in various locations in recent years. In addition, a special permit was adopted for hotels in M1 districts in 2018. Different criteria for varying locations and zoning districts has resulted in an inconsistent review of hotels. Proposed recovery provisions are intended to restore the hotel inventory to pre-COVID levels.

PRESENTATION: Fresh Update Non – ULURP N 210380 ZRY- A citywide text amendment to expand the FRESH program to other underserved neighborhoods of the Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island. In addition, the proposal will modify rules for certification of a FRESH food store. (Item to be Voted on 7/13/21.) Ms. Alexandra Paty-Diaz, NYC Department of City Planning, conducted the discussion on this item. A copy of the presentation was provided (attached). Ms. Paty-Diaz noted that FRESH, which combines a package of financial and zoning incentives, was created in 2009 to encourage the construction of supermarkets in neighborhoods where studies have demonstrated a lack of fresh foods. The Department of City Planning is proposing a zoning text amendment, FRESH II, to update the existing Food Retail Expansion to Support Health (FRESH) program under the NYC ZR 63-00 that provides greater incentives for neighborhood grocery stores to locate in underserved neighborhoods in the City. Purpose of FRESH: Incentivize the construction of supermarkets in underserved areas of the city; Increase accessibility to fresh foods; Encourage better access to foods, thus, healthier neighborhoods. Updated analysis of the supermarket landscape across New York City in 2018showed that many neighborhoods remain underserved by fresh food stores. The proposed expansion of the FRESH program would: Encourage the development and retention of convenient, accessible stores that provide a full range of grocery products; Provide more options that could result in reduction of grocery costs; Empower consumers with increased convenience and access to grocery shopping. FRESH Zoning Incentives are obtained through a certification process by the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission [CPC]: Additional FAR [Floor Area Ratio]; In a mixed-use building, an additional square foot of residential floor area may be permitted for every square foot of FRESH food store, up to 20,000 Square Feet; Modified regulations for M1 Districts; FRESH store permitted as-of-right in these districts, up to 30,000 Square Feet; Additional Height; By CPC authorization only: increase in the maximum building height, up to 15 feet; Reduction in required parking.

PRESENTATION: Health and Fitness Citywide Text Amendment N 210382 ZRY- Non-ULURP- Proposal to amend the Zoning Resolution to modify regulations related to gyms, spas, licensed massage therapy, and other health and fitness facilities defined as "Physical Culture or Health Establishments." The proposed text amendment will remove the requirement for such facilities to receive a special permit by the Board of Standards and Appeals (ZR 73-36). Ms. Alexandra Paty-Diaz, NYC Department of City Planning, presented on the item. (Item to be Voted on 7/13/21.) A presentation was provided (attached). Ms. Paty-Diaz, from DCP, provided a presentation on the Health & Fitness Citywide Text Amendment, a proposal to reduce barriers for gyms, spas, and licensed massage therapy establishment facilities. A special permit is needed to open these facilities almost in all of NYC. Gyms, spas, and massage therapy have changed

significantly over the past 40+ years since the special permit was created. Despite being recognized and valued neighborhood services, our zoning creates a major regulatory barrier for these small businesses. The permit often takes more than 6 months to be granted, limiting opportunities for entrepreneurship and access to services that promote health. These uses are not allowed along many local retail streets that permit other service and retail businesses like restaurants, salons, and drug stores. The permit also prevents desired business from moving into local retail streets at a time when vacancy rates are high and expected to rise. Proposed changes would remove these barriers by removing the required BSA Special Permit for Physical Culture or Health Establishments.

PRESENTATION: New York City Commission on Human Rights- Housing Rights under the City and Human Rights Guidelines. Presented by Mr. Sam Yang, NYC Commission on Human Rights. A presentation was provided (attached). Ms. Leopold introduced Mr. Yang, who provided an overview on housing rights under the City and Human Rights Guidelines. Ms. Leopold noted that she would return again to speak about other areas that the commission covers. Mr. Yang spoke about the work of the commission. The New York City Commission on Human Rights is charged with the enforcement of the Human Rights Law Title 8 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, and with educating the public and encouraging positive community relations. The Commission is divided into two major bureaus -- Law Enforcement and Community Relations. The Commission utilizes restorative justice principles to address the harm caused by discrimination and bias, both in its handling of complaints and in its community partnerships. The Law prohibits discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations based on race, color, religion/creed, age, national origin, immigration or citizenship status, gender (including sexual harassment), gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, pregnancy, marital status, and partnership status. In addition, the Law affords protection against discrimination in employment based on unemployment status; arrest or conviction record; credit history; caregiver status; status as a victim of domestic violence, stalking, and sex offenses; and sexual and reproductive health decisions. The Law also prohibits retaliation, discriminatory harassment, and bias-based profiling by law enforcement. Mr. Yang focused on discrimination and housing. People cannot be mistreated because of their identity (what makes a person unique: i.e. age, sex. Marital status, etc. – there are 17 areas covered.) There is not cost to use the agency's services. He spoke about income assistance and vouchers for rent. Landlords cannot discriminate against tenants who have this assistance for income. They cannot discriminate on age, such as a young adult (cannot charge extra for security deposit or rent). Persons with disabilities can be granted things needed to accommodate them at no charge (i.e. grab bars). Comments about racism, sexism, etc. are also not allowed and can be reported as discrimination. These complaint be will investigated. Landlords and real estate agents can be held liable and pay fines. Persons who want assistance can contact the agency through 311. They have various language assistance available. Immigration status doesn't matter. Ms. Leopold said that they will come back and provide a more extensive presentation covering other areas of discrimination (i.e. – employment). Ms. Iglesias asked about discrimination in housing assistance and young persons. Mr. Yang said that they are a City agency and that they cannot handle programs that are funded by the State or Federal Government because they do not have jurisdiction. But they will look into those under the City. An appointment can be scheduled. Mr. Yang responded to a question about NYCHA, noting that the commission does cover public housing. Mr. Yang provided his email information in the chat.

LIQUOR LICENSES

Chairperson Ms. Fuller noted the list for liquor licenses. She asked for the board members to review it and provide any comments.

NEW

- 1. Antek Restaurant Inc., dba Le Fond, 105 Norman Avenue, (Corporate Change, wine, beer, cider, rest, bar)
- 2. Brooklyn DT LLC, 66 Greenpoint, (New, liquor, wine, beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 3. Chuy's Cantina Inc. dba TBD, 366 Union Avenue, (New, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 4. Corp to be formed by Meghen Joye, dba Megs Ale House, 125 Bedford Avenue, (New, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest, bar)
- 5. Edith's Eatery and Grocery/ Edith's Eatery LLC, dba Edith's Eatery and Grocery, 312 Leonard Street, (New liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 6. Eleva Coffee GPL LLC, 21 Commercial Street, (New, liquor, wine, beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 7. Hot Metal Soup LLC, dba TBD, 318 Graham Avenue, (New, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 8. Justin Ahiyon, 90 Wythe LLC, 47 Berry Street, (New Liquor, wine, beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 9. LFGPIzza LLC, dba TBD, 305 Bedford Avenue, (New, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 10. Masquerade Brooklyn I LLC, dba Masquerade, 351 Broadway, (New, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 11. Republic Bar and Lounge Inc., dba Republic Restaurant Bar and Lounge, 470 Driggs Avenue (New, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 12. Rossi's Lounge LLC, 25 Broadway, (New, liquor, wine, beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 13. Taqueria Ramirez LLC, 94 Franklin Street, (New, beer, cider, rest)
- 14. Trench Town Rock Corporation, dba Trench Town, 134 Metropolitan Avenue, (New, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)

RENEWAL

- 1. 76 Ainslie OPCO LLC, dba Ainslie, 76 Ainslie Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 2. 120 Seconds LLC, dba Temkins, 155 Greenpoint Avenue, (Renewal, Liquor, wine, beer, cider, bar/tavern
- 3. 123 Gpoint LLC, dba Kaskade, 123 Greenpoint Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 4. 170 Bedford Restaurant LLC, dba The Meatball Shop,170 Bedford Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 5. ADMA LLC, dba Torst, 615 Manhattan Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 6. Blue Water Hospitality LLC, dba Bar UNI, 674 Manhattan Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest bar)
- 7. Bromaco Inc, dba Aurora, 70 Grand Street, (Renewal, Liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 8. BrooklynBaca LLC, dba Best Pizza, 33 Havemeyer Street, (Renewal, wine, beer, cider)
- 9. Davis and Devore Group LLC, dba Teddy's Bar & Grill, 96 Berry Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 10. Double Deep LLC, dba Black Flamingo, 168 Borinquen Place- Store S5, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 11. Ela Taverna NYC LLC, dba Ela Taverna, 98 Berry Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine,beer, cider, rest)

- 12. Hinomaru Kitchen Inc., dba Ryujin Ramen, 513 Grand Street, (Renewal, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 13. Life's a Pink Beach Corp., dba Fiction, 308 Hooper Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider)
- 14. RCLY Inc., dba Wasabi, 638 Manhattan Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)

BOARD MEETING

ROLL CALL

Chairperson Ms. Fuller expedited the agenda and requested a roll call. There were 36 members who answered the call at 7:43 PM to open the board meeting (sheet attached).

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Ms. Foster made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Caponegro. The motion was carried. Mr. Needelman abstained.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Board Meeting of April 13, 2021 & May 11, 2021 - Ms. Rachlin made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2021 and May 11, 2021 Combined Public Hearing and Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vega. The motion was carried. Ms. Denny-Horowitz abstained.

Chairperson Ms. Fuller welcomed Ms. Katie Denny-Horowitz, a newly appointed board member.

<u>PUBLIC SESSION</u> - (Reserved for the Public's expression. Board Members will not be allowed to speak.) NOTE --- All persons who wish to speak during this portion of the meeting must:

<u>Register</u> using the link: https://www1.nyc.gov/site/brooklyncb1/meetings/speaker-request-form.page Each scheduled participant for this session will have an allowance of two (2) minutes [time permitting.] (No questions will be entertained. Speakers are requested to submit their testimony in writing)

SPEAKERS -

Ms. Eileen Sunshine, Chief Program Officer Bridging Access to Care has operated an Article 31 Mental health clinic in Williamsburg for many years. They are planning to integrate care at our 260 Broadway location to include substance use services in its existing Mental Health clinic.

Ms. Kristina Moore, resident, said that she has been residing on 203 Grand for the last six months and have repeated problems with our DSNY pickups.

Ms. Henny Herzog, resident, called in and spoke about opening and expanding neighborhood women's only swim session.

Mr. John Ogren, noted that he was the first cousin of Matthew Jensen, who was killed in a hit and run at McGuinness Blvd. and Bayard Street on May 18th. He called for making McGuinness Boulevard safe.

Ms. Bronwyn Breitner, resident and a parent from PS.110, spoke in support of the Make McGuinness Safe campaign.

^{***}Note to Board Members - the Annual Elections will take place promptly at 8:00 P.M.***

Ms. Rachel Albetski, resident, spoke in support of a resolution for safety on McGuinness Blvd.

Mr. Ian Ljungquist, resident, spoke on the proposed 824 Metropolitan Ave rezoning.

Ms. Katie Naplatarski, resident, spoke about the Greenpoint YMCA's future location, stating that depending on the River Ring project's approval, would the YMCA close? She was raising this issue because it needs to be known.

Ms. Lisa Jaycox, resident, spoke in support of making McGuinness Blvd. safe.

Mr. Nicholas Maggipinto, resident, related that he sent comments for the record and read them. He spoke on the proposed River Ring project and his concern about any conflict of interest with board members.

<u>ELECTIONS</u> – It was 8:00 PM and Chairperson Ms. Fuller called for the Elections to commence. District Manager Mr. Esposito called on each board member to indicate their choice of the candidates that appear on the ballot. After the votes were taken, the tally was announced (sheet attached). It was noted that the votes become public record.

ELECTIONS TALLY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairperson

Stephen Chesler = 14 votes **Dealice Fuller** = 30 votes *

First Vice Chairperson

Dana Rachlin = 15 votes

Simon Weiser = 29 *

Second Vice Chairperson (uncontested)

Del Teague = 44 votes *

<u>Third Vice Chairperson</u> (uncontested)

Gina Barros = 44 votes *

Financial Secretary (uncontested)

Maria Viera = 44 votes*

Recording Secretary (uncontested)

Sonia Iglesias = 44 votes*

Member At Large (uncontested)

Philip A. Caponegro = 44 votes*

• ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE

Eric Bruzaitis = 24 votes*

Iris Cabrera = 34 votes*

Julia Foster = 21 votes

Sante Miceli = 21 votes

Rabbi David Niederman = 27 votes*

Chairperson Ms. Fuller thanked all for their votes and looked forward to working with the board members in the next months.

<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u> - Committee chairpersons presented reports according to their signup. Chairperson Ms. Fuller called for the reports to be given.

<u>Public Safety and Human Services Committee Report</u> – A written report was distributed by Mr. Burrows, Committee Chair. He provided an overview of the committee's report and the various items. He asked all to read the report and review the attachments from the hospital. The report is attached.

<u>SLA Review & DCA Committee Report</u> – A written report was distributed by Mr. Burrows, the Comittee Chair. He provided an overview of the committee's report. He asked all to read the report and moved to vote on the various items. The report is attached.

- New Licenses Mr. Burrows asked for a vote to approve the committee's recommendations on the new licenses. A motion was made by Mr. Solano to support the report that contained six denials, eight approvals and three postponements. The motion was seconded by Mr. Caponegro. A roll call vote was taken. The motion was carried. The vote was as follows: 33 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSTENTION (Kuonen).
- Renewals Mr. Burrows asked for a vote to approve the committee's recommendations on the renewal licenses. A motion was made by Mr. Bachorowski to support the report approving all 24 renewal applications. The motion was seconded by Rabbi Niederman. The motion was carried unanimously. The vote was as follows: 33 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSTENTIONS.
- <u>Previously Postponed Items</u> Mr. Burrows asked for a vote on the three postponed applications. The committee recommends approval. A motion was made by Mr. Bachorowski to accept the report and recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vega. The motion was carried. The vote was as follows: 34 YES; 1 NO (Miceli); 0 ABSTENTIONS.
- Special Permit Mr. Burrows noted that they reviewed a special permit for a license. OHB Kent LLC, dba Other Half Brewery, 87 River Street, 21 Temporary Beer and Wine One Day Permits. Committee recommends approval. Mr. Solano made a motion to approve the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Torres. The motion was carried. The vote was as follows: The vote was as follows: 33 "YES"; 1 "NO" (Needleman); 0 "ABSTENTIONS".

<u>Land Use, ULURP & Landmarks (subcommittee) Committee Report</u> – Ms. Del Teague, Committee Chair, presented a written report that was distributed. She read the report and discussed the various items. She noted that there were votes needed.

- 307 Kent Avenue Rezoning ULURP No. 200306 ZMK Requesting a zoning map change from M3-1 to M1-5, to extend the existing M1-4/R6A (MX-8) and Zoning Text Amendment to add an MIH Area, to facilitate the development of a new nine-story commercial building located at 307 Kent Avenue. Ms. Teague noted that the committee voted to approve the application. A motion was made by Mr. Solano to support the motion. The motion was seconded by Ms. McKeever. The motion was carried. The vote was as follows 25 "YES"; 5 "NO" (Needleman); 1 "ABSTENTION" (Rachlin).
- BSA: (Cal. No. 2017-131-BZIII) 77-79 Gerry Street (Block 2266, Lot 49) This application is filed to request an amendment of previously granted variance under BSA Cal. No 2017-131-BZ to amend the proposal for a house of worship at the Premises by changing the

- dimensions of the zoning lot, and by making minor changes to the interior layout of the cellar and lower three floor. A motion was made by Mr. Vega to support the motion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Solano. The motion was carried. The vote was as follows 28 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 1 "ABSTENTION" (Miceli").
- Elevate Transit: Zoning for Accessibility (ZFA) Non-ULURP (N210270 ZRY) -The MTA and DCP are proposing a citywide zoning text amendment that will allow the MTA to work more efficiently with private developers to help achieve systemwide accessibility. The proposal includes a system-wide transit easement certification and an authorization for transit improvement bonuses in high density areas to facilitate the implementation of ADA access at stations throughout the city more quickly and efficiently. Ms. Teague noted that the committee voted to approve the application. A motion was made by Mr. Caponegro to support the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vega. The roll call vote was as follows 27 "YES"; 1 "NO" (Miceli); 0 "ABSTENTIONS". The motion was carried.
- 101 Varick Avenue DCP Cal# 210329 PCK An application submitted by the New York City Department of Transportation and the Department of Citywide Administrative Services, for the site selection and acquisition of a property located at 101 Varick Avenue (Block 2974, Lot 113) for use as a DOT operations and warehouse facility. Ms. Teague noted that The committee voted to approve the application with suggestions that DOT include in its future presentations a plan to take into consideration the proximity of the night-life venues, and that it works with the owner of the property to install solar panels and a green roof. A motion was made by Mr. Bruzaits to to support the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vega. The vote was as follows 29 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS". The motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. Miceli spoke about the River Ring project and requests to have a forum on the project set up by Council Member Levin. He noted that the Ad Hoc Committee on outreach has not received a response yet about the forum.

Environmental Protection Committee Report – Mr. Stephen Chesler submitted a written report on behalf of the committee and noted that the committee is seeking a letter to be sent out. He requested a vote on the letters regarding National Grid's plan to construct two new liquified natural gas (LNG) vaporizers at the Greenpoint Energy Center, to urge the Mayor's Office to issue positive declarations and deny all approvals, and urge the FDNY to protect our heroic firefighters and residents by issuing positive declarations under CEQR and deny all permits for these projects. Ms. McKeever made a motion to support sending the letters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vega and was carried. The board voted unanimously to issue the letters. The vote was: 29 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS".

<u>Transportation Committee Report</u> – Mr. Eric Bruzaitis, Committee Chairperson, submitted a written report. He briefly discussed the report and requested votes on the items in the report. He wanted to get a blanket vote for the items. He made that motion. Ms. Iglesias seconded motion to approve the report and have a blanket vote on the three items in the report in the #2 item.

- Banker's Anchor Public Plaza proposal (Triangle at North 15th Street, from Berry Street to Banker Street The committee recommends approval of the proposal. The vote was as follows: 26 "YES"; 1 "NO";1 "ABSTENTION". The motion was carried.
- <u>Letters of Inquiry of Traffic Fatality</u>: To be sent to the NYPD regarding the fatality of Mr. Matthew Jensen, at McGuinness Blvd. & Bayard Street; and Mr. Angel Aguilar-Duran

- (Havemeyer & Hope Streets). The vote was as follows: 25 "YES"; 1 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS". The motion was carried.
- Request to DOT for a Safety & Lighting study of McGuinness Boulevard/Humboldt Street (from Bayard Street to Herbert Street) – The vote was as follows: 25 "YES"; 1 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS". The motion was carried.
- Request to DOT for a Comprehensive Study of McGuinness Blvd. The vote was as follows: 25 "YES"; 1 "NO" (Needleman); 0 "ABSTENTIONS". The motion was carried.
- Letter to go to the Elected Officials, NYC DOT, NYPD, FDNY and DSNY to establish an
 Advisory Group (CAG) to assess best practices for the Open Streets Program The vote was
 as follows: 28 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS". The motion was unanimously carried.
- <u>Transportation Study</u> The committee recommends approval of the proposal for a transportation study.

<u>Parks Committee Report</u> – Mr. Philip Caponegro, Committee Chair provided a verbal report and requested that the Parks Department the Metropolitan Pool as other facilities have already moved to be reopened after having closed during the COVID-19 pandemic. A motion was made by Mr. Caponegro to send the letter. The motion was seconded by Ms. Iglesias and carried. The vote was as follows: 24 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 1 "ABSTENTION" (Miceli). The motion was carried.

<u>PARKS DEPARTMENT MINUTE</u> – As written, submitted by Mr. Vincent Piccolo, Park & Recreation Manager (attached).

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Members discussed the elections.

Ms. McKeever announced that Ms. Mary Salig-Husain, North Brooklyn Parks Manager, gave birth to a baby girl and was on currently on maternity leave. All wished her well.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Ms. Fuller thanked all for minding the time. She asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Iglesias made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Caponegro and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonia Iglesias

Recording Secretary

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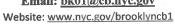
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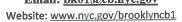


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ULURP, CALENDAR OR REFERENCE #: ULURP Nos. C 2003142 ZMK & N 200315 ZRK APPLICANT: 824 Metropolitan Avenue Owner, LLC	
LOCATION: 824 Metropolitan Avenue, Brooklyn	
REQUEST: Zoning map amendment and zoning text amendment of Brooklyn Block 2916, Lots 14, 16, part	of 8
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and part of 12	
COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 1 QUESTIONNAIRE FOR LAND USE ITEMS	
(Please complete this questionnaire and return to District Manager Gerald A. Esposito at	
CB #1's Headquarters, 435 Graham Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11211.	
Feel Free to contact the Board's Office at (718) 389-0009	
if you have any questions or require additional information	
PROPOSED ACTION: What is the proposed ULURP, or BSA action (i.e. an amendment to the zoning	
map, a siting of a city facility, a zoning variance, etc.)? Zoning map amendment and zoning text amendment	
of Block 2916, Lot 14, 16, part of 8 and part of 17 (824 Metropolitan Avenue, ULURP Nos. C 2003142 ZMK & N 200315 ZRK).	
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1. For Ownership:	
a) Who are the owners? 824 Metropolitan Avenue Owner LLC owns the Development Site	
(Lots 14 & 16)	
b) If a corporation, who are the principles? Michael Kubersky, Manging Member	
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c) What kind of a corporation? Limited liability company	
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2. For Developers:	
a) Who is the developer if it is different than the owner? Same	
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b) What is their experience with this type of development? Experienced in developing,	
improving and managing almost 200 units in East Williamsburg since 2001.	
c) Is there a sponsor(s) of the project (i.e. a CBO, NYC Housing Partnership,	
NYCHA?) No project sponsor	
3. Financing:	
a) What is the cost of the project? Project costs are approximately \$18.5mm.	
b) How is it financed? The Proposed Development will be privately financed.	
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c) Will there be tax abatements? Subsidies? No tax abatements or subsidies are anticipated.

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	4. <u>Land</u> :
	a) What information can be provided about the land? Who owns the land? 824 Metropolitan Avenue Owner LLC owns Lots 14 &16. The remaining portion of the Project Area is not owned by the Applicant: Lot 17 is owned by 834 Metropolitan Avenue LLC and Lot 8 is owned by Hess Retail Stores LLC.
	b) What is the condition, status and uses on the property and the zoning? Use groups? Lot 8 (808 Metropolitan Ave): UG 16 gas station; Lot 14 (824 Metropolitan Ave); UG 16 open commercial vehicle storage: Lot 16 (832 Metropolitan Ave): UG 2 three-family three-story building constructed in 1910; and Lot 17
•	(834 Metropolitan Ave): UG 2 three-story two-family building constructed in 1910. c) Has there been an environmental assessment or scope of an impact statement prepared for the proposed action? An EAS was prepared and CPC determined that the proposed actions would not
	have a significant adverse effect on the environment.
	d) Will the land be purchased? What is the cost of the land? When was the property purchased? What was the cost? Lot 14 (824 Metropolitan Ave): \$2.4mm purchased 10/27/2016 and Lot 16 (832 Metropolitan Ave): \$2.1mm purchased 7/3/2018.
* 1	e) Will demolition be needed to clear the land? The building on Lot 16 will be demolished.
•	f) Is the project in a special district? Historic District? Is it in an Urban Renewal Area? The Development Site is not located in a Special District, Historic District or Urban Renewal Area
	g) Will unused development rights be utilized or sold (i.e. air rights)? There is no plan to utilize or sell unused development rights.
	5. Construction:
	a) What type of construction will be used (i.e. rehab/new) and methods (i.e. pre-form cast concrete, brick)? New construction, poured concrete.
	b) What is the time frame of the work (i.e. begin/end, etc.)?
	c) Who will be doing the work (i.e. firm, sweat equity, student interns)? Contractor TBD will agree to use local labor when possible through St Nicks Alliance workforce development program
	6. Project Information:
	a) Describe the project in terms of the proposed use(s) such as retail, office, commercial, loft, community facility, etc.)? The Proposed Development is an eight story building containing space for a 6,420 sf local retail store and 27,500 sf of residential floor area (34 dwelling units, including approximately)
	9 MIH units) on Lots 14 and 16.

b) If the project is residential, how many dwelling units are proposed and what is the number of bedrooms mix? What are the unit sizes? A total of 34 dwelling units is proposed. The bedroom
mix is: 6 studio; 19 one-bedroom; 7 two-bedroom; and 2 three-bedroom units. The unit sizes are: studio approximately 410-419 sf; 1-bedroom approximately 504-692 sf; 2-bedroom approximately 851-944 sf; and
3-bedroom approximately 1080 sf.
c) What are the projected costs of the rentals? If the units are to be condominium or one-to-three family house, what is the projected purchase price? Average rents for the 9 MIH units will range from \$956 to \$1,653. The remaining 25 units will be market rate.
d) Will there be financing for the units? What are the terms?
e) Who is the lender? N/A
7. Marketing:
a) How will the project be marketed? Advertised? HPD marketing and resident selection procedures will be followed for MIH units. Market rate unit advertising will be by signage on building and internet advertising.
b) If newspaper, which ones? HPD marketing and resident selection procedures will be followed for MIH units.
c) When will the projects be marketed (before, during or after construction)?
d) What will be the outreach? HPD outreach procedures will be followed for MIH units.
8. Project Characteristics:
a) Will the project be consistent with the surrounding buildings (i.e. height, FAR/Floor Area Ratio, conforming)? The Proposed Development will conform to the bulk and use requirements
of the proposed and adjoining R7A district and C2-4 overlay. The Proposed Development will be compatible with taller buildings in the surrounding area, including an 8-story building at Metropolitan Ave and Humboldt St,
6- and 7-story buildings on Maspeth Ave, eleven 8-story Cooper Park Houses on Maspeth and Morgan Aves, an two 6- and 8-story buildings near Bushwick Ave and Grand St. b) Will the project be handicap accessible? Explain specifics
The Proposed Development will comply with applicable accessibility requirements of the Building Code.
c) Special populations for the project (i.e. homeless, low-income, SRO, etc.)
Approximately nine units will be designated for residents earning low to middle incomes in accordance with
the MIH program.

9. Open Sp	ace/Parking Amenities:
a) at the seco	Will there be open space provided with the project? What type (i.e. rear yard, park, waterfront)? Will there be public access? 2,505 sf of open area will be located in the rear yard no floor terrace and 2,243 sf of additional outdoor recreation space will be located on the 7th floor
b) comfortable	Will there be landscaping? Fencing? Street tree planting? The outdoor areas will be a recreation space for tenants with green plantings and seating. Street trees will be provided in
in accordan	ce with the requirements of the Zoning Resolution.
7 spaces a	Will parking be provided for (indoor, outdoor, on-street)? Will a waiver be requested? re required for the commercial use and 12 spaces are required for the residential use, but zoning allow the requirement for these spaces to be waived.
green groce	What amenities, if any, will be incorporated with the project? How were they developed and with who (i.e. tenants, residents, community group)? The applicant will be seeking out a local retenant for the 6,420 sf of commercial space and welcomes any other suggestions from the as to the kinds of local retail services that are needed. The intention is to provide a thriving that would best serve the neighborhood.
Building/Lot	- currently undergoing any renovations, demolition, construction (of any size)?
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b) List chemicals and quantities used in	and stored for those processes: Lot 8 has been used as a
gas station since the 1930s. The gas service stati	on may be a potential source of contamination. An E-designation impacts associated with hazardous materials on Lots 14, 16 and 8.
c) List Hazardous Waste Disposal perm	nits for prior operators:
N/A	
d) List any proposed remediations: The provided as necessary before any future development.	ne E-designation will ensure that testing and mitigation will be ment/soil disturbance.
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	II information: Phase I EAS findings revealed no evidence of potential urban fill materials and contamination related to the
gas station use.	
PREDICTED DV.	TITLE:
PREPARED BY:	
SIGNATURE:	
CONTACT#()	FAX#()

Community Board #1 Supplemental Land Use Application Information

Special permit actions - on a separate sheet, list all waivers, etc. requested

A. Project size			
Commercial: (sq ft)	7,000 sf (which incl	udes the store area plus t	he commercial lobby and stairs
Manufacturing (sq ft)	N/A		
Residential (sq ft)	27,500 sf		
Total (sq ft)	34,500 sf		
Height (feet)	85'		
Height (stories)	8 stories		
(for projects with more than one but	uilding, provide the the at	ove data for each building)
B. Residential projects			
	∑ # of units	# affordable	•
0 bedroom (studio)	6	2	
1 bedroom	19	4	
2 bedroom		2	
3 bedroom	2	1	
≥4 bedroom	N/A	N/A	
Total units	34	9	
Market-rate units Rental or condo? Estimated cost/rent (market rate units or			
Affordable units			
Rental or condo?	Rental		
Distribution of afford 4 units 40% AMI; 2 ur	ability by % of AMI nits 60% AMI; 3 units 80	% AMI	

C. Open space

	required	proposed
Total area	908 sf	4,748 sf
Publicly accessible	908 sf	4,748 sf
What are the hours of access	ibility for the publicl	y-accessible open space?
	TBD, 24/7 anticipa	ated
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E. Environmental

List all environmental issues identified, environmental designations (Little 'E', HAZMAT, brownfield, Super Fund, etc.) and all remediation required <u>E-designation will require:</u>

- -testing and mitigation of any potential impacts associated with hazardous materials on Lots 14,16 and 8.
- -that heating, ventilation, air conditioning and hot water systems on Lots 14,16 and 8 will not cause any significant adverse air quality impacts.
- -window-wall attenuation for all building facades on Lots 14,16 and 8 to avoid any potential impacts associated with traffic noise.

F. Additional information

For all projects, please provide the following information:

- Draft or final EAS/EIS (pdf and one hard copy)
- 15 copies of power point presentation (11 x 17) to meeting
- · Copies of power point presentation, architectural plans and renderings (pdf)
- NYS DEP signoff or status letter (waterfront sites only, pdf)
- · List of project team (architect, engineer, landscape architect, code consultant, counsel, et al)
- · List of all partners, corporation members, shareholders on ownership/development team
- · Contact information (name, telephone, fax and email)

F. Additional information

The EAS for CEQR No 20DCP110K is accessible on the website of the NYC Department of Environmental Coordination at:

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Applicant: Michael Kubersky for 824 Metropolitan Avenue Owner LLC

Community Liaison: Lauren George, Constantinople & Valone

Environmental Consultant Hiram Rothkug: Environmental Studies Corp.

Land Use Attorney: Lisa Orrantia, Akerman LLP Project Architect: Rachel Bahn, Caliendo Architects

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CITYWIDE HOTEL SPECIAL PERMIT

APPLICATION FOR ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT

June 2021





The proposed text amendment would create a new special permit for hotel development citywide.

It is intended to create a consistent framework for hotel development and ensure that hotels do not negatively affect the surrounding area.

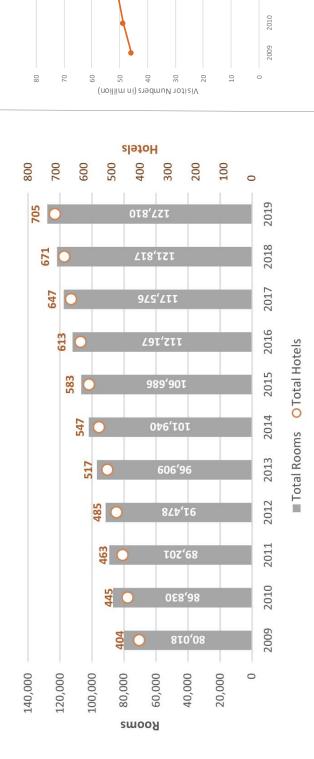


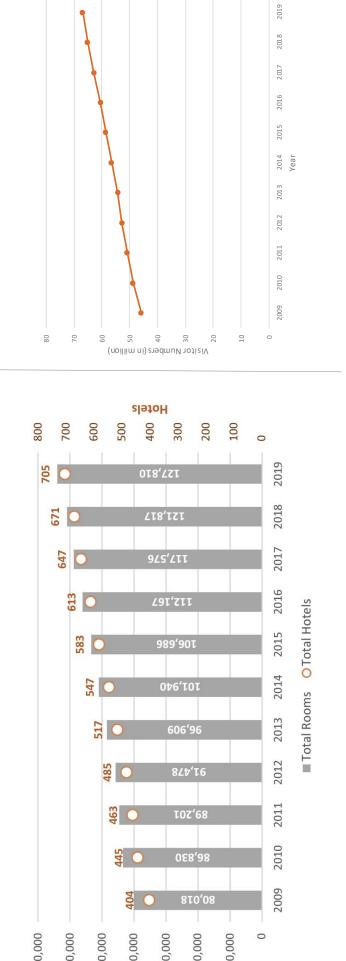
Background: Hotel Industry Trends

By 2019, NYC experienced record growth in the tourism industry and its hotel pipeline.

NYC Visitor Trends

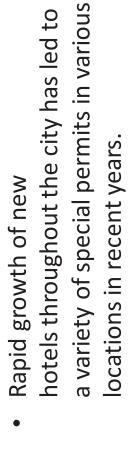
NYC Hotel and Room Supply







Background: Recent Land Use Changes for Hotels



- In addition, a special permit was adopted for hotels in M1 districts in 2018.
- Different criteria for varying locations and zoning districts has resulted in an inconsistent review of hotels.



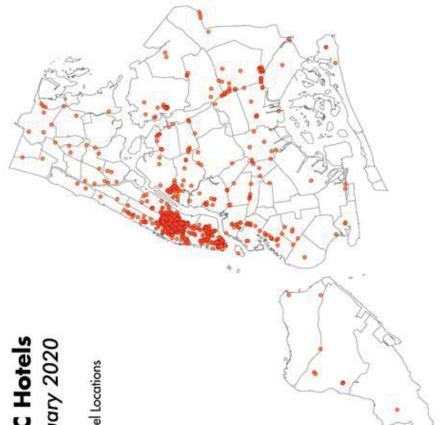
Chelsea, Manhattan



Purpose and Need and Findings

NYC Hotels January 2020

Hotel Locations



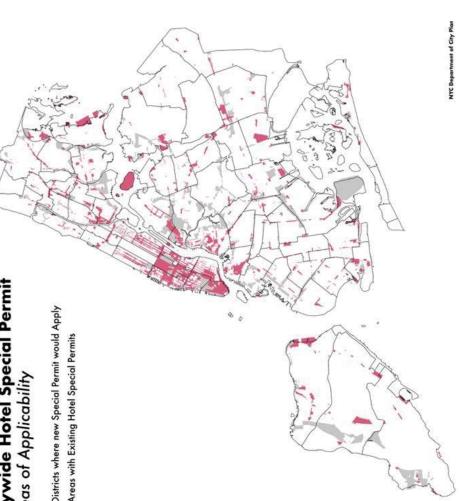
- more predictable development. for new hotels that will support a consistent zoning framework **Ensuring that there is**
- use will not impair the future use are proposed to be that the hotel The new special permit findings and development of the surrounding area.



Applicable Areas

Citywide Hotel Special Permit Areas of Applicability





- currently allowed will require a special Zoning districts where hotels are permit for any new hotels and conversions:
- Higher density Commercial,
- Mixed-use,
- M1/Residential
- The proposed citywide special permit will replace existing special district special permits.
- The existing M1 Hotel special permit will retain its findings that are specific to light industrial areas.



Recovery Proposal

Proposed recovery provisions are intended to restore the hotel inventory to pre-COVID levels. These include:

- Modified vesting to allow projects in DOB pipeline to advance, even if foundations are not complete by adoption -i
- Projects filed with DOB prior to 2018 need to obtain a foundation permit prior to adoption
- Projects filed between January 1, 2018 and referral need to obtain zoning plan approval from DOB prior to
- Both categories of vested projects have 6 years, instead of standard 2 years, from date of adoption to complete construction

2. Exclusions of recent or active land use applications

- Approved CPC or BSA application will not require a special permit, if approved after January 1, 2018
- Applications that begin CPC public review or file with BSA prior to adoption date will not require a special

3. Extended Discontinuance:

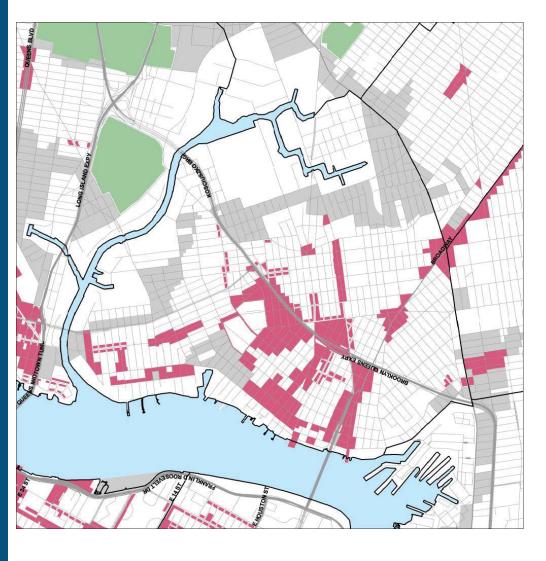
- Allow hotels that exist on date of adoption, should they become vacant, to retain their use 6 years from date of adoption without a special permit
- Existing hotels are allowed to convert to another use and may convert back to hotel use until 6 years from date of adoption



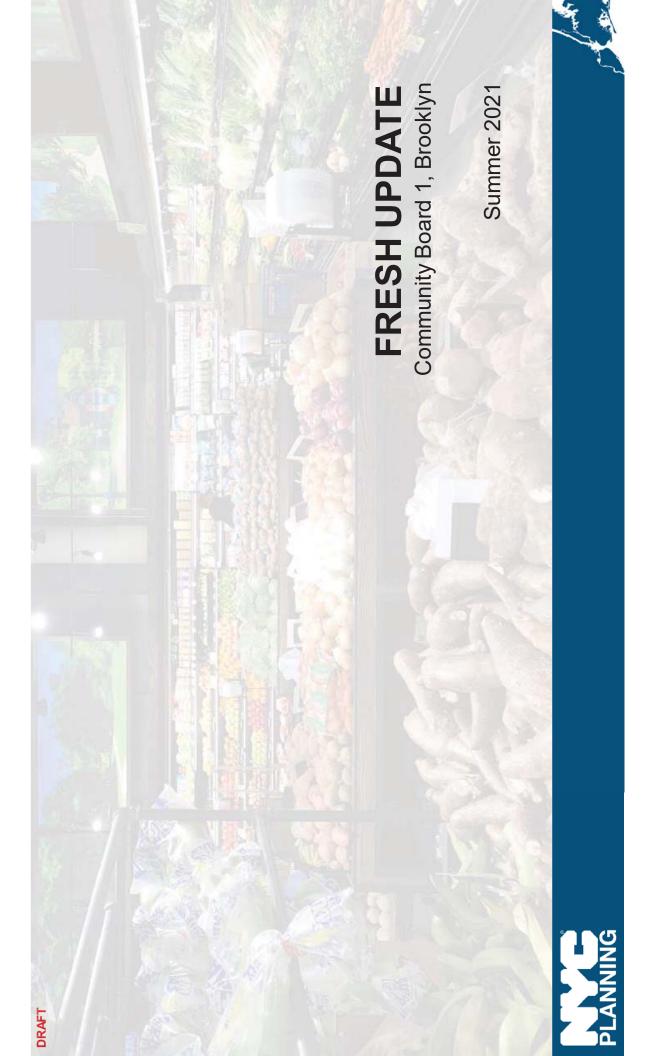
CD 1 Greenpoint/Williamsburg applicability

Citywide Hotel Special Permit Areas of Applicability

Districts where new Special Permit would Apply
 Areas with Existing Hotel Special Permits





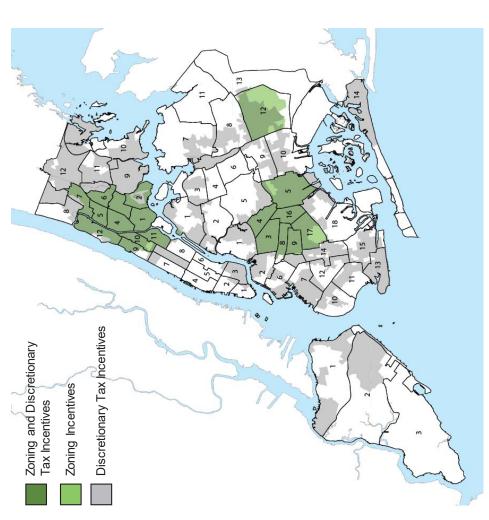


PROPOSAL OVERVIEW

Department of City Planning is proposing a zoning text amendment, **FRESH II**, to update the existing Food Retail Expansion to Support Health (FRESH) program under the NYC ZR 63-00 that provides greater incentives for neighborhood grocery stores to locate in underserved neighborhoods in the City.

Purpose of FRESH:

- Incentivize the construction of supermarkets in underserved areas of the city
- Increase accessibility to fresh foods
- Encourage better access to foods, thus, healthier neighborhoods





BACKGROUND: What is FRESH?

FRESH, which combines a package of financial and zoning incentives, was created in 2009 to encourage the construction of supermarkets in neighborhoods where studies have demonstrated a lack of fresh foods.

<u>FRESH Zoning Incentives</u> are obtained through a certification process by the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission [CPC]:

Additional FAR [Floor Area Ratio]

 In a mixed-use building, an additional square foot of residential floor area may be permitted for every square foot of FRESH food store, up to 20,000 SF.

Modified regulations for M1 Districts

 FRESH store permitted as-of-right in these districts, up to 30,000 SF.

Additional Height

• By CPC authorization only: increase in the maximum building height, up to 15 feet.

Reduction in required parking



This new building in Manhattan included a 12,000 sf FRESH food store, providing approximately 15 additional dwelling units (source: CycloMedia).



PURPOSE & NEED

Updated analysis of the supermarket landscape across New York City in 2018 showed that many neighborhoods remain underserved by fresh food stores.

The proposed expansion of the FRESH program would:

- Encourage the development and retention of convenient, accessible stores that provide a full range of grocery products
- Provide more options that could result in reduction of grocery costs
- Empower consumers with increased convenience and access to grocery shopping







SCOPE OF PROPOSAL







The proposed zoning text amendment, FRESH II, will update the existing program that provides greater incentives for neighborhood grocery stores to locate in underserved neighborhoods in the City.

FRESH II update includes the following:

- Expansion of the FRESH boundary to additional neighborhoods of the City that illustrate a high Supermarket Needs Index [SNI] 0
- Prevent saturation of supermarkets within FRESH boundary 0
- Modification of **glazing** requirements for conversions 0
- Modification of parking requirements 0
- Minor zoning text clean ups 0

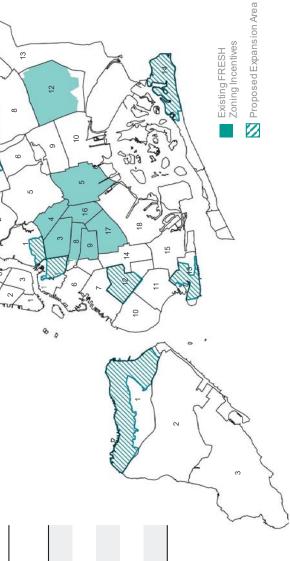


1) Expansion of FRESH program

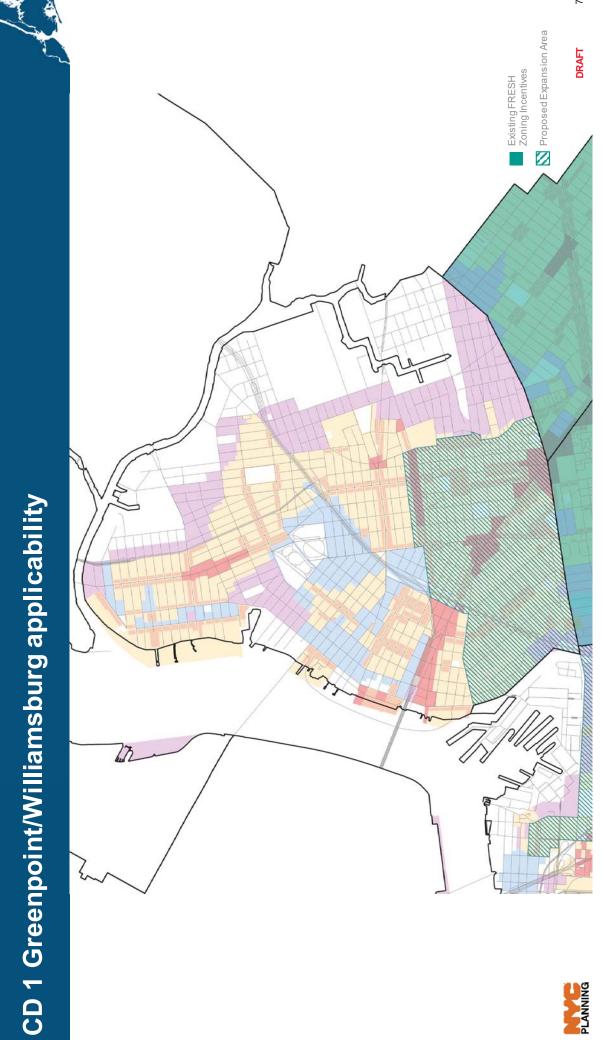
in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island, where goals, DCP is proposing an expansion of FRESH program Based on the updated SNI analysis and land use policy a lack of access to healthy fresh foods have been demonstrated:

Affected Community Districts

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	Existing FRESH	In Proposed FRESH Expansion
Manhattan	9, 10, 11, 12	N/A
Bronx	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	8,9
Queens	1, 12	1, 3, 4, 14
Brooklyn	3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 16, 17	1, 2, 12, 13
Staten Island	N/A	1





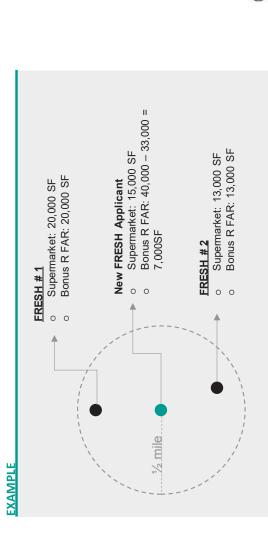


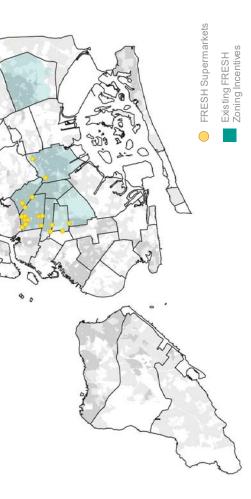


2) Prevent Saturation of FRESH Supermarkets

Since the adoption of the FRESH program in 2009, we have seen a concentration of applications in specific areas.

- Too many supermarkets in one neighborhood could potentially run existing stores out of business and lead to unanticipated development of buildings that are bigger than what the underlying zoning permits.
- Proposal: require that within a ½ mile radius, the sum of additional residential floor area not exceed 40,000 square feet.







Other Updates

3) Changes to Window Installation Requirements

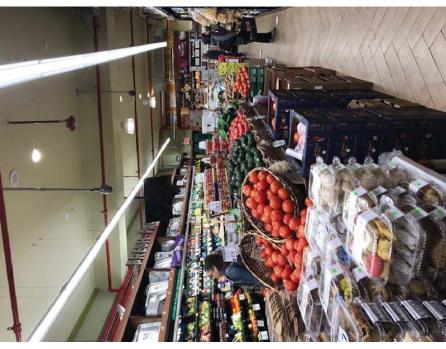
- transparent, but such requirement was proven to be difficult and costly for Current provision requires that 50% of ground floor surface area to be conversion projects.
- For conversions, or renovations to an existing building to construct FRESH, window installation, or glazing requirements, will be waved.

4) Update to Parking Requirements

FRESH update will reduce parking requirements in lower density residential project. The update will allow up to 10,000 SF of FRESH area to be waived districts (R3 – R5) to ensure parking regulations do not stop a needed from parking calculations in these districts.

5) Other Zoning Text Clarifications and Modifications

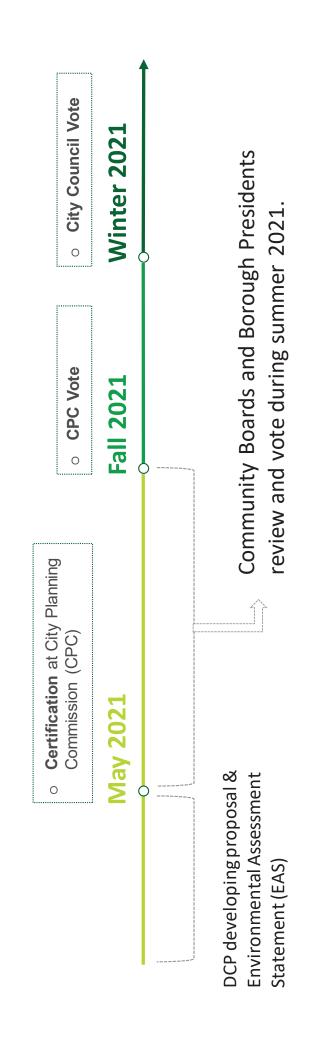
- At least 6,000 SF of grocery store must be contiguous and located on the same floor to guarantee better accessibility
- products, instead of 80%, to ensure greater flexibility for supermarket Redefine distribution of products in a FRESH store to be 60% food
- FRESH projects that do not increase residential floor area will be exempt from the restrictive declaration requirement.



Key Foods, Staten Island



Project Timeline





RESOURCES

DCP Website

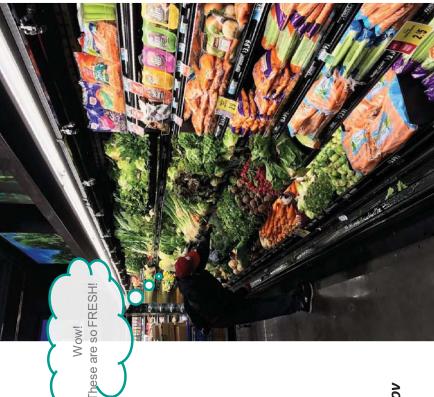
- FRESH Project page
- Carto Map of FRESH stores: To be updated
- FRESH <u>One Pager</u>

Other Agency Resources

- EDC Project Page for FRESH Tax Incentives Program
- EDC FRESH One Pager (Sharepoint Link <u>Here</u>)
- NYC Food Policy Report: "Food Forward NYC"

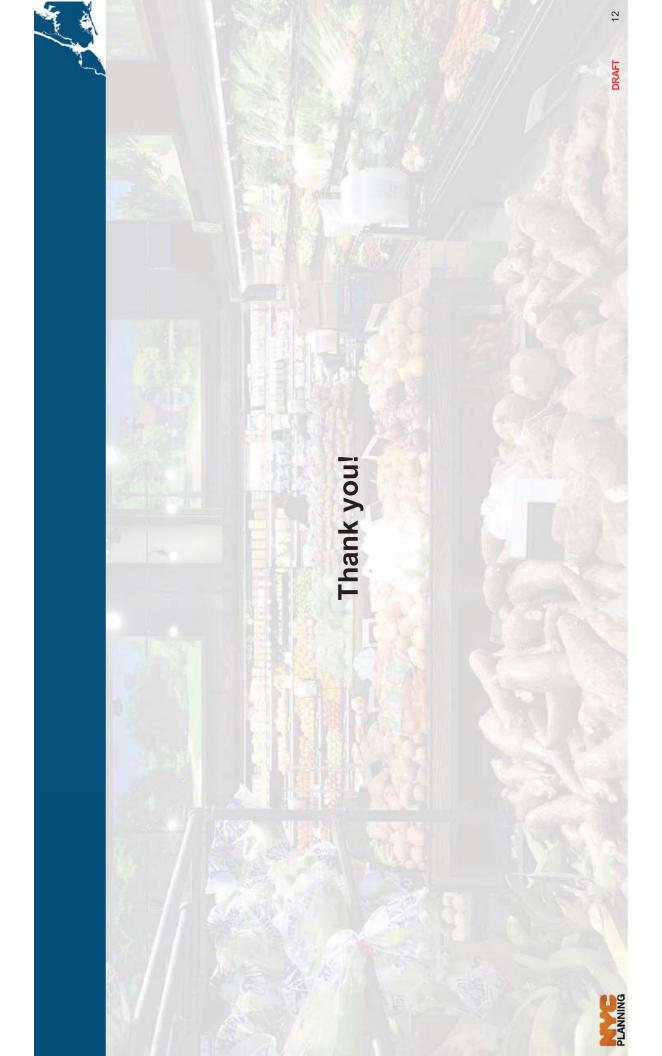
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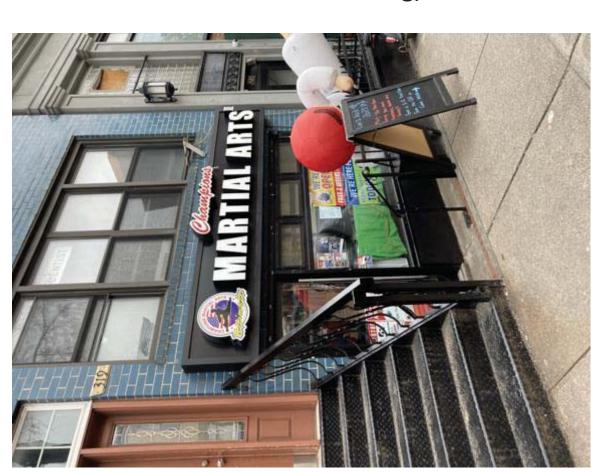
For more information or questions, email us at FRESH2_DL@planning.nyc.gov





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HEALTH & FITNESS CITYWIDE TEXT AMENDMENT

A proposal to reduce barriers for gyms, spas, and licensed massage

June 2021





Gyms, spas, and massage therapy are desirable community amenities



















A special permit is required to open these businesses almost anywhere in NYC



- Gyms, spas, and massage therapy have changed significantly over the past 40+ years since the special permit was created.
- Despite being recognized and valued neighborhood services, our zoning creates a major regulatory barrier for these small businesses.









Gyms, spas, and massage therapy continue to be uniquely regulated through zoning



- The permit often takes more than 6
 months to be granted, limiting
 opportunities for entrepreneurship and
 access to services that promote
 health.
- These uses are not allowed along many local retail streets that permit other service and retail businesses like restaurants, salons, and drug stores.
- The permit also prevents desired business from moving into local retail streets at a time when vacancy rates are high and expected to rise.





Proposed Changes for Gyms and Spas



Remove BSA Special Permit for Physical Culture or Health Establishments (73-36)

Small gyms and spas will be treated similarly to a range of local amenities, such as drug stores, restaurants, or salons.

- Classified in the Zoning Resolution as <u>Use Group 6</u>.
- Limited to 10,000 square feet in Floor Area per establishment.
- As-of-right in all commercial and manufacturing districts.



- Classified in the Zoning Resolution as Use Group 9,
 - As-of-right in C2, C4, C5, C6, C8 and M districts, as well as C1-8, C1-9, and C1 overlays mapped with R9/R10.







Proposed Changes for Licensed Massage Therapy



Remove BSA Special Permit for Physical Culture or Health Establishments (73-36)

Licensed massage therapy will be classified with other ambulatory health care uses as Use Group 4A or Use Group 6B (health care office), permissible in most residential districts and all commercial and manufacturing districts.







Proposed Noise and Vibration Regulations



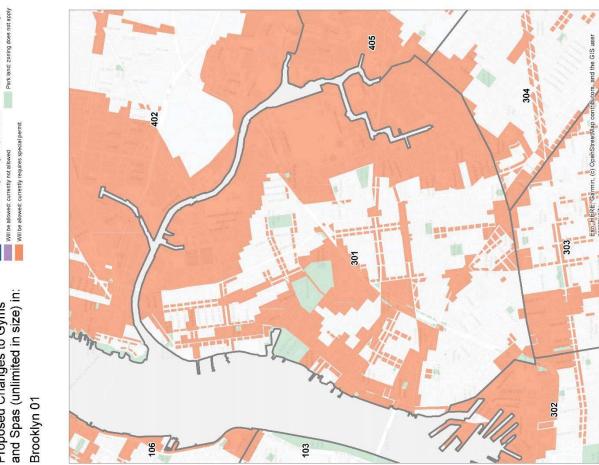
- exercise equipment, will be required to submit documentation to the sufficiently reduce noise and vibration on adjacent uses prior to Higher-impact gyms, such as those with significant weights or Department of Buildings certifying that they are designed to being issued a Certificate of Occupancy.
- These additional noise and vibration requirements will be applicable in mixed-use buildings in all commercial and MX districts.
- noise and vibration standards. These low-impact activities will still be Low-impact activities such as yoga, isometric exercise studios, and spas will not be required to demonstrate compliance with additional subject to the NYC Noise Code.



Greenpoint/Williamsburg

Proposed Changes to Gyms and Spas (unlimited in size) in:







Greenpoint/Williamsburg

Proposed Changes to Gyms and Spas Limited to 10,000 sq.ft. in: Brooklyn 01



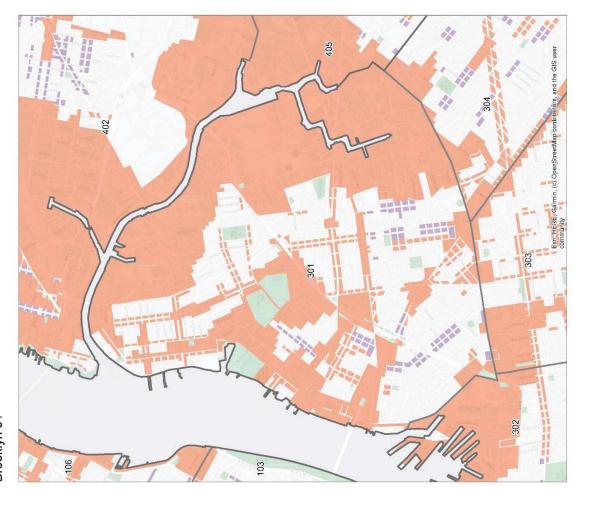






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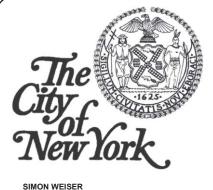
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LAND USE, ULURP & LANDMARKS (subcommittee) **COMMITTEE REPORT JUNE 8, 2021**

TO: CB#1 Chairperson Dealice Fuller

and CB#1 Board Members

FROM: Ms. Del Teague, Committee Chair

Land Use, ULURP & Landmarks (subcommittee) Committee

RE: Committee Report for meeting held on June 1, 2021

CB #1 Land Use, ULURP & Landmarks (subcommittee) Committee met on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. Via Webex.

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: Teague (chair); Chesler; Drinkwater; Kaminski; Rabbi Niederman; Solano; Weidberg; Vega; Andrews*; Berger*; Kantin*; Kawochka*; Naplatarski*; Stone*; [(*) nonboard member].

Members Absent: Indig; Lebovits; Miceli; Sofer.

(14 members were present and a quorum was achieved.)

Land Use Committee Report for the 6/1/2021 meeting:

(1.) 307 Kent Avenue Rezoning ULURP No. 200306 ZMK – Requesting a zoning map change from M3-1 to M1-5, to extend the existing M1-4/R6A (MX-8) and Zoning Text Amendment to add an MIH Area, to facilitate the development of a new nine-story commercial building located at 307 Kent Avenue, Williamsburg. Presented by Judith Gallent, Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP.

Ms. Gallent pointed out that this site is surrounded by the Domino buildings and other buildings that are greater in height than the proposed development. She stated that the area has been transformed from a heavy manufacturing district to a mixed-use district. The developer stated he intends to focus on the current need for smaller office and Industrial spaces. He also stated that his plan for community space is for a medical facility. The space he has designated will accommodate a variety of types of medically related facilities. He stated, however, if it does not appear that there is a strong likelihood that he will get a renter for the community space, he will not build it and will build with the smaller FAR, because in a development this small it would not be cost effective to build and leave 1.5 FAR vacant.

The committee considered conditioning approval on a restrictive declaration to require some amount of industrial space, but opted not to do so, because the development is on the whole conforming; and the proposed plan will address the post-shut down need for smaller offices and light industrial uses.

Recommendation: The committee voted to **approve the application**.

14 - Yes0 - No

(2.) <u>BSA: (Cal. No. 2017-131-BZIII) 77-79 Gerry Street (Block 2266, Lot 49)</u> - This application is filed pursuant to section 72-01 and 72-22 of the Zoning Resolution of the City of New York, as amended (referred to herein as the "Zoning Resolution" or "ZR") to request an amendment of previously granted variance under BSA Cal. No 2017-131-BZ to amend the proposal for a house of worship at the Premises by changing the dimensions of the zoning lot, and by making minor changes to the interior layout of the cellar and lower three floor. Presented by David Rosenberg, Sheldon Lobel P.C.

The variance previously granted in 2017 sought to build a seven-story building (three-story house of worship and four-story residence). The initial plan was based on the anticipated purchase of excess floor area rights from three adjacent lots. Under that plan the building would have had 65% lot coverage. The business deal fell through, so the applicant now seeks to build a smaller five-story building. It will have the same footprint as the seven-story building but will now have 100% lot coverage.

Recommendation: The committee voted to approve the application.

11 - Yes0 - No

(3.) Elevate Transit: Zoning for Accessibility (ZFA) Non-ULURP (N210270 ZRY) -The MTA and DCP are proposing a citywide zoning text amendment that will allow the MTA to work more efficiently with private developers to help achieve systemwide accessibility. The proposal includes a system-wide transit easement certification and an authorization for transit improvement bonuses in high density areas to facilitate the implementation of ADA access at stations throughout the city more quickly and efficiently. Presented by Alexandra Paty-Diaz, NYC Department of City Planning, and Andrew Inglesby, MTA.

Ms. Paty-Diaz explained that many opportunities to provide more accessibility to our subway system have been lost because of the lack of ownership by the city of adjacent property. This amendment will provide a city-wide framework for easement requirements in R5 or above districts and in manufacturing districts for all lots of at least 5,000 sf within 50' of a station. The requirements will apply where there will be new development or additions to a pre-existing building. In those cases, the owner is required to consult with the MTA regarding the need for a transit easement. In return the owners will be offered certain relief depending on the specific development or expansion planned by the owners. The categories of relief include increased floor area and height allowances, and relaxed requirements for open space, setbacks, and parking. Density bonuses only apply in R9 and R10 districts, neither of which occur in CB1. We must submit our letter of comments by June 14, 2021 to the City Planning Commission.

Recommendation: The committee voted to approve the application and to ask the full board to submit a letter of approval to the City Planning Commission by June 14, 2021.

11 - Yes0 - No

(4.) 101 Varick Avenue DCP Cal# 210329 PCK

In the matter of an application submitted by the New York City Department of Transportation and the Department of Citywide Administrative Services, pursuant to Section 197-c of the New York City Charter, for the site selection and acquisition of a property located at 101 Varick Avenue (Block 2974, Lot 113) for use as a DOT operations and warehouse facility, Borough of Brooklyn, Community District 1. Presented by Dorrit Blakeslee, Project Manager, Department of Transportation.

DOT needs to expand its Sidewalk Inspection Unit and to re-locate its Street Lighting warehouse operations. The Street Lighting warehouse operations is already at the site. The site is in the North Brooklyn IBZ, and the propose use conforms to the current M3-1 zoning.

Ms. Blakeslee stated the DOT operations would bring more employment to the area and pointed out that the EIS found there were no adverse traffic of parking impacts expected. There would be 21 trucks in total at the site, comprised of pick-ups, vans, and dump trucks. No concrete materials would be stored or prepared at the site. Ms. Blakeslee stated they are looking to install solar panels on the roof. The hours of operation would be 7:30 am to 3:30 pm.

The committee pointed out that there are several large entertainment venues nearby, at least one of which has daytime events that will lead to large crowds coming and leaving during the DOT hours of operation. The committee strongly recommended that DOT develop a plan to deal with safety measures that take into consideration the proximity of the venues and the large numbers of

people that will be in the streets entering and exiting the events. Ms. Blakeslee assured us that she will include such a plan in her remaining presentations.

Recommendation: The committee voted to approve the application with suggestions that DOT include in its future presentations a plan to take into consideration the proximity of the night-life venues, and that it works with the owner of the property to install solar panels and a green roof.

13 - Yes

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COMMITTEE REPORT

TO: Chairperson Dealice Fuller

and CB#1 Board Members

FROM: Thomas Burrows, Committee Chair

SLA Review & DCA Committee

RE: SLA Review & DCA Committee Report

for May 25, 2021 Meeting Via WEBEX

The SLA Review & DCA Committee held a meeting on Tuesday May 25, 2021 at 6:30 PM. The committee met virtually via WEBEX.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Burrows, Bachorowski, Barros, Bruzaitis, Dybanowski, Foster, Solano, Stuart, Torres,

Daly*(*non board member)
Absent: Sofer, Cohen*

Board members: Miceli, Weiser

LIQUOR LICENSES

NEW:

1) 99 Franklin Bar LLC, 99 Franklin Street, (New, liquor, wine, beer, cider, bar tavern) Committee recommends **Denial.** (First motion to approve only supported by two Committee members. Second motion to deny vote: 6 For, 2 Against, 1 Abstention)

Applicant is in an area where the community has been raising concerns regarding the proliferation of liquor licenses and the loss of other types of businesses. Presently

operating a small coffee/sandwich shop. Request to add liquor. Speakers at Full Board and Committee meeting, and letters to Committee. Community representatives raised concerns of lack of outreach to community groups, 12 bars within 500', no "real" kitchen, ADA compliant restroom, outdoor space. Proper posting of notice.

- 2) 462 Union Avenue Bar LLC, Avenue Bar LLC, dba Macri Park, 462 Union Avenue, (Corporate Change liquor, wine, beer, cider, bar, tavern)
 Committee recommends **Denial.** No appearance by applicant.
- 3) Biblio Inc., dba Biblio, 149 North 6th Street, (Corporate Change, Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
 Committee recommends **Denial.** No appearance by applicant.
- 4) Brooklyn Green Golf LLC, 195 Morgan Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar with golf venue)

Committee recommends Approval.

Video golf course with food and drink and small outdoor area. Committee did receive correspondence in opposition referring to "Times Square" type of entertainment venue no appropriate for this area.

5) Don Pancho Villa Restaurant LTD., 189 Borinquen Place, (Method of Operation Change, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)

Committee recommends Approval.

Change in operation was for increased security, music and a service bar outdoors. The service bar for wait staff use only was approved in original application.

- 6) Chavin Group, Inc. dba Chimu Bistro, 482 Union Avenue, (Corporate Change, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
 - Committee recommends **Denial**. No appearance by applicant.
- 7) Ebbs LLC, Ebbs Brewing Company, 182 North 8th Street, (New, liquor, wine, beer, cider, bar/tavern)

Applicant requested Postponement.

Application for bar to be in combination with microbrewery application that is before the state and Federal authorities. Committee has several concerns with this application and after much discussion and call for vote, applicant requested Postponement to address the concerns with include further outreach to neighbors, requested hours of operation and live music and outdoor space.

8) Entity to be formed by Rajiv Shah, dba Lover Says Go, 251 Bushwick Avenue, (New, liquor, wine, beer, cider, bar, tavern)

Committee recommends Approval.

There was a bar at this location previously with the same hours. It is a new application and triggers the SLA 500' rule. There is no outdoor space.

9) Eris Evolution LLC, 167 Graham Avenue, (Alterations, liquor, wine, beer, cider, bar, tavern event venue)

Committee recommends **Denial**. No appearance by applicant.

10) John Watterberg on Behalf of an entity to be determined, dba Santa Fe Bk, 178 North 8th Street, (New, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest) Committee recommends **Approval with Conditions.**Applicant must provide Committee with new CB#1 Application correcting the capacity, removing outdoor space, 8' fence for backyard and copy of SLA 500' questionnaire.

- 11) La Chacra Restaurant Inc., 613 Grand Street, (New, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest) Committee recommends **Denial.** No appearance by applicant.
- 12) Rosa's on Kent LLC, 254 Kent Avenue AKA 252 Kent Avenue, (New, liquor, wine, beer, cider, pizzeria, cafe, bar, tavern)

Applicant requested Postponement.

Application for 252-254 Kent Avenue for what is described as a Pizzeria, Café, Bar, Tavern with hours of 8:00am – 4:00am and a Rooftop open to 11:00pm Sun-Th and 1:00am Fr-Sa. Community concerns have been expressed at Board meeting, in letters and emails to the Community Board. Applicant operates 9 other locations and most do not have liquor. Committee and applicant discussed alterations in application and encouraged additional outreach to a number of community organizations.

13) Savannahs Sweet Bakery and Bistro LLC, ,241 Cook Street, (New, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)

Committee recommends **Approval**.

14) Sushi on Wythe LLC, 97 North 10th street, (New, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
Committee recommends **Approval with Conditions.**Applicant was before Committee two years ago and application was approved. However, construction issues and Covid-19 delayed completion and now must reapply. Applicant must submit new completed application removing outdoor space and changing closing time to 2:00am. Applicant must also provide copy of SLA 500' questionnaire.

15) Threefold Holdings LLC, dba Threes Brewing, 113 Franklin Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar, tavern)

Applicant requested Postponement.

Establishment at this location was operated by a licensee of the Brewery and the brewery owner now wants to operate directly. This is therefore a new application which triggers the 500' rule. Community members spoke out in opposition to the applicant concerned about 12 licenses within 500", outdoor sidewalk café in combination with Open Restaurant often blocks the sidewalk, there was insufficient outreach to community organizations. Committee issues included incomplete application, unsigned application, hours of operation and community outreach. Also need clarification of whether the Open Restaurant Space continues with a new license, how many seats that would include and what hours would be, sidewalk café numbers. Committee originally voted to recommend denial and applicant attorney requested postponement.

16) Vabeh First LLC, dba Have + Meyer, 103 Havemeyer Street, Store 2, (Corporate Change, liquor, wine, beer, cider, bar, tavern)
Committee recommends **Approval.**

17) Valencia's Cafe wine & Tapas Inc. 130 Grand Street, (New, wine, beer, cider, bar, tavern) Committee recommends **Approval.**

RENEWAL:

The Committee reviewed the twenty-four (24) applications for renewal. Both the 90 and 94 Precinct Commanders and Community Affairs Officers were provided with the list and have reported back no issues or concerns with any of the applicants.

Committee recommends Approval.

- 1) 194 Bedford Ave. Rest, Corp, dba Dziupla, 194 Bedford Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 2) Action Burger Inc., 292 Graham Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 3) Aurora East Inc., dba Montesacro, dba Montesacro, 432 Union Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 4) Berry Golf Club LLC, dba Cinderella Story, 8 Beery Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 5) Black Rabbit Bar LLC, 91 Greenpoint Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, tavern)
- 6) Boogaloo Bar Inc. Dba Duff's Brooklyn, 168 Marcy Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern)
- 7) Bushwick CC LLC, dba Bushwick Country Club, 618 Grand Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, bar)
- 8) Call box Lounge INC., 148 Kingsland Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 9) Cerveceria Havemeyer, dba Cerveceria Havemeyer, 149 Havemeyer Street Store #3 (aka 257 South 2nd Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 10) China Boricua Inc., 108 Graham Avenue, (Renewal, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 11) Dingxiang Inc., dba Birds of Feather, 191 Grand Street, (Renewal, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 12) F-C LLC, dba Chez Ma Tante, 90 Calver Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 13) Ferris Mittles inc., dba Troost, 1011 Manhattan Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern)
- 14) Frost Restaurant Inc., 193 Frost Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 15) Jam N Pizza Company Inc., dba Midici of Williamsburg, 174 North 4th Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)

- 16) Nitehawk Brooklyn LLC, dba Nitehawk Cinema, 136 Metropolitan Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 17) Mushashi Asian Cuisine INC, 495 Grand Street, (Renewal, Wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 18) Orephans Inc. dba Ore Bar, 277 Graham Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, bar/tavern)
- 19) Pizzette LLC, 191 Graham Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 20) Ramales Thai Food Corp., dba Lily Thai Restaurant, 615 Grand Street, (Renewal, wine, beer, cider)
- 21) Sevinc Wine & Cheese LLC, dba West Wine Bar, 67 West Street 71A, (Renewal, wine, beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 22) SNBP Inc., dba Simple Cafe, 124 South 3rd Street, (Renewal, wine, beer, cider, café, restaurant)
- 23) Sterling Caterers Inc. dba Ateres Avrohom, 75 Ross Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, catering facility (private event only)
- 24) Weylin Seymour LLC, dba Weylin B Seymours/Chimera, 175 Broadway, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, catering facility, private event only)

PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED:

- 1) Bistro So Corp, dba Bistro So, 530 Driggs Avenue, (New, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest) Committee recommends **Approval.**
- 2) Catalpanyc LLC, dba Catalpa Cafe, 25 Greenpoint Avenue, (New, liquor, wine, beer, cider, bar/tavern)
 - Committee recommends **Approval.** (Committee vote: Six (6) for, one (1) abstention) Applicant had been postponed from previous meeting. Community opposition continues with concern that there had not been a liquor license at this location before, it is close to Transmitter Park, there will soon be additional residents within close proximity in a new building behind this location and it violates the 500'rule. Residents also spoke in favor of this applicant. Applicant has dropped the request for live music, closing hour is now midnight, a 9' fence and umbrellas over the tables will be provided in the outdoor space.
- 3) New Hope Brooklyn LLC, dba Ten Hope, 10 12 Hope Street, (Method of Operation, liquor, wine, beer cider, rest)
 - Committee recommends Approval.
 - Applicant postponed from previous meeting. Application has now been changed to request: Inside hours Sun-Th 11:00am 1:00am, Fr Sa, 11:00am 2:00am, Outdoor hours Sun-Th 11:00am-11:00pm, Fr-Sa, 11:00am –12:00am. Background music only.

SPECIAL PERMITS:

1) OHB Kent LLC, dba Other Half Brewery, 87 River Street–21 Temporary Beer and Wine One Day Permits (New, Temporary Beer and Wine)

Committee recommends Approval.

Application is unique. Request by local brewery to provide a beer garden at a temporary minigolf operation by Two Trees on the lot between North 1st Street, 4 Metropolitan Avenue and River Street. The request is for 21 permits (allowed is 4) for Saturday and Sunday, 12pm-10pm, starting Memorial Day.

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

WHEN: Tuesday, June 22, 2021

TIME: 6:30 PM WHERE: Via WEBEX



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TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

TO: Chairperson Dealice Fuller

and CB #1 Board Members

FROM: Mr. Eric Bruzaitis, Committee Chair

RE: Committee Report from Tuesday, June 2, 2021 Meeting

The Transportation Committee met Wednesday, June 2, 2021 (CALLED TO ORDER: 6:34 PM; ADJOURNED: 10:42 PM) via Webex virtual meeting platform.

A quorum was met. ATTENDANCE:

Present: Bruzaitis; Argento; Drinkwater; Elkins; Kuonen; Odomirok; Vega; Breitner*; Costa*;

Kelterborn*

Absent: Lebovits.

Mr. Bruzaitis opened the meeting by asking Assistant District Manager Ms. Bueno Wallin to call the roll for attendance. Following the roll call, Mr. Bruzaitis explained that because of an unresolved issue with the Borough President's Office, several members of the board were not seated in time for the meeting. He noted that for the purposes of the meeting, members pending re-appointment in attendance would be recognized for questions as if they were seated out of respect, however they would not be eligible to introduce or vote on motions before the committee.

1. <u>Rules of Decorum.</u> Committee will discuss proper procedure for order and comportment during meetings for the duration of the use of the Webex virtual platform.

Mr. Bruzaitis noted that the past few meetings have lacked the proper decorum by both committee members and public attendees. In an effort to restore civility and proper

function of the committee, Mr. Bruzaitis drafted rules of decorum for the meeting to follow based on Robert's Rules of Order (as directed by the Community Board 1 By-Laws as proper procedure) amended to address the unique dynamics of meetings held virtually through the Webex platform including the use of the chat function. These rules were posted in the chat for all attendees to refer to and were read out.

Mr. Bruzaitis called for discussion by the committee, there was none. Newly seated board member, Ms. Katie Denny Horowitz (not a member of the committee), asked what the consequences would be for those that violate the rules. Mr. Bruzaitis noted that he would ask Ms. Bueno Wallin to mute the offender, place them in the Webex "lobby" or eject them from the meeting depending on the nature of the offense.

Mr. Bruzaitis noted that these rules will be followed in all future meetings while the Webex platform is in use. However, they can be amended to address particular issues to ensure the best function of the committee.

Decorum in Discussion, Debate and Chat

- *All speakers shall ask for recognition by the chair.
- *Speakers shall confine themselves to the question before the assembly, and avoid personalities (personal references).
- *It is not allowable to question the motives of a member, but the nature or consequences of a measure may be condemned in strong terms.

Committee Members:

*In discussion, if one desires to ask a question of a committee member speaking they must seek recognition of the chair and state that they wish to ask a question of the speaker.

The chair then asks the speaker if he is willing to be interrupted, or the speaker may at once consent or decline, addressing, however, the chair, through whom the conversation must be carried on, as members cannot directly address one another in a deliberative assembly.

- *If at any time the chairman rises to state a point of order, or give information, or otherwise speak, within their privilege, the member speaking must suspend speaking until the chairman has been heard first.
- *When called to order by the chair members, presenter or the public audience must suspend speaking until the question of order is decided.
- *During the meeting, committee members, presenters or the public audience are NOT permitted to disturb the assembly by interrupting (except to raise a point of order committee members only).

Rules of Chat:

*The purpose of the chat function is to allow for public comment where time does

not allow. It is not a forum for discussion, which if were held in a live public assembly would be disruptive and not allowed.

- *Committee Members, presenters or public audience MAY use the chat to ask a specific question of the item under discussion, and should be addressed to the chair.
- *Committee Members, presenters or public audience who do not have their full name displayed, must state their full name when participating in chat.
- *Committee Members, presenters or public audience MAY NOT address other attendees either in the chat or direct message.
- **2.** <u>MTA/NYCTA ADA Elevator Projects: UPDATE.</u> Mr. Andrew Inglesby, Assistant Director of Government and Community Affairs MTA NYC Transit.

Mr. Bruzaitis recognized Mr. Andrew Inglesby and Mr. Joseph O'Donnell, Director of Public Affairs MTA Construction & Development to present the updated ADA Elevator plan for the Grand Street L Train station (presentation attached)

Plans include an elevators on Bushwick Ave. north of Grand St. for Canarsie bound trains, and Grand Street east of Bushwick Ave. for Manhattan bound trains; platform redesign and electrical upgrades.

Work begins in July 2021.

Lorimer St. conversation continue with contractor and other project team members. The announcement on the determination of the stair relocation is expected shortly. The elevator location will remain as presented at the April Transportation Committee meeting. Metropolitan Ave. G train station will begin at the end of June, and work will primarily be below ground to begin. Staging for this work will remain at Keap Street.

Committee:

Mr. Bruzaitis asked about the elevator placement and its encroatcment into the bike lane at Grand St.

Mr. Inglesby stated that they are in conversation with the contractor and will have follow up with NYCDOT.

Mr. Simon Weiser asked for an update on his request for NYC Transit to address bus layover at Lee Ave & Wallabout St. and its impact on traffic backups on Lee Ave as well as parking. Mr. Inglesby stated that NYC Transit has had two internal meetings on the issue and will be meeting with NYCDOT the week of June 7th to "mutually agreed upon alternative proposal". NYC Transit will schedule a site meeting with DOT and stakeholders before implementation. Asst District Manager Ms. Bueno Wallin asked for clarification on the timeline for the ADA implementation.

Mr. O'Donnell stated the the work on Grand St. begins this coming July and will completion is expected by January of 2023. Metropolitan Ave L and G Train work begins the end of June of this year and completion is expected sometime in the middle of 2023.

Public:

Mr. Don Suma:

We at the Lorimer station are particularly concerned about two things:

The siting of the elevator as it pertains to pedestrian and vehicular traffic and the MTA's belief that we need additional stairways.

I would like to know where the ridership numbers you quoted during the April meeting come from.

You told us 65k riders a day yet your website says our station had 13,985 entries in 2019, which is actually down 7% from 2015.

You also quoted a McKinsey study that says ridership will reach 85-90% of pre-pandemic levels in 4-5 years.

If we do a little math, that means that our station will have approximately 11,880 entries in 2025

a ten-year 21.4% decrease from 2015 (15,131) to 2025

So the question remains why the need for two more staircases in addition to the two new elevator entrances? What study shows us that need?

This would give our little station the same number of entries as some of the busiest stations in the city.

And more stairways are not always better. An empty stairway, which many of these will be, is not the safest stairway, especially at night, especially for women, especially for the vulnerable.

If the siting remains as planned on Lorimer I want to know what measures will be taken to make the street better able to handle

vehicular traffic, particularly buses and trucks.

Will the street become one-way? Will parking on the block be prohibited?

Why aren't the two elevators being sited more closely together?

I want to know if we will see a traffic study and if not why.

I want an answer as to why we don't need an environmental impact study. We will have more congested traffic, which will absolutely affect air quality and noise levels.

Also concerned that the transfer will be difficult for riders who will need to go to street level to access the other ADA elevator.

Mr. Inglesby & O'Donnell: The stairs are assessed based on projections of future volume at this station. Existing stairs that are sealed are grandfathered into code based on their original installation, however new stairs require code compliance as well as proper emergency egress.

Mr. Bruzaitis thanked Mr. Inglesby and Mr. O'Donnell for their time and update. He noted that Mr. Suma's concerns are echoed by the committee and would like answers to the points raised at the time of the determination announcement.

3. Discussion: McGuinness Boulevard Safety Improvements. In light of the recent death of Matthew Jensen, the committee will hear community concerns regarding reckless driving and unsafe conditions along the McGuinness Avenue corridor.

Mr. Bruzaitis recognized Transportation Committee member Ms. Bronwyn Breitner to present on the item.

Statement of Ms. Breitner:

On Tuesday May 18th at the corner of McGuinness and Bayard, North Brooklyn Community member and PS110 teacher Matthew Jensen was killed in a tragic hit and run crash at 12:45am. Mr. Jensen was walking home from celebrating his 58th birthday when a Rolls Royce hit him and left the scene of the crash. He died shortly after. The police have yet to make any arrests on this. I come to you as a member of this committee and a member of the PS110 community - as I have two children, Cai and Ellery, who are students at 110 and of Mr. Jensen's - to alert you of this tragedy and the actions it has prompted.

The children, colleagues and families of PS110 are grieving this death. Because of his role teaching English as a New Language, Mr. Jensen interfaced with students at every grade level, but also plugged in as needed throughout the school day as a substitute teacher or in the cafeteria. He literally knew the name of every student at that school, and he made a huge impression on even the kids who didn't have him as an instructor thanks to his tremendous presence, his empathy and his humor. He was a volunteer with the peace corp and loved learning about other cultures and then sharing that knowledge with his friends and students. He was brought into my son's class to teach about the cultural traditions of Ramadan and Chinese New Year. He loved his students and his colleagues and families at PS 110 and he was loved hard in return. Two weeks have passed and the grief that the students and teachers are feeling remains profound and raw. That grief will slowly become easier to manage, but I can promise you that PS110 will not ever be the same without Mr. Jensen, and every child at that school will remember this tragedy and the void that it left for the rest of their lives.

Mr. Jensen's name is added to a long list of individuals who have been made victims of traffic violence due to the poor, outdated planning of McGuinness Boulevard. He joins Solange Raulston, Neil Chamberlain, Nicole Detweiler and Liem Nhan on the list of pedestrians or cyclists whose lives have been lost to McGuinness since 2009 along with countless others who have been injured. For over a decade, local advocates have been studying McGuinness and fighting for major improvements with few results. In 2010 Transportation Alternatives observed the intersection of Nassau and McGuinness and found that drivers violate traffic laws every 17 seconds. In 2012, the McGuinness Boulevard Working Group formed of local community members, members of this committee and NAG found that two-thirds of drivers speed along the boulevard – and that was before the speed limit was lowered. Two years later, the city designated McGuinness a Slow Zone and lowered the speed limit to 25mph but incremental changes have

done little to calm the traffic on McGuinness. Since 2013 there have been 1548 reported crashes, injuring 40 cyclists and 59 pedestrians. That's basically one crash every other day.

But as parents and community members we don't need statistics to know that the entire length of this street is a danger. It's terrifying to cross with kids, cyclists avoid it at all cost. If something significant is not done immediately, Mr. Jensen's death will not be the last.

Mr. Jensen's death is felt profoundly by literally hundreds of children, families, colleagues and friends and we are working hard to channel our collective grief into action. With the support of Assembly member Gallagher's office, Transportation Alternatives and the North Brooklyn Mutual Aid, the community of PS110 launched a petition on Monday May 24th demanding a comprehensive redesign of McGuinness Boulevard. The petition calls specifically for the widening of the sidewalks and median along McGuinness, the addition of a two-way protected bike lane connecting the Pulaski Bridge to the promised Meeker Ave bike lane and the elimination of a lane of traffic in each direction. Today, only 9 days after the launch of the petition, we have just shy of 1,000 signatures. Then, last week on Thursday May 27th we organized a rally at McGolrick Park to Make McGuinness Safe which was attended by Mayor DeBlasio as well as AM Gallagher, Senators Salazar, Kavanagh and Gounardes, Representative Carolyn Maloney, Councilmember Steven Levin, District Leaders Kristina Naplatarski and Emile Bazile and hundreds of PS110 and north Brooklyn community members. At this event, Mayor DeBlasio acknowledged our demands for a safe McGuinness by announcing that the mayor's office is designating money in the budget immediately to redesign and fix McGuinness Boulevard.

We are indebted to the local activist groups and politicians who have advocated for change before, paving the way for this moment. Mr. Jensen's death has resurrected the decadelong fight to protect our community against traffic violence on McGuinness Blvd once and for all. We are not calling for a traffic study at this isolated intersection or a series of intersections. We are not calling for speed deterrents. We are calling on the Mayor and DOT to acknowledge the dangers of this entire mile-long corridor tip-to-tail, Pulaski to the BQE and put forth a comprehensive redesign which makes it impossible for cars to speed at double the speed limit in this slow zone. And this initiative should not be considered in a vacuum, as our petition coincides with a nationwide interest in reconnecting neighborhoods divided by highways. Skeptics will argue that this proposal will increase traffic on McGuinness and other local streets, however across the country initiatives are being considered and implemented to reconnect neighborhoods divided and environmentally devastated by highways and highway-like streets, and results are showing that increased traffic is not necessarily the outcome. Decades of solving traffic problems through the construction of new roads at the scale of McGuinness Boulevard are now being reconsidered and replaced with comprehensive context-sensitive design which is safer for all road users - cars, cyclists and pedestrians alike. We urge the DOT and the Mayor's office to think beyond incremental changes to a flawed, outdated design and accept this as a singular opportunity to bring a visionary, future-focused proposal to our community which reflects the importance of this moment, and making Mr. Jensen's the last pedestrian or cyclist death on McGuinness Boulevard.

Thank you.

Mr. Bruzaitis expressed his personal condolences, and on behalf of the committee, to those grieving the loss of Mr. Jensen. He noted the moving tribute of Mr. Jensen's family, parents and

others at the rally held at McGorlick Park the previous week. Mr. Bruzaitis stated that the Transportation Committee and the board has addressed safety concerns at a number of locations along McGuinness Boulevard for many years, and that it has been a thorn in the side of the community since homes were torn down to create it. He hoped that the actions of the community will result in safer conditions for all road users, and that the committee will hold Mayor de Blasio to his commitment to dedicate funds to a full and comprehensive redesign.

Committee:

Mr. William Vega:

When his family moved to the neighborhood in 2005, they initially looked at McGuinness for its listed value. However, soon after looking at properties they discovered that the noise, air quality and noticeable safety concerns resulting from the heavy volume of traffic. Sadly, conditions have not changed, and he fully supports the efforts to redesign McGuinness Blvd. "We've got to do it. We have to protect our neighbors."

Kevin Costa.

Thanks to the parents, community and elected dedicated to this issue.

As a community member, pedestrian and cyclist it is important to keep elected officials and DOT accountable to fix McGuinness Blvd. The community should not settle for quick fixes of "low hanging fruit".

Thanked Assemblywoman Gallagher for all her efforts. Also thanked Mayor de Blasio for showing up, but we won't accept a little bit of funding. And we are and will continue to contact the Comptroller, the Office of Management & Budget and any other official or agency with the power to control monies in NYC.

Ms. Ryan Kuonen.

*Ms. Kuonen was having technical difficulties with Webex, but reached out via text to express her support for the comprehensive redesign of McGuinness Blvd.

Ms. Karen Nieves.

Expressed her heartfelt condolences to the Jensen family and the PS110 community.

Thanks to elected officials for their commitment to fixing McGuinness.

Raised on Diamond Street and attended PS34 and has crossed McGuinness her whole life.

Even as an adult, her mother was so fearful of McGuinness that when they crossed together, she would hold her shoulder.

She has been involved in so many efforts over the years to improve the safety of McGuinness and is so sad for all the deaths on McGuinness, including Mr. Jensen.

The community must keep the pressure on because this change needs to happen.

Public:

Ms. Erica Young, President of the PS110 PTA.

Ms. Young was raised in community, holds her children's hands as her family did with her when transiting McGuinness Blvd. The street has not changed and has had several near misses

herself. When she heard of Mr. Jensen's death, she intuitively knew that it happened on McGuinness. She fears for the graduates, the children and parents of PS110, as well as the teachers and staff that deal with McGuinness daily.

A complete overhaul to address the new community. must be safe for all our kids.

Lisa Jaycox, PS34 Green Team leader.

The PS 34 community's hearts are broken for the loss of Mr. Jensen and for the gaping hole that has been left in the PS 110 school community. After a year of loss and trauma due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this additional loss hits especially hard-- because it could have been prevented.

McGuinness Blvd is notoriously dangerous. Injury and death on this boulevard are nothing new. When will it be enough? How many more lives will be lost, or injuries sustained before real change will happen?

The PS 34 community says enough is enough. Our own school sits alongside McGuinness Blvd, right at the corner of Norman Ave, where 29 pedestrians and 21 cyclists have been injured and 1 cyclist killed. To state it clearly again: Our school sits right there at that very intersection. This is where our children, families, and teachers cross daily.

According to The Global Designing Cities Initiative, a program of the National Association of City Transportation Officials, and I quote, "more than 1.2 million people die on roads around the world every year. That is equivalent to roughly one person dying every 30 seconds, or over 3,400 people dying every single day of the year. Many of these deaths occur on urban roads and are preventable crashes caused by behavior induced by street design."

McGuiness Blvd falls into the category of being rendered dangerous by design. It is a wide street that invites aggressive behavior in the form of speeding, double parking, and cars cutting each other off. The boulevard provides grossly inadequate protection for those crossing or waiting to cross. And, most concerning to our PS 34 community-- those who are most vulnerable to injury or worse at our particular intersection-- are children and family pedestrians-- our own students, families, and teachers.

We envision a street with single lanes, wider sidewalks, and more green space. I'd like to end by quoting Janette Sadik-Kahn, National Association of City Transportation Officials GDCI Chairperson. "if you design a street that works for kids, you design a street that works for everyone."

Now is the time to redesign this street.

Ms. Yuli Shu, PS110 parent and CEC District 14 member.

Grieving Mr. Jensen.

Asked that Community Board 1 and elected representative make every effort to get a quick and committed comprehensive redesign of McGuinness Blvd. She noted that at the McGorlick rally that she asked Mayor de Blasio for a timeline based on the promised funding and action, and to support the Transportation Alternatives petition.

Ms. Ariel Rivera.

Expressed her grief for Mr. Jensen. She noted that she lives near McGuinness and understand the safety concerns there. The design is highly flawed. Witnessed a cyclist that was clipped by a car

near the site of a previous cyclist fatality. The city must be proactive in addressing the safety concerns along the entire corridor.

Ms. Akiko Matsuura, PS110 parent, and Master Maru Matsuura, a student of Mr. Jensen:

Mr. Jensen had been my son's ENL teacher since he was in Kindergarten. My son, Maru, is now in 5th grade and had learned so much from Mr. Jensen. He taught him not only English but also about different cultures, people, traditions, holidays and how we can find similarities and connections between different cultures, and showed him Mr. Jensen's way of appreciating little things in life and inviting him to find his own ways to do that, too.

The pandemic brought Mr. Jensen and my family even closer. We shared cookies we baked, and he shared what he baked. We exchanged artwork that we made, and he made. He treated my son's artwork as something that is sacred and reminded us that every day is filled with miracles.

Maru is graduating from PS110 in a few weeks and we were really looking forward to celebrating this important milestone with Mr. Jensen who helped Maru be who he is today. We were going to stay close with Mr. Jensen and to grow our friendship even more after my son graduates, but we can no longer do that because Mr. Jensen is gone.

Our simple wish of growing our friendship with Mr. Jensen is not possible anymore because his life was taken so suddenly and so cruelly on 5/18, two days after his birthday. The hit-and-run accident happened on McGuinness Blvd, the boulevard where we live, and the crash site is only a few blocks away from us.

McGuinness Bvld. being so dangerous is the reason why my husband and I don't plan to have Maru walk to middle school in September. There is a fence at the corner of McGuinness and Driggs that is bent and it looks like a car ran into it.

We show it to Maru often and remind him that is why we don't stand at the corner while waiting for a traffic light because we fear that a car could run into us while waiting at the corner of intersection. We always stay back by about 4 feet or more when we can from the corner before crossing McGuinness Blvd. At that spot, I have seen a parked car crashed by another car and it happened to my neighbor's parked car as well.

McGuinness is too dangerous to ride a bike on, so I never do. At night, we hear cars and trucks dangerously speeding on McGuinness Blvd.

I strongly feel McGuinness Blvd needs to be a safer corridor before another tragic accident happens again.

Thank you.

Good evening. My name is Maru Matsuura.

I am a 5th grade student at PS 110 and my teacher Mr. Jensen passed away in a hit-and-run accident on McGuinness Blvd, a few blocks away from where I live.

He was one of my favorite teachers.

I miss Mr. Jensen every day and I see my family crying every day.

I do not want to lose anyone in my life like this ever again, so please make McGuinness Blvd safe.

Thank you.

Mr. Jeff Csicsek:

Noted that it is difficult to hear yet another tragedy on McGuinness Blvd. and sympathizes with the children and parents that must deal with it daily. His heart goes out to the PS110 community. Mr. Csicsek transits McGuinness all the time to access the rest of the North Brooklyn community.

He refuses to dignify McGuinness as transportation infrastructure as it has caused nothing but death and destruction since the 1950s as a failed experiment.

Wants to see a gut rehabilitation.

Glad to see Mayor de Blasio's commitment, but urges the community not to get lost in squabbling about the details that will waste time and allow more "blood to flow".

This needs to be done now and done right.

Mr. Matthew DiCarlo, Assistant Principal at PS110.

Mr. Dicarlo's prepared statement is pending submittal to the committee.

Expressed his grief at the loss of Mr. Jensen and called for a full redesign of McGuinness Blvd.

Ms. Kaki King, parent of a PS110 and an ABC Day Care student.

Ms. King noted how she instills in her children the dangers of McGuinness while she holds their hands crossing it.

Supports a full redesign, or more radical measures to keep our community safe.

Mr. Kevin LaCherra.

Was raised on Meserole between Diamond and Newell and as a child believed that McGuinness Blvd was the 'end of the world' since his parents were so fearful of it. Their fear was that he may run out of an open door, find his way to McGuinness and be hit by a car or killed.

His great grandmother's house was demolished to build McGuinness.

Why would we put a six lane highway in the middle of a residential neighborhood?

We do not have time to wait for the DOT to study McGuinness for nine months, only to tell us that it is dangerous.

Those in power have a responsibility to fix McGuinness and must be held to account.

We stand with the PS110 community and will work to get this fixed.

Mr. John Ogren, Mr. Jensen's Cousin.

Mr. Ogren profusely thanked the community for all their kindness and support. He stated that initially he didn't want cousin Matt to be a "poster boy" for a politicized tragedy, however he felt that Matt would be proud of the efforts to make the community safer because of his death, and that this is "exactly what he would have wanted."

We must put the people first. People over highways.

* This synopsis does not remotely capture the deeply moving statement of Mr. Ogren, and the chair apologizes for its vast inadequacy.

Mr. Philip Leff:

Noted that it was hard to follow such a moving statement by Mr. Ogren, but stated that it was not the first time he has heard an outpouring of emotion from the community over a death on McGuinness Blvd. In his capacity as Chair of Transportation Alternatives North Brooklyn

Chapter he spoke at three separate rallies between 2018 to 2019, each with unique stories of loss, because our city values parking and speeding cars over life.

"To everyone with the power to stop this...you can choose parking and speeding, or you can choose life. There is a choice, please make the right one."

Ms. Clara Smith:

Stated how hard it is to hear these stories. As a resident of Norman near McGuinness, she can't image how hard it must be to cross McGuinness with children, when she knows how fearful she is.

Thanked the parents and organizers of the efforts to redesign McGuinness Blvd.

Ms. Lisa McKeown, PS110 parent.

Although Ms. McKeown's children were not Mr. Jensen's students, he still had a huge impact of their lives and the lives of the parents of PS110. She noted that during the pandemic he was critical in calming the fears of her children, but also stopped by as a neighborhood to check in on their family with baked goods...among other generous efforts.

She and her son were almost been hit in a near miss at McGuinness and Greenpoint Ave.

She also alerted the meeting that another hit and run had occurred during the meeting at Norman and McGuinness.

Fast and definitive action must be taken to fix McGuinness (Blvd.) and offered to help in any way to make that possible.

Mr. Alexander Schaefer:

Personally understands the dangers of McGuinness and fully supports a comprehensive redesign. The conditions are not safe for pedestrians or cyclists.

We must have protected bike lanes, shorter pedestrian crossings and other measures to slow down the cars. Speed laws are not enough. McGuinness must be a neighborhood street and not a six lane highway.

Ms. Maureen Boler:

Only recently realized that the speed limit on McGuinness is actually 25 MPH. She noticed that when coming off the Pulaski Bridge it is common to drive at 50 MPH and few slow to the appropriate speed up to Meeker Ave.

It is essential that those working on this issue constantly email and call their elected officials to make the change happen.

Suggested that police need to stop guarding Walgreens and be posted along McGuinness to deter speeding.

Also suggested that bikes be excluded from McGuinness.

More day-lighting, and elevated pedestrian crossings.

Elected Officials and Representatives:

Assemblywoman Ms. Emily Gallagher:

Stated that she is reaffirming her to commitment to the McGuiness Blvd, and following the session in Albany, which concludes within the next week, this will be a top priority for her office.

We have tried many fixes to address the problems of McGuinness Blvd, but the only thing to do now is completely overhaul this corridor.

She has been in contact with NYC DOT and Mayor de Blasio and other parties that have the resources to make this redesign work.

There are other streets in the city that have demanded, and immediate measures, while larger changes are being worked out, and this could be done on McGuinness.

While Mayor de Blasio has committed money to this project, it may still be a long process.

However, the community must keep up the pressure and devotion.

Thanks to the community for being open with their grief and turn it into power.

District Leader Ms. Kristina Naplatarski:

The fact that McGuinness Blvd and Meeker Ave are highways that cut thru residential communities has led to a public health crisis.

Sends a heartfelt apology to the community that is deeply grieving for Mr. Jensen, and to all the residents of North Brooklyn who have also lost loved ones on McGuinness.

A comprehensive redesign is essential and pledged to work with Assemblywoman Gallagher in her efforts to make this happen.

District Leader Mr. Emile Bazile:

Thanks to the community for sharing your stories of Mr. Jensen.

The community needs a higher level of infrastructure to move all road users more safely on McGuinness.

Thanks to Assemblywoman Gallagher for her efforts.

Mr. Alvin Pena, State Senator Julia Salazar.

Expressed his condolences on behalf of the senator to the PS110 community.

The senator is calling for a comprehensive redesign of this dangerous traffic corridor and hopes that Mr. Jensen's death is the last incident on McGuinness Blvd.

We stand with the community for a speedy response from DOT.

Mr. Benjamin Solotaire, Council Member Stephen Levin:

Stated that while he did not know Mr. Jensen, he does know the PS110 community well and feels their pain and sadness over his loss.

He noted that as he noticed the picture of Mr. Jensen at the McGorick rally that they were both born in 1963, and the coincidence brought it home for him.

Echoing Mr. Ogren's statement, we need to design a city for people and not for cars.

Councilmember Levin supports the redesign and the DOT understands how to fix this problem and must work immediately fix the dangers of McGuinness Blvd.

Mr. Bruzaitis recognized Ms. Breitner for closing remarks. Ms. Breitner expressed her thanks to everyone who attended the meeting and had the chance to speak in support of the redesign. She asked if Ms. Ronda Messer from NYC DOT could speak to the issue. Mr. Bruzaitis noted that the purpose of hearing this item was for the public and elected officials to express their commitment

to the redesign of McGuinness Blvd, but that he would recognize Ms. Messer for a comment.

Ms. Ronda Messer, NYC DOT.

Stated that she had been taking detailed notes to report back to the Borough Commissioner and Commissioner.

She was careful to say that she could not make a statement at this time except to say that DOT will be working on a plan and will report back to the board.

Ms. Breitner thanked Ms. Messer for attending and looked forward to collaborating with her and DOT as this project moves forward.

Mr. Bruzaitis entertained a motion of support for the comprehensive redesign of McGuinness Blvd.

MOTION:

SUPPORT THE DEMANDS OF THE COMMUNITY FOR AN IMMEDIATE FULL AND COMPREHENSIVE REDESIGN OF MCGUINNESS BOULEVARD FROM THE PULASKI BRIDGE TO MEEKER AVENUE.

BY MS. BREITNER.

2ND: MR VEGA

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT OBJECTION OR ABSTENTION.
**MS. BREITNER, MR. COSTA AND MR. KELTERBORN (NON-BOARD MEMBERS)
VOTED AYE.

MOTION:

THE COMMITTEE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS STANDING ORDER, RECOMMENDS TO THE FULL BOARD A LETTER OF INQUIRY TO CAPTAIN VELAZQUES OF THE NYPD 90TH PRECINCT, KINGS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY ERIC GONZALES AND NYPD CHIEF OF TRANSPORTATION KIM ROYSTER IN THE STATUS OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE TRAFFIC FATALITY AT THE INTERSECTION OF HAVEMEYER AND HOPE STREETS OF MR. ANGEL AGUILAR-DURAN; AND TO CAPTAIN FAHEY OF THE NYPD 94TH PRECINCT, KINGS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY ERIC GONZALES AND NYPD CHIEF OF TRANSPORTATION KIM ROYSTER IN THE STATUS OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE TRAFFIC FATALITY AT THE INTERSECTION OF MCGUINNESS BOULEVARD AND BAYARD STREET OF MR. MATTHEW JENSEN. BY MS. KUONEN.

2ND: MR. VEGA

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT OBJECTION OR ABSTENTION.
**MS. BREITNER, MR. COSTA AND MR. KELTERBORN (NON-BOARD MEMBERS)
VOTED AYE.

MOTION:

REQUEST A SAFETY AND LIGHTING STUDY OF MCGUINNESS BOULEVARD/HUMBOLDT STREET FROM BAYARD STREET TO HERBERT STREET.

MR. BRUZAITIS 2ND: MS. KUONEN

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT OBJECTION OR ABSTENTION.
**MS. BREITNER, MR. COSTA AND MR. KELTERBORN (NON-BOARD MEMBERS)
VOTED AYE.

4. <u>Discussion: Congestion Issues on Flushing Avenue between Kent and Classon Avenues.</u>

Mr. Bruzaitis recognized Mr. Simon Weiser.

Flushing Ave is difficult to transit and in the last few years the intersection at Classon Avenue has gotten worse. There have been more lights installed and it has slowed down the traffic. In addition, the construction near Taffee Place (in Community Board 3) has resulted in the loss of a travel lane and the light at Taffee is out of sync with the other adjacent lights, and should be removed. Also, northbound traffic on Taffee should be restricted left turn at Flushing. It is his understanding that the underpinning of the sidewalk, that caused the loss of the travel lane, is complete. However, the area seems to be still used for staging. The contractor should establish a staging area elsewhere to allow for better flow on Flushing.

Mr. Weiser requests a walk-through of the area with NYCDOT and Transportation Committee Chair Mr. Bruzaitis to assess the situation.

Ms. Ronda Messer, NYCDOT.

DOT needs to confirm with OCMC that the travel lane is still legitimately closed.

Ms. Messer noted that she has received many call from Mr. Weiser on this and related issues and that DOT has responded to the requests.

The light at Taffee Pl has met the warrants and therefore cannot be arbitrarily removed without direction change or other significant alteration to the street. Banning the left turn onto Flushing would require a formal request, however, the signal timing can be re-evaluated.

Mr. Bruzaitis suggested that Mr. Weiser reach out to CB3 Chairperson and Transportation Committee since Taffee Pl falls within their jurisdiction. Following that contact Mr. Bruzaitis will work with Mr. Weiser and DOT to arrange a time to visit the site.

5. Discussion: Open Streets Program.

A. Update on the Open Streets Program from Mr. Kyle Gorman, NYCDOT.

Mr. Gorman updated the committee on the plans for the summer regarding open streets. He noted that the presentation from the May Transportation Committee meeting is available online in multiple languages. It contains survey data and workshop results. DOT is working on securing funding, "Clean-Up Corp" and other initiatives to improve the function on OSP.

Mr. Bruzaitis thanked Mr. Gorman for his efforts and for making himself available to the committee under very contentious debate. He hoped that over the rest of this year and by next year the city can resolve the disputes and make it a workable program for everyone now that it is the law.

B. Committee will discuss advisory recommendations to elected officials and city agencies regarding the legislated continuation of the OSP in NYC as it effects CB1.

Mr. Bruzaitis explained to the committee that he had gone through the previous months committee reports and attempted to draw out some of the more recurring points that have plagued the program since its expanded roll-out last spring as a response to the pandemic. He recognized that while the intentions were correct, to allow for responsibly socially distanced activity, it was clear that there were many issues with the vetting, or lack thereof, of the streets that were chosen for the OSP and that the Mayor's Office threw it to DOT and the public to make it work with little to no guidance or support. Residents were not properly informed, and human behavior, being what it is, lead to a number of incidents that made living on or near an open street quite unpleasant.

The committee and the public rejected the recommendations proposed by Mr. Bruzaitis and felt that there needed to be more discussion of specific points before they were comfortable asking the board for approval. There was also some concern that the board may be locked into recommendations that would be difficult to amend with the city if they were found not to work. Some members of the committee and the public strongly view OSP as an essential new way to think about how we use open space and should be permanent. Others felt that the concerns raised over the last few months had still not been adequately addressed and were legitimate.

While the committee could not reach a consensus on recommendations, most agreed that our elected officials and the Mayor's Office have not made the effort necessary to resolve tensions in the community that have grown increasingly violent. Mr. Bruzaitis noted that the Transportation Committee tried to fill the void where the city and our local elected officials failed, to address concerns and broker a peace between highly charged positions.

Mr. Bruzaitis stated that he would remove OSP as a regular agenda item, however if there are particular issues that are specific, they would be addressed by the committee. He also noted Old Business is Old Business and anyone is welcome to bring up a particular issue at that time.

The CB1 By-Laws are clear that public members of the committee may introduce motions, may vote on motions (though noted separately in the record). It is the responsibility of the entire board to read the committees report and vote their conscience at the appropriate time. Mr. Bruzaitis noted that the public members are a benefit to the committee and often show a diligence to the discussions and should not be diminished simply because they are not appointed members of CB1. Ms. Nieves noted that here involvement with the board began as a public committee member, and that public members are more often a benefit. Mr. Bruzaitis suggested that if any board member has an issue with the participation of public members at the committee

level should address those concerns to the By-Laws Committee.

Mr. Bruzaitis was reminded by Ms. Horowitz that the Women's Committee addressed some of the concerns of OSP and he felt that that was a very positive discussion. He thanked Women's Committee Chair Janice Peterson for answering his call for other members of the board to step in to help resolve the community's conflicts.

Ultimately, the committee reached a consensus that a letter should be drafted to all the elected representatives of Community Board 1 to impanel a working group to resolve community concerns.

MOTION:

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE BOARD SEND A LETTER TO ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS OF COMMUNITY BOARD 1, AS WELLAS NYCDOT, NYPD, FDNY AND DSNY TO EMPANEL A COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP (CAG) TO ASSESS BEST PRACTICES FOR LEGISLATIVELY MANDATED OPEN STREETS PROGRAM.

BY MR. BRUZAITIS 2ND: MR. VEGA

THE VOTE:

AYE:

Bruzaitis; Drinkwater; Elkins; Kuonen; Vega; Breitner*; Costa*; Kelterborn*.

NAY: Odomirok.

ABSTENTIONS: NONE

MOTION PASSES.

(*NON-BOARDMEMBERS)

6. "Banker's Anchor" Plaza proposal for North 15th Street between Banker Street and Nassau Avenue. Presentation by Mr. Kevin LaCherra.

Mr. Bruzaitis recognized Mr. LaCherra for his presentation (attached).

The plan would create a public plaza on North 15th Street Between Berry Street and Banker Street.

Mr. LaCherra and his team have done outreach to San Damiano Mission, Evergreen and other stakeholders that would be affected by the plaza.

The overwhelming consensus of the committee was positive. Ms. Nieves noted that there may be some issues with parking removal, however, NYCDOT has to clarify exactly what are city approved parking versus de-facto parking that may be unregulated or enforced.

Many members thanked Mr. LaCherra for his thoughtful and thorough presentation

MOTION:

TO SUPPORT THE PLAN FOR "BANKER'S ANKER" PLAZA ON NORTH 15TH STREET FROM BERRY STREET TO BANKER STREET AS PROPOSED. BY MS. DRINKWATER.

2ND: MR. ELKINS

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT OBJECTION OR ABSTENTION (WITH THREE NON-BOARDMEMBERS VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE)

7. <u>Outstanding Issues for Fall Transportation Committee Agenda.</u> Committee will discuss creating a working group to review issues from North Brooklyn Transportation Study and other requests from the board to the city.

Mr. Bruzaitis noted that in several conversations with the committee and most notably Ms. Nieves, there are a number of issues that the board has asked for remedy of clarification from NYCDOT or the city. Many of them stem from the North Brooklyn Transportation Study of a few years ago that is seen by many on the board as inadequate or incomplete. Mr. Bruzaitis asked for volunteers to sort through old requests, review the North Brooklyn Transportation Study as well as items recorded in the NYCDOT Portal. He noted that he would reach out in the coming weeks to those interested and would develop a plan of action from identifying concerns worthy of follow-up by the committee and board.

8. Old Business.

Mr. LaCherra noted that there has been no statement from NYC DOT on the mandated 90 day review of the intersection of Williamsburg Street West and Wythe Avenue where Ms. Sarah Pitts was killed. He stated that he was frustrated that the city's response to his request was to file a FOIL request. He was also disappointed that DOT had no response at this meeting as well on this issue or the death of Mr. Jensen.

Mr. Bruzaitis informed Mr. LaCherra and that committee that he had been in touch with Ms. Messer of DOT earlier and that he was informed that she would need more time to respond to that request for information. He stated that he would follow up with Ms. Messer to get a better and more timely answer to Mr. LaCherra's concerns and would report that out to the committee.

9. New Business.

Ms. Rika Shimada informed the committee that there is a concern with the need for a stop light or other traffic calming infrastructure near the Stagg Street Center for Children Pre-K on Stagg Street between Lorimer and Leonard Streets at the intersection of Lorimer and Stagg Streets. She has filed requests with DOT and been told that no action is required. Her last request was April

of this year but was told they could re-issue the location in July.

Mr. Bruzaitis was confused that DOT would ask for a re-submission within a few months as reviews usually take 36 months to re-evaluate. He suggested that she reach out to Councilmember Antonio Reynoso's office as it is in his district. Ms. Nieves suggested that the board request a school crossing sign, but also request DOT inform the board office when the last study was completed at that intersection.

Ms. Horowitz asked that some new traffic calming measures be introduced around the newly opened Under the K Bridge Park. North Brooklyn Parks Alliance has an upcoming tour of the park with NYC DOT Commissioner Gutman sometime in late June. Ms. Nieves asked that Ms. Horowitz include Evergreen in that tour as they have the best understanding of the needs of the businesses in that area. Mr. Bruzaitis also asked to be included.



New Public Plaza Opportunity

Banker's Anchor

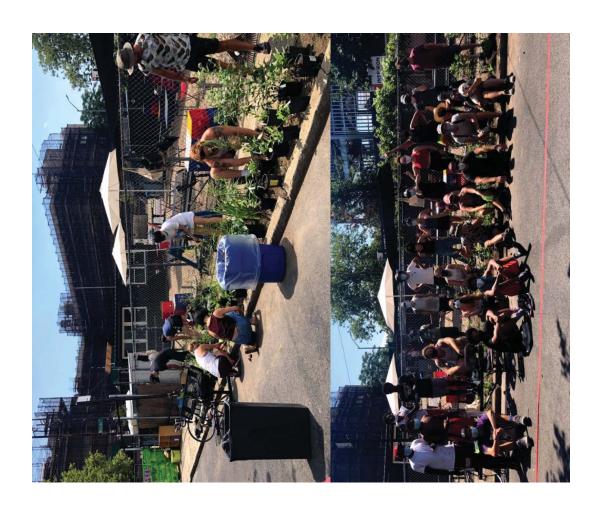


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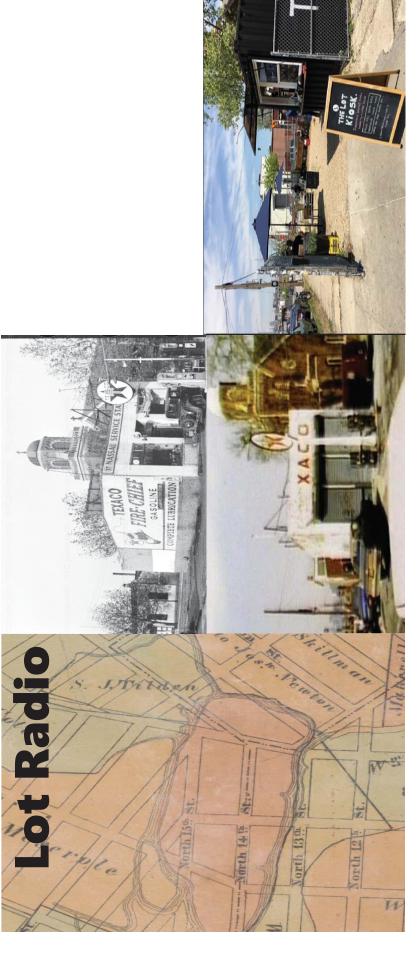
Basics

- Underused road space that is frequently informally used as a gathering space
- Support from all directly neighboring properties, as well as many community groups
- 0.16 Acres (5,190 sq. ft) of open space
- Potential connection between Bushwick Inlet Park and McCarren Park
- Plan to apply to NYC DOT Plaza





Creek, Gas station, Vacant Lot,



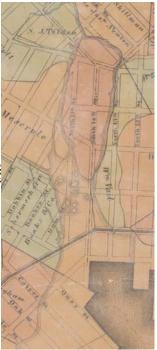
Creek

Until the last 150 years, this space was a tidal creek and swampland that extended from present-day Bushwick Inlet to the area of present-day McCarren Park.



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Railroad

In 1876, the Manhattan Beach Railway was built to connect travelers arriving by ferry Banker from Manhattan to Coney Island.

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(near present-day Quay St) along North 15th St. The rail line traveled from the ferry terminal

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Church

The Holy Family Slovak Roman Catholic Church was built in 1911 on the north side of N15th St.

In 2011, the parish was merged

St. Anthony of Padua-St.

Alphonsus.

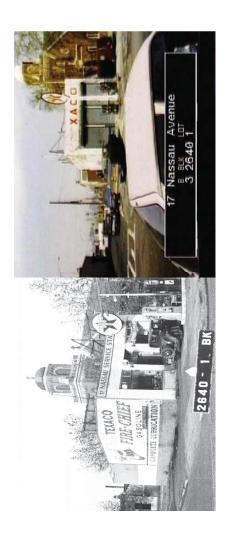
Today, the site is home to the San Damiano Mission and the Shalom Catholic Community here in NYC.



Gas Stations

Starting in 1919, a series of gas stations occupied the small triangle space between N15th and Banker.

At some point in the early 1990s, the structure sustained severe fire damage and was abandoned. By 1995, the buildings collapsed and the Department of Buildings cleared the lot.

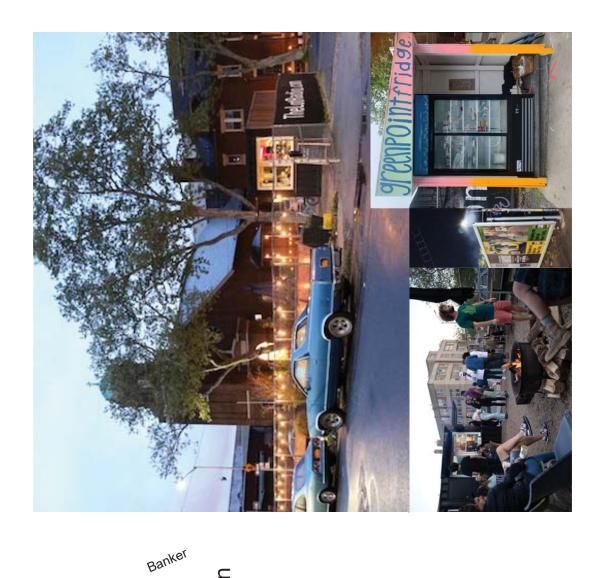


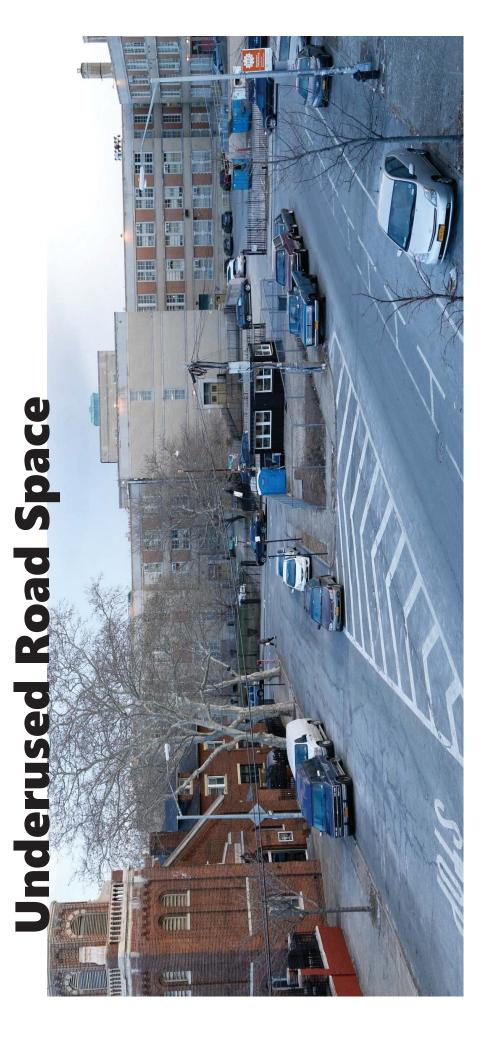
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The Lot Radio

Since 2016, the triangle has been occupied by The Lot Radio, a combination radio station, bar, and coffee-stand.

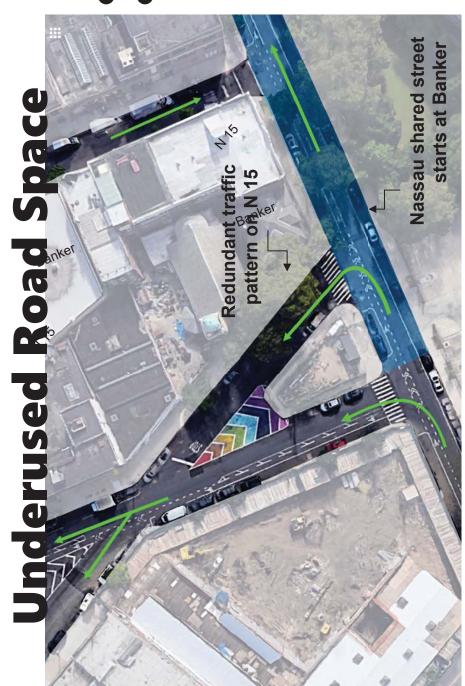
Since July 2020, Lot Radio has hosted the Greenpoint Fridge, a free community-run resource for neighbors, maintained by NBk Mutual Aid.





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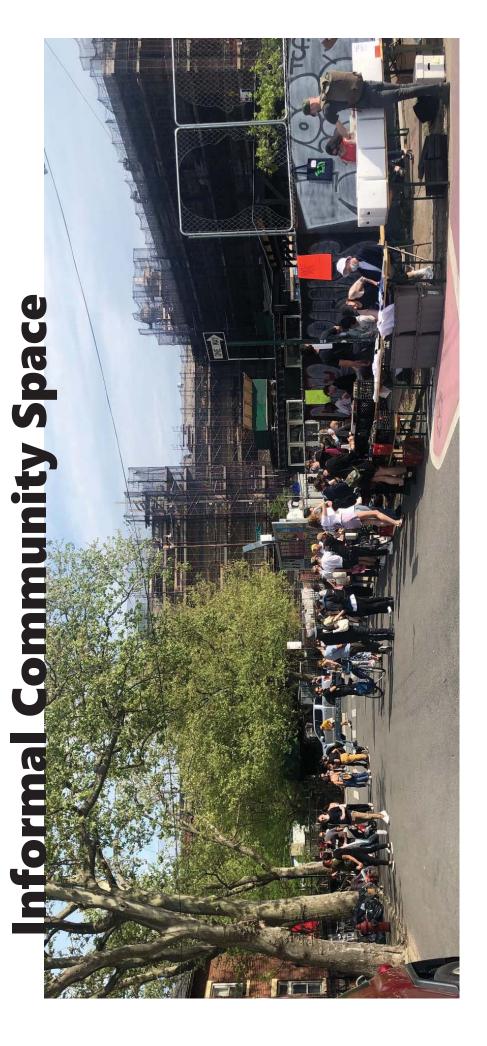


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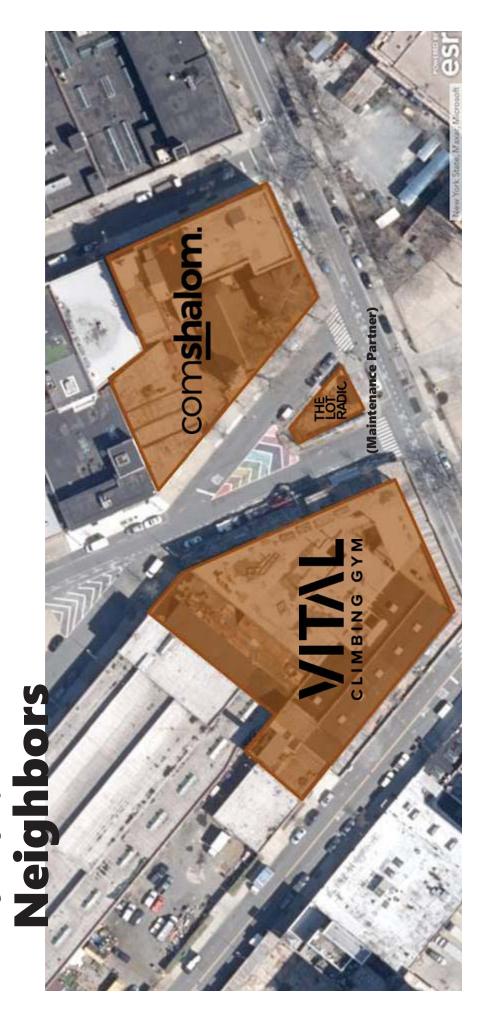
Vehicle traffic flow

Can be activated as a pedestrian plaza without any change to vehicle or truck traffic

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Current use



Neighboring Properties and Maintenance Partners

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Potential Green Corridor

Local Pedestrian Plaza Conversion



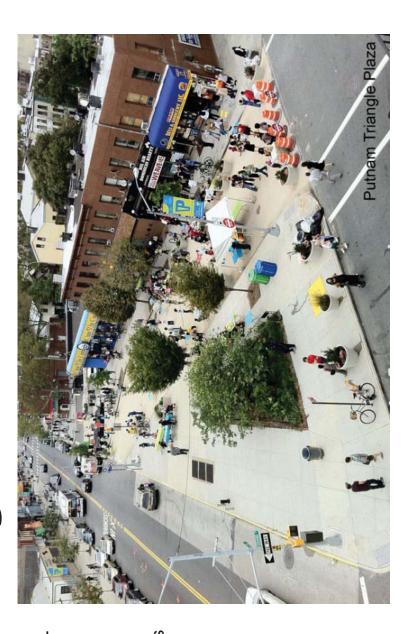
DOT has converted over 70 pedestrian plazas throughout the 5 horns

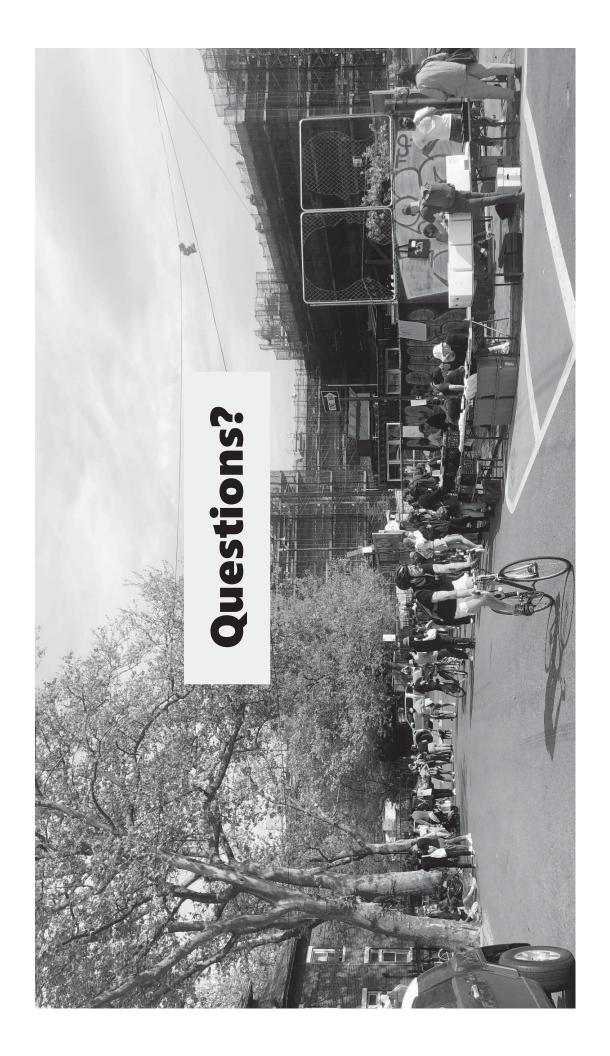


Plaza at Bedford and Lorimer is 0.04 acres; Banker's Anchor would be 4 times binner

Putnam Triangle and Potential

- -A great example in Bed-Stuy neighborhood
- -Great for adjoining businesses, neighborhood institutions
- -Street seating
- -Expanding tree pits and plantings
- -Bicycle parking







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COMMITTEE REPORT

TO: Chairperson Dealice Fuller

and CB#1 Board Members

Thomas Burrows, Committee Chairperson FROM:

Public Safety & Human Services Committee

RE: Public Safety & Human Services Committee Report

for April 28, 2021 Meeting Via WEBEX

The Public Safety & Human Services Committee held a meeting on Wednesday April 28, 2021 at 6:30 PM. The committee met virtually via WEBEX.

ATTENDANCE:

Present – Burrows, Chair; Bachorowski; Bamonte, Co-chair; Barros; Cianciotta; D'Amato; Drinkwater; Dybanowski; Kaminski; Leanza; Rachlin; Viera; Cappucci*(Non-board member) Absent – Argento; Indig; Kaminski; Katz; Landau; Low.

(A quorum was present)

Also, present: Representatives of the Department of Social Services, Division of Homeless Services, CAMBA and the Department of Sanitation. This included Yuri Sanchez, DSS Brooklyn Borough Director; Erin Drinkwater, Deputy Commissioner Intergovernmental & Legislative Affairs Department Social Services & HRA; Yvonne Ballard; Cindy Teta,; Carol Rubenstein; Claire Harding Keefe; Valeri Barton-Richardson and Stephen J. Caruso, Citywide Community Affairs, Department of Sanitation; Dealice Fuller Chairperson; Councilmember Antonio Reynoso also participated in the meeting

The Public Safety & Human Services Committee covers a wide range of City agencies and community concerns. Our agenda attempts to address and discuss as many of those areas as is reasonably possible. Many of our topics cross over agency responsibilities.

NYC Department of Social Services- Discussion of 39 Ainslie Street. This Department of Homeless Services Shelter is scheduled to open later this year servicing 141 employed or soon to be employed men. The shelter will be managed by CAMBA. Attending representing CAMBA were Valerie Barton-Richardson, Carol Rubenstein and Claire Harding Keefe.

39 Ainslie Street:

Erin Drinkwater, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Homeless Services, and member of Community Board #1 and the Public safety Committee introduced the attendees from DSS, DHS and CAMBA who were going to address the Committee. It was also hoped that we would be able to discuss the complaints the Community Board has received about the shelter that was located in the POD Hotel on Metropolitan Avenue and follow up to the meeting under the BQE regarding clean up. Unfortunately, the Chair neglected to recall that we have also received notification of changes at The Metropolitan/Richmond Hotel at 437 Union Avenue.

Two handouts were provided by Yuri Sanchez, Brooklyn Borough Director, DSS, regarding 39 Ainslie Street. One handout is a two-page outline of the 39 Ainslie Street shelter, the other has a statement by the Department of Homeless Services entitled: "Turning the Tide on Homelessness in New York City, A borough-by-borough plan." Both are attached to this report.

The shelter to be opened at 39 Ainslie Street will be a single adult male program shelter housing 141 residents. Ms. Drinkwater reminded the Committee that the Board had been notified about this pending location last July. The shelter will be operated by CAMBA and will be opening in mid to late 2021.

Valerie Barton-Richardson, Director of Shelter Programs, of CAMBA spoke of the 40-year history on multiple service provision in Brooklyn and NYC. They are a Home Base Provider and also are an Affordable Housing Developer. Their Shelter Programs have been operating shelters for 25 years, the first being the Park Slope Women's Shelter. Ms. Barton-Richardson emphasized: "We Care about Fellow New Yorkers."

The focus of this program shelter will be Job Readiness and Employment. They will focus on supporting residents who are working and assisting others in obtaining employment. They are invested in being a good neighbor. They will be establishing a Community Advisory Board.

Claire Harding-Keefe, CAMBA Director of Single Adult Sites, spoke about this location being an employment shelter. Residents will have gone through the regular DHS assessment system and to be a resident at 39 Ainslie Street they will be expected to be already employed or employment ready. Many of the residents work untraditional jobs or hours and will be coming and going at different times. The site has a full staffing to assist with housing, jobs and services. There will be a computer lab and a recreation coordinator.

There will be a Site Manager which has not been selected as of now and a Community Advisory Board. Security guards will be on site and will work with residential aides for support within and

around the facility. The plan is to bring current staff within CAMBA to work at this site. There will be a Neighborhood Advisory Board and CAMBA and DHS will solicit interest from the community to join the CAB.

Committee member Viera inquired regarding Employment Shelter. Is there a track record in running a shelter like this? Ms. Drinkwater explained that there are number of employment shelters throughout the system. People may be living in homeless shelters, but they are working. DHS and CAMBA conduct strengths and skills assessment to determine the best fit for an individual. For example, The DOE Fund operates an employment shelter.

Committee member Leanza inquired about the process of choosing who is placed in which shelter. Ms. Drinkwater explained: The Citywide Central Intake for Homeless clients is at the facility on E 30th Street near Bellevue in Manhattan, clients then are assigned to assessment centers one of which is on Clay Street in Greenpoint. They are then placed in an appropriate Program Shelter. There is a process to assign clients to specific shelters.

Committee member Clanciotta related the history of the Greenpoint Hospital site starting with a shelter of 200 growing larger and larger until the community had to fight back to reduce back to 200. What guarantee is there that this site will stay at 141. Ms. Drinkwater assured the committee that the capacity will stay at 141.

Councilmember Reynoso attended most of the meeting and expressed his dissatisfaction with the City's treatment of the Community Board 1 and his Council District with regards to the "Fair Share" of homeless shelters throughout the City. Councilmember Reynoso is very concerned about the needs of people without houses and the City's responsibility to provide housing and support. However, within his District and CB1 there are 1400 shelter beds. This is well beyond our Fair Share allocation. Six shelters have opened in his district since becoming a councilmember and he has challenged the City's placement while not blocking the shelters knowing there is a need to house people. And now, in response to COVID, hotel-based shelters have popped up that are supposed to be temporary and as the City is reopening there is no plan on when the hotel shelters will close. He is very angry with the City and DHS for not addressing his concerns and more importantly the community concerns and also the real needs of the clients of the shelter system. He was also concerned that more shelter beds opened up in his district than in the neighboring district of Councilmember Levin and perhaps that was a reflection of the different demographics of those districts.

Benjamin Adams of North Brooklyn Mutual Aid reminded the group of the real needs of the people without houses and to be empathetic to their situation and to not demonize them but to support them. He offered the assistance of his organization to CAMBA. Councilmember Reynoso indicated his office and staff willingness to be of support of well referring to actions to support clients in other facilities within his district including a Thanksgiving sponsored with DAR525 for the families at the Metropolitan Hotel shelter. Kevin LaCherra inquired about contact for CAMBA for his organization to reach out.

POD Hotel:

There has been a "Temporary" shelter operating within the POD hotel in response to the need to reduce congregate placements in response to the COVID pandemic. The Community Board has received communication from neighboring residents and in particular the Fillmore Place Historic District regarding "increasing problems" since the POD became a shelter. Particular concerns brought to the Community Board include sitting and smoking on doorsteps, harassment of women, indecent exposure and verbal harassment. The Committee had questions regarding who is running the shelter, what type of facility it is and that can the community do to work with the facility.

Ms. Drinkwater explained that DHS started using the POD about one year ago about their system wide efforts to slow the spread of COVID 19. There was a need to move clients out of large congregate facilities such as dorms to rooms in hotels. Approximately 10,000 clients were moved into hotels. POD hotel clients were assigned from the Bedford/Atlantic Shelter. It is a fully staffed facility. It is a direct run site by DHS.

A neighboring resident who lived next door to the POD asked about additional security on the blocks around the site. She indicated that the men leave the hotel and then go around the corner away from where security might be aware. Ms. Drinkwater responded that if residents/community had Safety/Quality of Life concerns they should contact Yuri Sanchez, the Borough Coordinator for DHS. DHS has a good neighbor policy that is explained to their clients and Ms. Sanchez is the person to contact with specific concerns.

Councilmember Reynoso stated that his office had been contacted by this neighbor and had reached out to DHS for answers to her concerns and had been advised of the Committee meeting and that the neighbor's concerns would be addressed by DHS at this meeting. The councilmember inquired regarding the timeline of closing the hotels and returning clients to congregate care. He was also concerned about client safety in returning and what criteria is being used to move clients back to purpose-built shelters. Also, how many residents at the POD hotel have been vaccinated?

Ms. Drinkwater explained that at this time there is not timeline regarding return of hotel residents to congregate shelter sites. The City's Department of Health and Mental Health will be making that determination. DHS also has no breakdown on the level of vaccination of residents at particular shelters. Thousands of clients in hotels across the City have been vaccinated but clients are not required to share vaccination status to receive shelter. She pointed out that DHS has its own vaccination program. Regarding services at the POD hotel, Yvonne Ballard reported that this hotel is an assessment site since it is an extension of the Bedford/Atlantic Assessment Center. On site there are medical, mental health, telemed, nurse triage services.

Benjamin Adam addressed the meeting and reminded participants to be sensitive to the needs of the people without houses and to be empathic with the situation that brought them there and most importantly the serious lack of affordable housing for New Yorkers.

The Metropolitan/Richmond Hotel:

On April 14, 2021, the Community Board received the below communication from Yuri Sanchez regarding the Hotel shelter at 437 Union Avenue. Unfortunately, a discussion of this location was not a part of the meeting as an oversight by the chair.

"This email serves as notification that the population at **The Metropolitan/ Richmond Hotel** - 437 Union Ave will change from Families with Children to Single Adult Men with **Acacia** as the Provider. There will be 90 beds and the move-in is anticipated to happen at the end of June 2021.

- We continue our progress in ending the use of commercial hotels for our FWC experiencing homelessness.
- Through our range of strategies, we've driven down the number of families in shelter to below 2012 levels, giving us greater flexibility/capacity/space on the families' side of the shelter system
- As with all of our site close downs we will work with each family towards placing them in permanent housing options; for those who are not ready to move to such a setting will be transferred to vacancies across the system
- At the same time, as has been widely reported, due to a range of factors, including ongoing
 economic challenges, deinstitutionalization and a shift away from the mass incarceration
 approaches of the past at every level of government, we are continuing to see consistently
 increasing need for shelter among adult individuals
- Therefore, after the families currently residing at this location transition out of shelter into permanent housing, we will convert this site to a shelter for Single Adults to meet immediate capacity needs
- As with all of our locations, dedicated staff will work to connect clients every day with robust wraparound resources including case management, housing placement assistance, health and mental health services, and employment counseling.
- A secure and safe environment is critical to the success of any program facility—and DHS is committed to prioritizing the safety of clients, staff, and community members alike.
- Acacia will provide on-site security around-the-clock. Security officers will be located at entrance to control building access."

1.) NYC Department of Sanitation – Discussion regarding clean up underneath the BQE.

The appalling sanitation conditions under the BQE particularly from Metropolitan Avenue to McGuinness Boulevard have been a topic of concern for the Community Board, this Committee, and the elected official's offices for years. And there have been numerous meetings, discussions, walk throughs and plans to address this issue to little avail. In February there was a clean-up "sweep" that was very disruptive to the people living under the BQE and some people lost valuable personal belongings.

Stephen Caruso, Jr., Citywide Community Affairs Officer, for the Department of Sanitation was in attendance at the meeting. The committee related the continued presence of

- 1. Dumped household items under the BQE, on the sidewalks lining Meeker Avenue, and piled on the corners.
- 2. Dumped bottles and trash including "Trucker Bombs" from Uber & Lyft drivers.
- 3. Sand, dirt and soot in the parking area, on the sidewalks and along the curbs.
- 4. Accumulation of pigeon droppings on the pavement and sidewalks.
- 5. Clogging of catch basins and storm drains that results in flooding. No regular storm drain clean out.
- 6. In the ASP area, not street cleaning.

Mr. Caruso related that several variables come into play under the BQE. The area hasn't been under the jurisdiction of DSNY for years. It is not NYC property, it is NYS DOT. However, they are responsible to assist NYS DOT and DSNY is responsible for the ASP areas.

Frustratingly, Mr. Caruso explained that in dealing with encampments there are many legal concerns. DSNY needs to included DHS. And Mr. Caruso stated the NYPD determines what is trash. It was pointed out to Mr. Caruso that the NYPD is not supposed to be involved in any matters involving the homeless, there is no longer an NYPD Homeless Unit.

Mr. Caruso state that since there are so many clients under the BQE, DSNY cannot really do what they need to dor. There is a need to coordinate before a clean-up occurs to prevent any negative results.

Ms. Drinkwater shared at this point that there was a coordinated clean up scheduled for Friday, April 30, 2021. DHS would engage the clients under the BQE. Ms. Drinkwater was to communicate with Mr. Caruso and DSNY would determine what locations and times things would be occurring on April 30, 2021. There is a need to coordinate NYC DSNY and NYS DOT on continued maintenance of this area.

Committee member Cianciatta expressed concern about needles being deposited in the tree pit in front of her home. Mr. Caruso advised that it is DSNY's responsibility, and she should put in a 311 complaint. Mr. Adam reminded the Committee that we should not be looking at drug users as criminals but to work with them on harm reduction strategies

Mr. LaCherra remarked that we all recognize there are serious trash issues, and we need to work together and cooperate to clean up the area but also to not endanger or traumatize the people who are living there and identify what is their property.

Discussion regarding the Joint Cleanup operation on Friday, with street cleaning from Metropolitan to Mc Guinness then focused on the timing of the cleanup and the short notice to the advocates for those who are houseless. The community requested a postponement of the operation to provide time for outreach to the people living under the BQE and provide assistance to them. Ms. Drinkwater explained that we are in a learning curve about providing appropriate services and response and sufficient notice and to whom. She agreed that their perhaps should be more notice and was going to investigate whether this was possible in this instance.

Ms. Drinkwater did respond on the day after the meeting stating:

"I wanted to provide an update in regard to the request to postpone the scheduled DSNY clean-up under the BQE. We will not be rescheduling however wanted to reiterate DHS's commitment articulated on last night's Community Board WebEx Committee Meeting in regard to

the intention and goal of addressing the trash/debris under the BQE while not displacing individuals who are residing under the BQE while we continue to work to connect them to services and accept a stabilization bed placement or other options they might choose to accept.

In an effort to further the mutual goal in working with and serving the individuals under the BQE I wanted to be sure that this group had the DHS Street Outreach contact who well be onsite tomorrow: Joe Vivaud, cell: (332)999-7765"

Motion was made to close the meeting at 8:32 pm

The next meeting of the Public Safety & Human Services Committee is scheduled as follows:

WHEN: Thursday, May 20, 2021

TIME: 6:30 PM WHERE: Via WEBEX

Please send agenda items to the Board office.



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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE REPORT JUNE 8, 2021

TO: CB#1 Chairperson Dealice Fuller

and CB#1 Board Members

FROM: Mr. Stephen Chesler, Committee Chair

Environmental Protection Committee

RE: Committee Report for meeting held on May 27, 2021.

CR #1 Environmental Protection Committee's Meeting Notes May 27, 2021, held at

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ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: Chesler, Chair; Bruzaitis; Elkins; McKeever; Hofmann*; Costa*;

Grossman* (*non-board members)

Members Absent: Klagsbald; Low; Peterson; Sabel.

(7 Members Present, Quorum Achieved.)

Item #1: National Grid (NG) Presentation and Q&A Regarding their proposal to upgrade 2 vaporizers at their Greenpoint Liquified Natural Gas (LNG) facility (presentation file is attached). Representing NG: Renee McClure, Community and Customer Management; Bryan Grimaldi, Vice President Corporate Affairs; Christopher Connolly, Vice President, Gas Network Operations; Donald Chahbazpour, Director, Regulatory Strategy; Peter Metzdorff, Manager, Gas Asset Engineering.

Mr. Bryan Grimaldi: Clean energy, create jobs, achieve energy goals via net zero plan. Committed to energy transition to net zero.

Claims misleading info being purported. Intends to correct. Does not want to argue with opposing organizations. Arguing would hamper transition. They are collaborating with Con Edison and the City of New York on their Pathways to Decarbonization. Working on goals and how to deliver energy. "Pathways' 'is complicated but driven by science. Reached out to environmental groups to meet.

Mr. Chris Connolly: Update on Energy Center, GP LNG facility operational since 1968. Vaporizers that operate there are peak suppliers during cold weather. Vaporizers support this. Caps < 50% emission lowering Title V permit downgrade. New vaporizers underpin need to supply safe reliable energy. Committed to community conversations. Will not increase output or expand. New most efficient. 96%. Support shift away from fossil fuels. But must meet customer needs.

Mr. Donald Chahbazpour: Commitment to Cleaner Energy. In Oct 2020 they released their Net Zero plan. How do you get there?

Creation of a technical Advisory committee with recommended 25 members. Multiple pathways for clean energy future and meeting energy needs. 80% reduction of fossil fuels by 2050. Carbon capture technology by city included. Electrification? NG Swap fossil fuels with biomass feedstock e.g. - utilizing Newtown Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant emissions. Using green hydrogen will result 60% cut by 2050. Power generation will have the deepest decrease. Selected pathway is equitable. Will include all.

Video: Commercial? About their commitment. That's who they are.

Questions from committee and board members:

Ms. Trina McKeever: What happens at Greenpoint (GP) facility. Trucks?

Mr. Chris Connolly: Stores LNG. Supplies during cold weather. No trucking.

Mr. Steve Chesler: what future truck use intention?

Mr. Chris Connolly: Emergency truck transport, is separate pursuit.

Mr. T.Willis Elkins: Is the LNG facility currently using trucks?

Mr. Chris Connolly: Always have. But, has been dormant.

Mr. T. Willis Elkins: When was it last used?

Mr. Chris Connolly: I do not know last time trucked. System decommissioned. Wants to reinstate. Supply contingent on it being revived. In case of tank filling problem.

Mr. T. Willis Elkins: Why is trucking illegal?

Mr. Chris Connolly: Out of scope for tonight.

Mr. T. Willis Elkins: LNG is highly volatile. It's restricted in NYC as result.

How many people died in the Staten Island facility explosion?

Mr. Chris Connolly: I was not LNG.

Mr. Steve Chesler: Other accidents in Cleveland and Washington State. How is the Greenpoint facility modified to prevent these types of accidents?

Mr. Chris Connolly: All safety protocols are in place.

Mr. Kevin Costa: 1) What is the useful life of proposed vaporizers? 2) Why not reducing size of stadium so don't need it?

Additional gates? 3) Does NationalGrid (NG) oppose new natural gas connections to residential customers?

Mr. Chris Connolly: 1) With new equipment expect similar tenure: 30 years. 2) New customer demand for gas service 3) NG energy service provider.

Mr. Kevin Costa: Why using 30 year product if transitioning off fossil fuels?

Mr. Chris Connolly: When demand curve goes down, production will.

Mr. Kevin Costa: Why? Does the community want Natural Gas for future?

Mr. Chris Connolly: Need to meet demand.

Mr. William Vega: It's hard to see NationalGrid (NG) as a good neighbor. How many restaurants closed before construction caused by the new gas hook up moratorium, until and the Governor intervened. Response?

Mr. Chris Connolly: Does not have details

Mr. T. Willis Elkins: Speak to moratorium.

Mr. Chris Connolly: We hit roadblock. Analysis said they needed to issue moratorium to meet current need. Reanalyzed how to provide reliable service.

Ms. Laura Hofmann: Stunned by the video. NG has never been a good neighbor.

Mr. Chris Connolly: We have provided reliable service for many years, centered around safety. Regulated. Audited. Checks & balances.

Ms. Laura Hofmann: What enforceable documents are in place that will ensure the community will be safe? Why expansion, more trucks in street?

Mr. Chris Connolly: This is part of our rate case proceedings. That justify this.

Mr. Dan Grossman: What alternatives are you considering? Why are they not chosen?

Mr. Chris Connolly: Coupled with vaporizers. NG largest response program. Balance need & response. Must be coupled with infrastructure investment modernization.

Questions form the community:

Ms. Katherine Thompson: Is rate case participant. Difference between trucking projects? Plan to implement both in joint proposal?

Mr. Chris Connolly: NO portable LNG project. Removed CNG project. Truck unload project replaces current created in the 60's,

Mr. Peter Metzdorff: Confirms this. Removed from scope. LNG can be secured in this time frame.

Kevin LaCherra: 4th generation Greenpointer. NG responsible for climate crisis along with other parties. Sitting on contaminated land.

"Lollypop speak" ad not speaking well to public. Won't be a good partner. Energy efficiency? NC. Rap sheet very long.

Absurd not to worry based on neighborhood experience. Facility has huge environmental justice area potential. First time outreach has happened. Avoided public. Scrutiny. Why good a partner? Stand by records with support otherwise. Why not outreach and collaboration? Where?

Mr. Chris Connolly: We are tonight. To listen. Heard 4 hearings. We're listening. Will go forward.

Mr. Kevin LaCherra: NG history in GP valid concern?

Mr. Chris Connolly: W had good covid response

Mr. Kevin LaCherra: Mutual Aid. During COVID, NG rammed through (MRI) project. Partner through COVID? NG days are numbered in our community.

Mr. Willis Elkins: Stakeholder outreach? Who did they reach out to?

Will get to us through NCA? Should out directly to groups excluded like the Cooper Park Houses residents.

JK Canepa: At Public Service Commission hearing - NG said MRI, replay.

Peter: Phase 5. Reliability connection to LNG facility. No new increase in gas. No upstream flow.

JK: LNG & MRI independent of each other? Or dependent

Peter: Without 5p, system will run less efficiently

JK: fall back? Trucking?

Peter: No need to truck in or out of GP.

JK: Misleading

Ms. Margot Spindelman: If the City was supportive of NG plan, why didn't it sign onto joint proposal?

Mr. Chris Connolly: Can't speak for the city. Process still ongoing.

Ms. Margot Spindelman: City is not confident. Status of 2 vaporizers? Like pursuit? What will surcharge be?

Mr. Chris Connolly: In permitting phase with DEC. No resolution for air permit. Or determination of materials anticipating approval anddemand. Vaporizer units 13 & 14 plan to get online for winter 2022/2023. No details on cost to ratepayers.

Mr. Willis Elkins: Please provide answers to questions they can't answer.

NG: Will follow up with committee (to obtain ourselves/board/committee)

Ms. Kim Fraszek: 1% capacity used What more? How will vaporizers be refilled? Where LNG trucks originating & what will be their routes? NG applied for variance with City to get a loophole for safety?

Mr. Chris Connolly: No trucking involved. Gas Liquified. Stored. In winter to reach supply supplement customers' needs on coldest days. Last two winters were mild, but plan for design day conditions. This why they need upgrade.

Ms. Kim Fraszek: MRI pipeline would be connected to GP LNG

Mr. Chris Connolly: Operate distribution system. MRI not pipeline.

Ms. Kim Fraszek: 30" steel tube not a pipeline?

Peter: Not interstate pipeline

Ms. Kim Fraszek: we know

Mr. Chris Connolly: modernizing our operation

Ms. Kraszek: Why is it not a pipeline?

Mr. Chris Connolly: It's distribution system. Not pipeline.

Mr. Steve Chesler: What is it called then?

Peter: Gas mains. MRI does not increase supply to the system. Resilience & reliability

Ruahn Nagra: Units 13 & 14 are misrepresented. Feb 2020, not in report. May 2020 report mentioned for first time.

No public meetings, vetted with them. How did vaporizers go through public scrutiny? 2) Insisted LNG trucking has 'nothing to do with vaporizers, MOU with city for trucking required for vaporizer permit.

Mr. Chris Connolly: Tonight is process for public input. Previous comment period. DEC hearings. That's how input was received. Page 53 of the report, does not have? This is a balance project.

Ms. Barb Hertel: How is clean energy in the original statement? NG contains carbon dioxide. How is it clean?

Don: NG has the lowest carbon intensity. Blogenic feed source of gas does not increase mass.

Mr. T. Willis Elkins: 2021 and we're talking about NATURAL GAS A CLEAN energy source.

Ms. Sophie Ploegh: Does NG test for radon at LNG facility?

Mr. Chris Connolly: does not have answer

Mr. T. Willis Elkins: please provide.

Ms. Renee McClure: We will respond to the (Community Board) letter. Mr. Chris Connolly: happy to meet.

Mr. T. Willis Elkins: Cooper houses not informed. Close proximity to that. Found out by word of mouth. Environmental justice? Residents like this have not been represented nor reached.

Mr. T. Willis Elkins: When you get permits to move forward, how will DEC respond? 1000's of comments against plan who spoke. How can DEC approve this?

Mr. Chris Connolly: Cannot speak for DEC.

<u>Item #2 - Committee discussion on NG facility upgrade</u>:

Ms. Trina McKeever: Let's issue a letter.

Mr. Willis Elkins: Frustration. We haven't' had real conversations? What are they doing to right the past? Left toxic brownfields:

How utilize for benefit for community? Welcome NG to be more transparent and have real conversations.

Letter should invoice

Ms. Laura Hofmann: Lead poisoning that was left behind.

Mr. Willis Elkins: sheer size:

William: Corporate utility. Bad neighbors. Good is a lie. Don't care about community.

Mr. Kevin Kosta: from the chat/Kim Fraczek: The City Administration Ben Furnas and Susanne DeRoches that they have to file a positive declaration to the LNG facility. Representatives Senator Julie Salazar & Assembly Member Emily Gallagher

Letter:

- Demanding NG reach out
- Mr. T. Willis Elkins: LNG trucking: intent to rebuild defunct trucking facility. Board oppose? Haven't used in Years.
- Mr. Steve Chaeler: Net zero goal. Other pathways
- Mr. T. Willis Elkins: no data presented? Need to show groups data Dan: peak demand vulnerabilities? Need data
- Ms. Laura Hofmann; show us real impact vs greenwash video
- Eric: did legal dance, skirting questions, b/c rate case avoid legal stickiness: They must report stats to agencies, give us digestible data that we can use.
- Dan:

Trina McKeever: motion to draft and send a letter (attached separately) regarding issues and concerns about the vaporizer upgrade proposal for the NG Greenpoint facility to:

- Ben Furnas, Director, NYC Office of Climate and Sustainability
- Susanne DeRoches, Deputy Director, Infrastructure + Energy NYC Office of Resiliency and Office of Sustainability
- Mayor Bill de Blasio
- Governor Andrew Cuomo
- Basil Seggos, Commissioner, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

Kim Fraszek recommends sending one letter (vs two)

Eric Bruzaitis: second

Vote:

Yes: 7, Chesler, Chair; Bruzaitis; Elkins; McKeever; Hofmann*; Costa*; Grossman* (* non-board members)

No: 0

Abstain: 0

<u>Item #3 - BK Solid Waste Advisory Board (SWAB), Organics Committee, presentation.</u>

Members Elissa Iberti, Greg Todd (chair), Oliver Wright, other members & guests

Ms. Elissa Iberti: The committee meets once a month. Education on how we can participate in org recycling. Organizations. turn waste into compost. How to do that? Fall 2021, pickup restarting. Look for drop offs such as NBK compost project. GrowNYC. Center for Zero Waste Design supports shuttles.

Mr. Steve Chesler: what is the environmental impact:?

Mr. Greg Todd: 4-5K tons a day of landfill of organics reduced

Mr. Oliver Wright: 40% waste could be reduced

Organics pickup will be restored in neighborhoods that had it on an opt-in basis. Will ask if want to do it? If space capacity, will roll out. Still being worked out, Considered. Make demand.

Ms. Elissa Iberti: It's important we get this done.

Ms. Trina McKeever: Provide board with drop off spots

William Vega: 800 pounds collected from Cooper Park dropoff.

Mr. Dan Grossman: How do people get letters? Oliver Wright: not sure how all get it? In Fall.

Greg Todd: Did landlord have it prior.

Item #4 - Community Group Updates

North Brooklyn Neighbors (NBN) (presentation attached separately)

Anthony Buissereth, Executive 'Director

Projects/Initiatives:

Air quality monitoring

Electric school Buses. Norman Ave school bus depot will be all electric fleet

NYU Partnership, help analyze content in Air Quality readings

Nuhart site (with Superfund site) under auction

Steve Chesler: Electric busses achievement is huge. Anthony Buissereth: diesel mostly the problem.

Steve Chesler: Air monitoring results have been disturbing. Anthony Buissereth: increase in toxin readings after pandemic decrease. Silicon: construction dust one significant result in our neighborhood.

Trina McKeever: This data could inform land use committee

Anthony Buissereth: will have report from NYU in the Fall

Newtown Creek Alliance

Mr. T. Willis Elkins, Executive Director

Newtown Creek Superfund site: analysis of creek bed for contaminants. Draft remedial investigation. January was first review by the community after 4 years. Newtown Creek CAG submitted a response after potentially responsible parties (PRPs) comments. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) decision regarding CSO (billion gallons of sewage a year into creek), CSO chemical runoff, like gas, oil, chemicals. No action decision - does not require more reduction from the City. Long Term Pollution Control Plan (LTPCP) - tunnel - reduce CSO output by 60%. EPA ok with that. Final decision for the entire creek later on.

Mr. Steve Chesler: after remedy, will the creek be swimmable & fishable?

Mr. T. Willis Elkins: back & forth between PRP about remedy. Much power driven by PRPs

Folks should join the CAG. Need more representation in under-represented service areas.

Newtown Creek Nature Walk: new phases opened!!!

Under K park opened!!!

Gateway to Greenpoint open space next to Newtown Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. Partial funding.

North Henry Street end at Newtown Creek, project to restore shoreline with salt marsh habitat. State agreed to fund.

<u>Kingsland Wildflowers</u> - rooftop green roofs. Alive Structures. Field trips. Stormwater mgmt. Starting to reopen.

Cleanups and managing new planted areas. Local school pollinator gardens.

Ms. Trina McKeever: Should the Community Board write a letter about the CSO remedy?

Mr. T. Willis Elkins: to get on record is a problematic process. Good for full creek remedy.

Old Business

34 Berry Street Brownfield Cleanup Update

Director of the Center for Environmental Health at the NYS DOH, Gary Ginsberg issued a letter to the board addressed to Chair Fuller detailing their investigation of 34 Berry for vapor intrusion to the residences of 34 Berry, prompted by the board's request recommended by this committee for NYS DOH to perform a study there. It noted that they found no evidence of vapor intrusion from the contaminated soil and groundwater below the foundation cap. Kudos to the committee and special mention to committee member Laura Hofmann for suggesting this request.

<u>315 Berry Street Update</u> - BSA special permit to install battery storage system on roof.

The Board of Standards & Appeals (BSA) held their initial public hearing. Commissioners questioned the safety of installing this system on a residential building. BSA Chair cited an accident & fire from similar system (though different batteries than proposed for 315 Berry St) in Arizona 2 years ago that resulted in firefighter injuries. They also questioned the integrity of the building's foundation. Microgrid Networks has two months to provide data on safety and analysis of the building's foundation. Ashley Thompson from Capolino made a request to the CB for EPC Chair Ms. Chesler to act as mediator between MicroGrid Networks and the

tenants of 315 Berry St, since that was the committee's recommendations (that the two sides reconcile). However, Chairperson Ms. Fuller responded resoundingly no citing severe safety concerns based on the Arizona accident.

New Business

New NYC DEP Food Digesters Rule (attached separately):

Rule will make it illegal for the use of devices that partially break waste down and mix the waste with water with the intent of discharging this mixture into the sewer system. This waste wreaks havoc on the wastewater treatment and flow process.

Ms. Laura Hofmann: The Newtown Creek Monitoring Committee ("NCMC") went on record to support these rules. ULURP requirement for NCWTP upgrade.

Mr. Dan Grossman: How to enforce?

Committee consensus agreed this is a good new rule to reduce clogging and overall pollution of the waterways especially since Newtown Creek is in our district.

Ms. Laura Hofmann: Motion for board to state approval of new rule.

Mr. T. Willis Elkins: Second

Vote:

Yes: 7, Chesler, Chair; Bruzaitis; Elkins; McKeever; Hofmann*; Costa*;

Grossman* (* non-board members)

No: 0 Abstain: 0

Volunteer Cleanup Program Notices

Mr. Steve Chesler requested committee members flag specific volunteer cleanup program notices that the committee receives that they feel warrant review by the committee. He said we should keep an eye on 215 N10th which involves an entire street block with existing buildings.

<u>Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer System (MS4) 2020 Annual Report</u> - Commenting on this item was tabled.

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from Laura Hofmann to Stevie Chesler (privately): 6:39 PM

He's already starting with a condecending tone

from Laura Hofmann to Everyone: 6:58 PM

Explosive

from Steve Fox to Everyone: 6:58 PM

Why is this out of scope?

from Willis Elkins to Everyone: 7:10 PM

Dan - can you mute yourself

from Kevin LaCherra to Everyone: 7:10 PM

can dan grossman mute

from Willis Elkins to Everyone: 7:12 PM

You literally said that you are seeking to rebuild the trucking depot

from Kevin Costa to Everyone: 7:12 PM

+1

from Laura Hofmann to Everyone: 7:13 PM

Yes. Willis. Thats what I heard too.

from william vega to Everyone: 7:14 PM

agreed

from Steve Fox to Everyone: 7:16 PM

Yup

from Willis Elkins to Everyone: 7:17 PM

next up for questions: Kevin L.; JK; Margot; Kim; Ruhan

from Greg Todd to Everyone: 7:25 PM

When will the biogas from the Newtown Creek sewage treatment go on-line with National Grid?

from Eric B to Stevie Chesler (privately): 7:26 PM

This is going long

from Kevin Costa to Everyone: 7:27 PM

Can we get a full list of the orgs contacted and dates contacted?

from Laura Hofmann to Everyone: 7:28 PM

Also Newtown Creek Monitoring Committee,... that oversaw the sewage treatment facility upgrade... you know, where National Gridd has a facility located....

from Laura Hofmann to Everyone: 7:33 PM

As one of the responsilbe parties of the NC Superfund , NG would now charge us for the modernations of the same facility.

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from Kevin LaCherra to Everyone: 7:37 PM

it's not

from Kevin LaCherra to Everyone: 7:37 PM

what's the forecast on what climate emergency will mean for Greenpoint?

from Steve Fox to Everyone: 7:38 PM

Global warming is a "short term trend"? Is that Nat Grid official policy?

from Laura Hofmann to Everyone: 7:41 PM

Miriaum webster

Definition of pipeline

1a: a line of pipe with pumps, valves, and control devices for conveying liquids, gases, or finely divided solids

from Margot Spindelman to Everyone: 7:42 PM

This is so frighteningly Orwellian.

from Willis Elkins to Everyone: 7:43 PM

next speakers: Ruhan; Barb; Sophie

from Kim Fraczek to Everyone: 7:46 PM

Feedback is that we don't want this. But you're not implementing the feedback

from Kim Fraczek to Everyone: 7:48 PM

But we are talking about fracked gas.

from Kevin LaCherra to Everyone: 7:48 PM

Have to run everyone. Thank you for this. It's criminal that regular people in this community have to dedicate this level of time, attention, and energy to get the barest level of transparency from a private corporation working for their private profits. National Grid is responsible for one of the most devastating disasters this community has ever faced with the oil spill and is responsible for the most devastating disaster this community will face in climate emergency. North Brooklyn and this entire city needs public power now and for that 110 acres where National Grid sits to become parkland.

from JK Canepa to Everyone: 7:49 PM

Verrry well documented the impact of methane on climate, see Robt Howarth studies

from Kim Fraczek to Everyone: 7:51 PM

And a lawsuit!

from Kim Fraczek to Everyone: 7:52 PM

Put the labor on Willis to do?

from Laura Hofmann to Everyone: 7:54 PM

I think the point is that NG even missed the most blatent stakeholders. But NG should be doing their own footwork. Its a short reach to find out you're located near public housing.

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from Kim Fraczek to Everyone: 7:57 PM

Contact The City Administration Ben Furnas and Susanne DeRoches that they have to file a positive

declaration to the LNG facility

from Kim Fraczek to Everyone: 7:57 PM

I'm happy to help draft that letter

from Kevin Costa to Everyone: 7:59 PM

Totally agree

from Kim Fraczek to Everyone: 7:59 PM

But they didn't even use their old LNG tanks past two years

from Kim Fraczek to Everyone: 8:00 PM

The City Administration Ben Furnas and Susanne DeRoches that they have to file a positive declaration to

the LNG facility

from Willis Elkins to Everyone: 8:02 PM

I think it is techinically AM Davila's district

from Kim Fraczek to Everyone: 8:02 PM

Davila opposes this!

from Kim Fraczek to Everyone: 8:02 PM

She is my rep

from Kevin Costa to Everyone: 8:04 PM

I think speaking to both is important

from Margot Spindelman to Everyone: 8:05 PM

Dld they say when / why it was decommissioned?

from Willis Elkins to Everyone: 8:05 PM

"many years ago"

from Margot Spindelman to Everyone: 8:13 PM

Many thanks— you are an incredible committee

from Kim Fraczek to Everyone: 8:14 PM

declaration

from Kim Fraczek to Everyone: 8:14 PM

SAme letter

from Laura Hofmann to Everyone: 8:26 PM

Can you post the link here? That video is awesome.

from Dan Grossman to Everyone: 8:27 PM

yes this is amazing

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from Elissa Iberti to Everyone: 8:27 PM

http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRjiXLpB8V-PQQRkWifyaKw

from Kim Fraczek to Everyone: 8:28 PM

SOOOOO much more awesome than Nat Grid's greenwashing video! haha amazing

from Kevin Costa to Everyone: 8:28 PM

X1000

from william vega to Everyone: 8:28 PM

AGREED!

from Oliver Wright to Everyone: 8:30 PM

brooklynswab.org

from Elissa Iberti to Everyone: 8:30 PM

mailto:swab.brooklyn@gmail.com

from Elissa Iberti to Everyone: 8:31 PM

brooklynswab.org

from Anthony Buissereth to Everyone: 8:53 PM

northbrooklynneighbors.org/gni

from Laura Hofmann to Everyone: 8:53 PM

Great work

from Anthony Buissereth to Everyone: 8:55 PM

Thanks Laura!

from Willis Elkins to Everyone: 9:01 PM

https://newtowncreekcag.org/

from Willis Elkins to Everyone: 9:01 PM

Comments on the RI report: https://newtowncreekcag.files.wordpress.com/2021/05/cag_ri-comments-may2021.pdf

from Laura Hofmann to Everyone: 9:06 PM

Do you happen to know the next CAG meeting date?

from Willis Elkins to Everyone: 9:08 PM

https://gothamist.com/news/23-years-after-being-proposed-greenpoint-nature-walk-finished

from Stevie Chesler to Everyone: 9:08 PM

it's amazing.

from Stevie Chesler to Everyone: 9:08 PM

very unique

from Kim Fraczek to Everyone: 9:12 PM

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Incredible work

from Willis Elkins to Everyone: 9:12 PM

http://www.kingslandwildflowers.com/

from Willis Elkins to Everyone: 9:13 PM

http://www.newtowncreekalliance.org/events/
from Willis Elkins to Everyone: 9:14 PM

http://www.newtowncreekalliance.org/gateway-to-greenpoint/

from Laura Hofmann to Everyone: 9:15 PM

Great work Willis.

from Willis Elkins to Everyone: 9:17 PM

Thank Laura - we do it all for you (Seriously!)

from Kim Fraczek to Everyone: 9:17 PM See ya's! Thanks for being awesome!!

from Laura Hofmann to Everyone: 9:17 PM

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from Willis Elkins to Everyone: 9:23 PM

it is the biggest

Attachment - LETTER Environmental Protection Committee Report 6-8-2021

To: Mayor Bill De Blasio <u>Bdeblasio@cityhall.NYC.gov</u>

To: Governor Cuomo Email@exec.ny.gov

To: DEC Commissioner Seggos: basil.seggos@dec.ny.gov

NYSDEC-R2 in charge of the LNG permit: Caitlyn Nichols DEP.R2@dec.ny.gov

PSC Commissioner John Howard: secretary@dps.ny.gov

To: FDNY

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Cc: Mayor's Office:

Emma Wolfe, Chief of Staff and Deputy Mayor for Administration at New York City Hall ewolfe@cityhall.nyc.gov

As they presented to the Brooklyn Community Board #1 Environmental Protection Committee at their meeting May 27, 2021, National Grid seeks to construct two new Liquified Natural Gas (LNG) vaporizers (Vaporizers 13 and 14) at the Greenpoint Energy Center, which would significantly increase the facility's potential for toxic emissions, adding new sources of pollutants in a DEC-designated Potential Environmental Justice Area with already-poor air quality. As part of the same larger project as the proposed new LNG vaporizers, National Grid is also proposing rebuilding and reviving its LNG trucking station at the Greenpoint facility and seeking variances to transport LNG to the facility by truck—a practice that is currently illegal in New York City due to the catastrophic safety and environmental hazards of a potential explosion. The larger goal is to connect the new Metropolitan Reliability Infrastructure (MRI aka the North Brooklyn Pipeline) project to the upgraded LNG facility, both of which BK CB #1 expressed its opposition to in its October 20, 2020 letter to Mayor de Blasio. Additionally, National Grid is seeking a rate increase to fund both projects.

In its presentation to the BK CB #1 Environmental Protection Committee National Grid failed to provide data to support the need for upgrading the Greenpoint LNG facility, the potential safety issues associated with the LNG trucking facility with regard to transporting to and filling LNG vaporizers with LNG, and how this project will work towards their company reducing fossil fuel production and helping reach a Greenhouse Gas Emissions reduction of 85% by 2050 as stipulated in the New York State Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (Climate Act), and not increasing their GHG emissions.

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Furthermore, it was made clear that National Grid has not reached out and communicated the details of this proposal to Potential Environmental Justice Area communities or communities in direct proximity to the MRI project and the Greenpoint LNG facility and trucking facility.

Until National Grid provides this board with the data noted above and meets and communicates the details of its MRI and Greenpoint LNG facility proposals to communities in close proximity to the proposed projects and those communities communicate to BK CB #1 they acknowledge the various deep potential impacts these projects will have on them, this board in regard to direct approvals from the Mayor's office and the New York City Fire Department (FDNY) that are needed for (1) the Greenpoint LNG vaporizers; (2) the Greenpoint LNG trucking station; and (3) LNG trucking activities in New York City, we urge the Mayor's office to (1) issue "positive declarations" in its City Environmental Quality Reviews (CEQR) of these projects; and (2) deny all approvals.

Permits from the New York City Fire Department (FDNY) are also required for these projects. We urge the Mayor's office to instruct FDNY to protect our heroic firefighters and all residents of New York by (1) issuing positive declarations under CEQR; and (2) denying all permits for these projects. In particular, FDNY must deny the following permits:

- Vaporizers 13 and 14:
 - o FDNY permit Mechanical Package/LOA
 - o FDNY Fire Alarm System
 - o FDNY Gas Detection system
 - o FDNY Fire Suppression system (Elect)
 - o FDNY Fire Suppression system (Mech)
- Greenpoint LNG trucking station:
 - o FDNY Permit Mechanical Package
 - o FDNY Fire Alarm System
 - o FDNY Gas Detection system
 - o FDNY Fire Suppression system

ATTACHMENT – Data Request Environmental Protection Committee Report 6-8-2021

CB EPC National Grid Post-Meeting Data Request

Why is trucking LNG illegal, especially as it relates to the Greenpoint LNG facility and the trucking station they propose to revive and modernize?

What alternatives to the LNG facility are you considering in relation to compliance and working towards the goals of the state Climate Act and achieving pathways? Please provide concrete details and proposals.

How and when will National Grid communicate directly with communities in close proximity to the MRI project and the Greenpoint LNG facility and trucking station project? And to discuss alternatives? And how this land could best benefit these communities?

What will be the cost (surcharge) to consumers for the Greenpoint LNG facility and trucking station upgrade?

How does National Grid test for radon at its Greenpoint LNG facility? Provide details? Will the testing be different for the upgraded facility? How?

What is National Grid's response to the 1000's of comments against this project via the DEC?

NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Notice of Public Hearing and Opportunity to Comment on Proposed Rules

What are we proposing? The Department of Environmental Protection ("Department" or "DEP") is proposing to amend 15 RCNY Chapter 19, Section 19-01 to define "food waste liquefier," and Section 19-03(b) to prohibit the use of devices that break down food waste for the purpose of discharging it into the sewer system, except for food waste disposers within dwelling units. The proposed amendment will protect the sewer system, the public health, and the waterways from a new potential cause of sewer backups and overflows, while ensuring that those who have already invested in the banned devices will not lose their investment.

When and where is the hearing? DEP will hold a public hearing on the proposed rule online. The public hearing will take place at 11 am on May 28, 2021. To participate in the public hearing, please follow these instructions:

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer or mobile app

Click here to join the meeting

Or call in (audio only)

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Phone Conference ID: 191 584 291#

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

- Website. You can submit comments to the Department through the NYC rules web site at http://rules.cityofnewyork.us.
- Email. You can email written comments to nycrules@dep.nyc.gov.
- Mail. You can mail written comments to the Department, Bureau of Legal Affairs, 59-17 Junction Boulevard, 19th Floor, Flushing, NY 11373.
- Fax. You can fax written comments to the Department, Bureau of Legal Affairs, at 718-595-6543.
- By speaking at the hearing. Anyone who wants to comment on the proposed rule at the public hearing must sign up to speak. You can sign up before the hearing by calling 718-595-6531. You can also sign up in the hearing room before the hearing begins on May 28, 2021. You can speak for up to three minutes.

Is there a deadline to submit written comments? Yes, you must submit written comments by May 28, 2021.

What if I need assistance to participate in the hearing? You must tell the Department's Bureau of Legal Affairs if you need a reasonable accommodation of a disability at the hearing. You must tell us if you need a sign language interpreter. You can tell us by postal mail or email to the addresses given above. You may also tell us by telephone at 718-595-6531. You must tell us by May 21, 2021.

This location has the following accessibility option(s) available: wheelchair accessible.

Can I review the comments made on the proposed rules? You can review the comments made online on the proposed rules by going to the website at http://rules.cityofnewyork.us/. A few days after the hearing, a transcript of the hearing and copies of the written comments will be available to the public at the Bureau of Legal Affairs.

What authorizes the Department to make these rules? Section 1043(a) of the New York City Charter ("City Charter") and section 24-523(e) of the Administrative Code of the City of New York authorize the Department to make these proposed rules, which were included in the Department's regulatory agenda for fiscal year 2021.

Where can I find the Department's rules? The Department's rules are in Title 15 of the Rules of the City of New York.

What laws govern the rulemaking process? The Department must meet the requirements of Section 1043 of the City Charter when creating or changing rules. This notice is made according to the requirements of Section 1043(b) of the City Charter.

Statement of Basis and Purpose

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP" or "Department") proposes to amend Title 15, Chapter 19 of the Rules of the City of New York ("RCNY") to prohibit the use of devices that break down food waste for the purpose of discharging it into the sewer system, except for food waste disposers within dwelling units. Food waste liquefiers can cause backups of sewage into homes and businesses, creating hazardous and unsanitary conditions, which can jeopardize health and wellbeing and cause property damage. Such blockages could also threaten the health of the general public, wildlife, and the environment by leading to combined or sanitary sewer overflows into water bodies.

On December 18, 2015, the New York City Department of Sanitation (DSNY) published in the City Record rules governing organic waste generated by designated commercial establishments. Under 16 RCNY § 1-11(b) such establishments must either hire a private carter to haul away their organic wastes for the purpose of beneficial organic waste use, transport their own organic wastes to an organic waste processing facility or authorized transfer station, or provide for a beneficial organic waste use on-site at their premises.

Having chosen the last option, a number of establishments have installed devices that manufacturers may call "digesters," but which rely heavily on breaking down food waste into smaller solids by mechanical means and dilution with water, and then discharging it into the public sewer. This rule amendment would designate such devices as "food waste liquefiers" and "biological liquefaction systems," because the terms "biodigesters" or "digesters" do not accurately represent the amount of digestion that takes place in the systems. While some aerobic digestion occurs in some of these devices, aided by the addition of enzymes or other additives, it is only partial digestion and is part of the process of liquefying the food waste, over the course of several hours to up to 48 hours for a full load, to discharge it into the sewer. (Northeastern University, 2013; California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, 2018; BioCycle Magazine, 2013).

Full digestion is a much longer process, which would require a minimum 15-day retention time, as shorter retention times are not conducive to proper digestion of food waste. (USEPA, 2008; Metcalf and Eddy, 1991). Properly digested food waste is also not suitable for discharge to the sewer, as the water drains out of it over the course of the digestion process, resulting in a solid waste product that must be removed from the digester for off-site uses or disposal, rather than put down the drain.

The waste stream discharged from food waste liquefiers is high in total suspended solids, oil and grease as revealed by DEP sampling. Discharging such substances is contrary to the prohibitions in 15 RCNY 19-03(a)(1) against, amongst other things, "fats, oils, grease, or any solids or viscous substances capable of causing obstruction to the flow in sewers or other interference with the proper operation of the sewerage system." The DSNY rule at 16 RCNY § 1-11(b)(3)(iii) requires that establishments that install organic waste processing systems ensure that such systems are installed in accordance with "all applicable laws and rules governing the discharge of waste and waste water, including section 19-11 of title 15 of the rules of the city of New York governing the discharge of grease into the city sewer system, and any other applicable regulations enforced by the department of environmental protection or the New York state department of environmental conservation."

DEP conducted sampling of the discharge from various devices that are claimed by their manufacturers to be digesters, and that have been installed to meet the requirements in 16 RCNY § 1-11(b). Most of the results revealed oil and grease concentrations in the hundreds of milligrams per liter, with several in the thousands. Eighty percent of the results were above the oil and grease limit of 300 mg/L that DEP applies in the Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permits it issues to industrial users of the public sewer. For total suspended solids (TSS), all of the results were above the 350 mg/L limit that DEP imposes in Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permits. Most of these results were in the thousands of milligrams per liter. A properly sized grease interceptor could theoretically handle the high fat, oil, and grease (FOG) component of the discharge, if the establishment frequently maintained the interceptor and if the TSS were low. However, the TSS numbers are so high that solids would very rapidly fill a grease interceptor and even a solids interceptor. It is not realistic to think that establishments would clean out the solids from the grease and/or solids interceptor as frequently as needed and incur the heavy costs of transporting them offsite on such a frequent basis.

The reason that the FOG and TSS numbers are so high is that these devices break down solids by mechanical means such as turning, agitation, maceration, shredding, or grinding. They commonly employ motor driven paddles that churn the food waste while water is added, until the waste is broken down into smaller particles that get discharged down the drain and into the sewer. Some manufacturers sell enzymes or other additives to add to the food waste for the stated purpose of accelerating the process of breaking down the food. All of the food waste is discharged into the sewer.

Both FOG and TSS can cause blockages in the sewer. Either of them can cause blockages on their own, but together the effect is even greater because FOG and TSS can adhere to each other, thereby increasing the size of the obstruction to the flow in the sewer. This obstruction can cause backups of sewage into homes and businesses, creating hazardous and unsanitary conditions, which can jeopardize health and wellbeing and cause property damage. Such blockages could also threaten the health of the general public, wildlife, and the environment by leading to combined or sanitary sewer overflows into water bodies.

For this reason, DEP is proposing to prohibit the use of devices that break down food waste for the purpose of discharging it into the sewer system, except for food waste disposers within dwelling units (which are permitted under Plumbing Code § 413.1 and Administrative Code § 24-518.1(b)). Under the proposed amendment, a definition for "food waste liquefier" would be added to the definition section at 15 RCNY § 19-01 because most of the devices that have been installed in the City that would fall under the ban can be properly identified as such. An entry for "biological liquefaction system" would also be inserted in the definition section which refers back to "food waste liquefier," as both terms are synonymous.

Then at 15 RCNY § 19-03(b), a new subsection (2) would be added after the existing prohibition against food waste disposers that are not in dwelling units. The new subsection 15 RCNY § 19-03(b)(2) would prohibit any device that breaks down food waste (except for food waste disposers within dwelling units), by whatever means, for the purpose of discharging it into the sewer system, including but not limited to food waste liquefiers.

The same subsection also provides for the grandfathering of installations that before the effective date of the amendment have been registered with the Department of Sanitation, are connected to a grease interceptor as a result of an order issued by DEP, or appear on engineering plans approved by DEP. However, when any such device reaches the end of its useful life, if it is replaced, it may only be replaced with on-site processing methods that do not break down food waste for the purpose of discharging it into the sewer system, and which comply with all applicable federal, state, and local requirements. These provisions will ensure that establishments that have either obtained permission from the City to have these devices, or have expended money to connect them to grease interceptors by order of the City, will be able to keep them until they are no longer serviceable. After that time, they may not be replaced by another such device.

The addition of food waste from these devices to the already constrained wastewater conveyance and treatment system would require significant expenditures on system upgrades, and would

jeopardize water quality standards. The proposed amendment will protect the sewer system, the public health, and the waterways from a new potential cause of sewer backups and overflows, while ensuring that those who have already invested in the banned devices will not lose their investment.

A minor amendment to correct a typographical error in 15 RCNY § 19-11(o) is also being made by removing the last sentence in that subsection, which had been inadvertently left in, at the time of the 3/19/20 amendments, from an earlier draft.

REFERENCES

Northeastern University (2013) "On-Site Systems for Processing Food Waste – A Report to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection," Isaac Griffith-Onnen, Zak Patten, and Jennifer Wong, Northeastern University, Boston, Mass.

California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery – CalRecycle (2018) https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Organics/food/commercial/Liquefiers/

BioCycle Magazine (2013) "Analysis of Biodigesters and Dehydrators to Manage Organics On-Site," Zoë Neale.

USEPA (2008) "Anaerobic Digestion of Food Waste" U.S. Environmental Protection Agency," Prepared by East Bay Municipal Utility District.

Metcalf and Eddy (1991) "Wastewater Engineering Treatment, Disposal, and Reuse, Third Edition."

Material being deleted is shown below in [brackets] and material being added is underlined.

Section 1. Section 19-01 of Chapter 19 of Title 15 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended by adding the following definitions in alphabetical order to read as follows:

Biological liquefaction system. See "food waste liquefier."

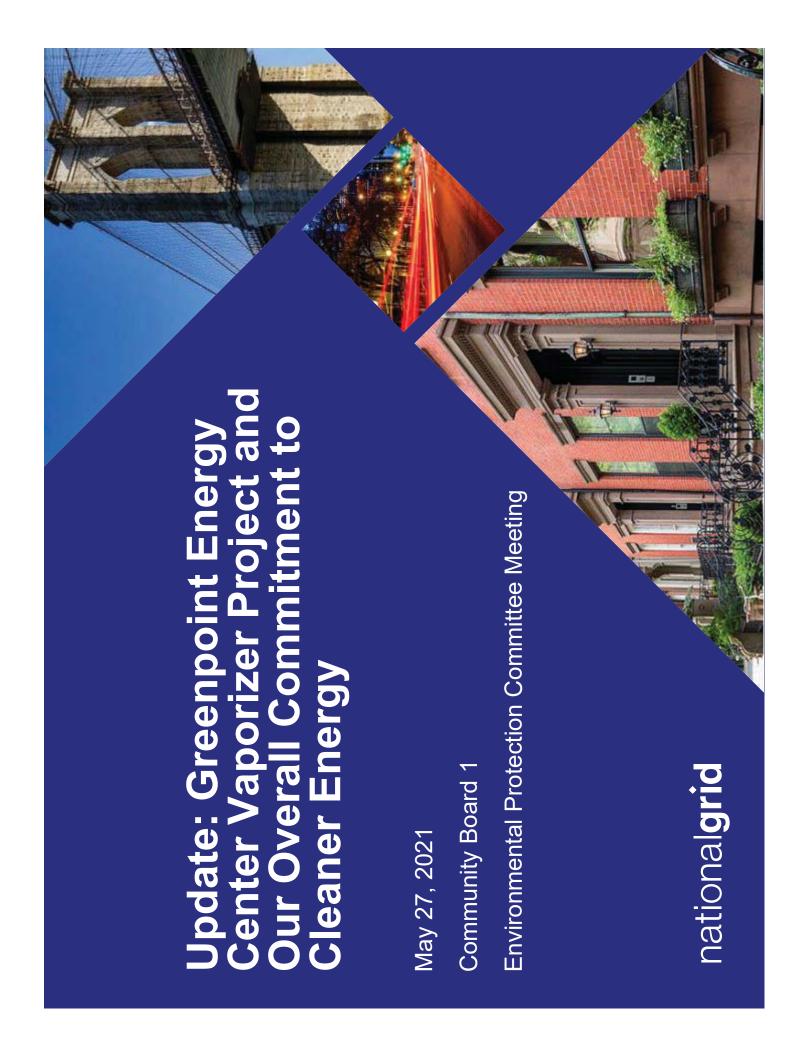
Food waste liquefier. "Food waste liquefier" also known as "biological liquefaction system" means a device that breaks down food waste into liquefied form typically, but not exclusively, by mechanical turning, agitation, maceration, shredding, grinding, and/or aerobic digestion, as well as dilution with water, and may use additives such as microorganisms, enzymes, vitamins, and/or minerals. The resulting liquefied food waste is discharged into the drainage system.

Section 2. Subdivision (b) of Section 19-03 of Chapter 19 of Title 15 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

- (b) (1) Food waste disposers shall be permitted only within dwelling units. Under no circumstances will the discharge of garbage or refuse whether shredded or unshredded, other than ground putrescible food waste from food waste disposers in dwelling units, be permitted into a combined or sanitary sewer.
- (2) Except for food waste disposers within dwelling units, any device that breaks down food waste by whatever means for the purpose of discharging it into the sewer system, including but not limited to food waste liquefiers, is prohibited in both residential and non-residential premises unless such device, prior to the effective date of this paragraph, either was connected to a grease interceptor as a result of an Order issued by the Department, appeared on engineering plans approved by the Department, or was registered with the New York City Department of Sanitation. When any such device reaches the end of its useful life, if it is replaced, it may only be replaced with on-site processing methods that do not break down food waste for the purpose of discharging it into the sewer system, and which comply with all applicable federal, state, and local requirements.

Section 3. Subdivision (o) of Section 19-11 of Chapter 19 of Title 15 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

(o) Discharges from the cleaning of kitchen hoods which may extract grease from cooking operations must be made to receptacles or floor drains that are connected to a grease interceptor or automatic grease removal device. The minimum flow rate of the required grease interceptor or automatic grease removal device as per Table II for an automatic hood wash unit shall be equivalent to such unit's discharge rate in gallons per minute, as indicated on the manufacturer's specification sheet or based on the number of gallons of water the device uses per wash cycle, or based on the length of the hood system (0.7 gallons per minute per foot), whichever is greater. The minimum flow rate of the required grease interceptor or automatic grease removal device as per Table I for an electrostatic precipitator shall be equivalent to the precipitator's discharge rate in gallons per minute, as indicated on the manufacturer's specification sheet, or based on the number of gallons of water the precipitator uses per wash cycle, whichever is greater. [The minimum grease retention capacity in pounds shall be that which corresponds to such flow rate in Table II.]



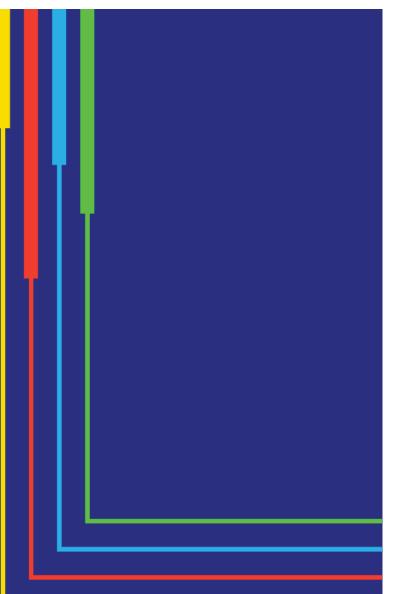
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- Opening Remarks Bryan Grimaldi
- Update: Greenpoint Energy Center Vaporizers Chris Connolly
- Our Commitment to Clean Energy Don Chahbazpour
- 5 Thank You Renee Mc Clure

Update:
Greenpoint
Energy Center
Vaporizer Project

national**grid**



Background

- Greenpoint LNG plant: in service since 1968
- The plant liquifies and stores gas from our system during periods of low demand for use during periods of high demand (usually days <15° F)
- construction of two new advanced, highly efficient vaporizers and a CNG We filed an application with the NY DEC in May 2020 to allow for the transfer station at our Greenpoint Energy Center
- Removed CNG Transfer station scope from filing in Feb. 2021
- Application covers entire facility and seeks approval to downgrade Title V air permit to State Facility air permit (Iowering emissions cap by ~50%)
- Vaporizers operate infrequently but are key to supplying gas to customers during periods of high demand
- In addition to energy efficiency and gas demand programs, this project is one of the solutions identified in our report to the State
- Based on detailed analysis and extensive public feedback

Our Responsibility

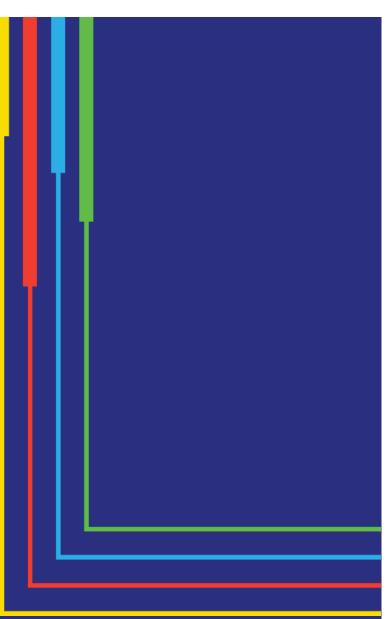
- To ensure <u>safe, affordable and reliable service to our</u> **customers** in all types of weather **and** provide gas service to customers who request it as outlined by regulations
- Key to our responsibility is effective contingency planning
- apstream supply constraints to ensure availability of gas to Preparation for winter storms, weather extremes and customers for heating
- Targeted, effective infrastructure investments to proactively provide safe, reliable, affordable and clean energy 0

Greenpoint Energy Center Vaporizer Project

- Our two new LNG Vaporizers:
- Will not increase annual output or frequency of plant operation
- Will not increase LNG storage at the Greenpoint facility 0
- Are the most efficient available and will operate at lower carbon emissions compared to existing vaporizers 0
- sporting event; allows the same amount of LNG to be moved out of Adding the vaporizers is similar to opening an additional exit at a storage into the gas distribution system more quickly
- As we transition away from carbon based fuels, we must continue modernizing infrastructure to reliably serve customers
- Reaffirms our responsibility to meet the energy security needs of the City while we move to a cleaner energy future
- Projected in-service Dec. 2022 (with air permit receipt by Aug. 2021)

Commitment to Cleaner Energy

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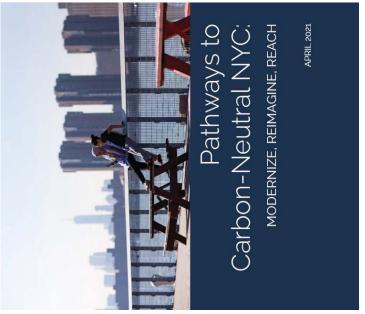
National Grid: Committed to Net Zero, Collaboration

- Our own net zero plan released Oct. 2020
- Explores a wide range of solutions until we can deliver the affordable, reliable clean energy future our customers want and deserve 0
- Collaboration: Landmark Study: Pathways to Carbon Neutral NYC - April 2021
- **Team:** NYC Mayor's Office of Sustainability, consultancy team and 25-member technical Con Edison, National Grid; included advisory committee
- **Objective:** Create a body of work that can provide insight into key decarbonization options, risks, and tradeoffs as NYC transitions to carbon neutrality



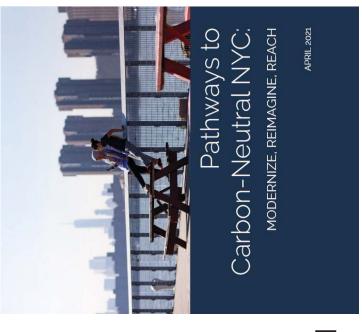
Key Takeaways from Pathways to Carbon Neutral NYC

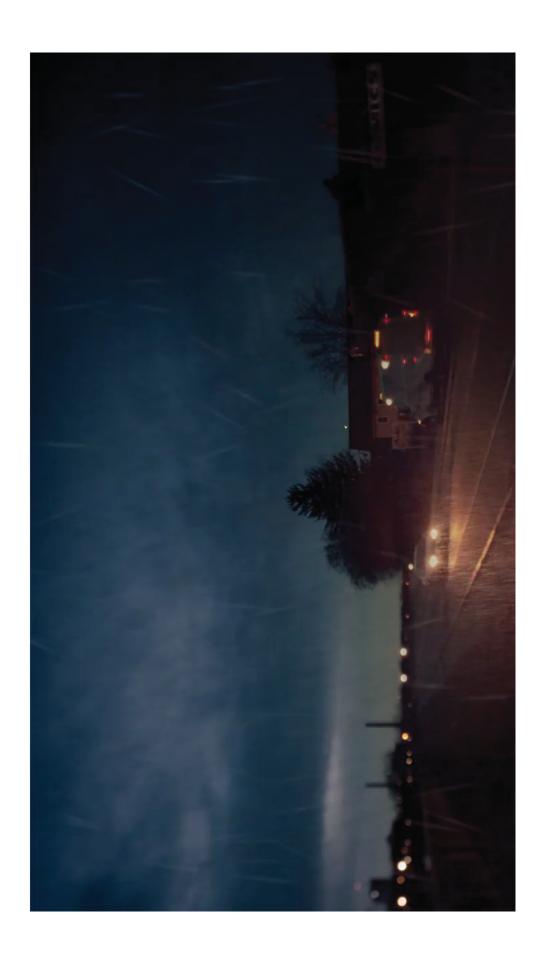
- Shows in-depth analysis of multiple pathways for NYC to reach a clean energy future, while still meeting energy needs of New Yorkers in a safe, reliable and affordable manner
- Confirms the path forward will require all stakeholders to use every available tool, including technology and innovation, to achieve carbon neutral goals
- important emission reduction strategy for end uses that do not electrify across all pathways Low-carbon gas, which includes renewable natural gas (RNG) and hydrogen, is an
- RNG supply assumptions are conservative
- Low Carbon Fuels (LCF) Pathway has the lowest cumulative cost, but by a small margin



Key Takeaways from Pathways to Carbon Neutral NYC (cont'd)

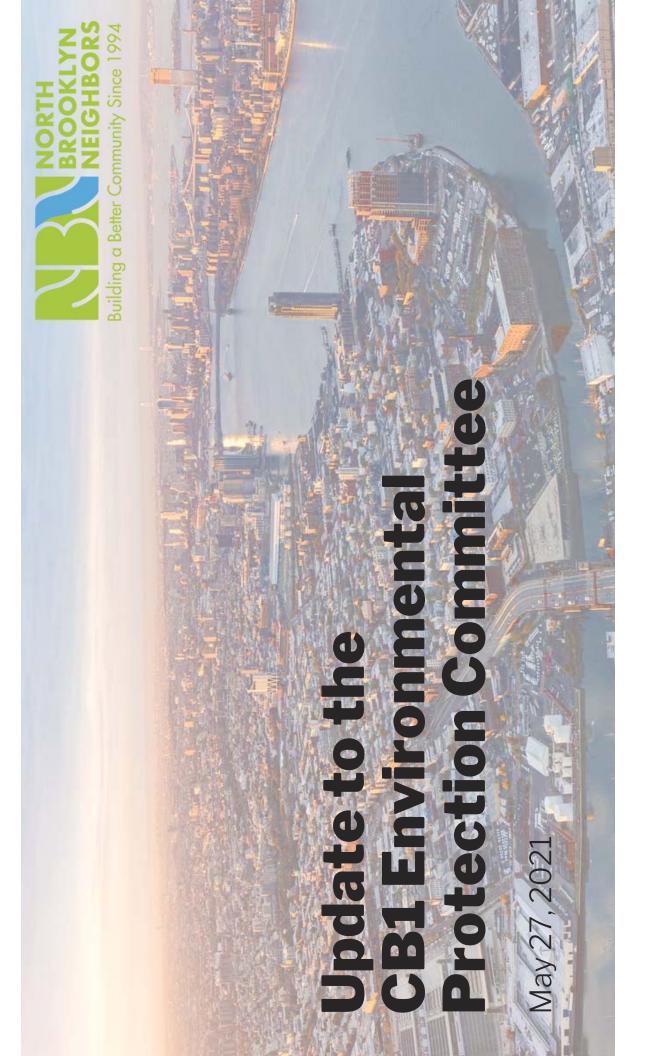
- Total gas demand across all sectors falls more than 60% in 2050
- Continued investment in the gas system is required to provide safe, reliable service and reduce emissions
- Gas network has an enduring role, and can play an integral role in supporting net-zero targets
- The pathway chosen must be orderly and allow for safe, reliable and affordable service to all
- Policy must ensure no New Yorker is left behind during the energy transition





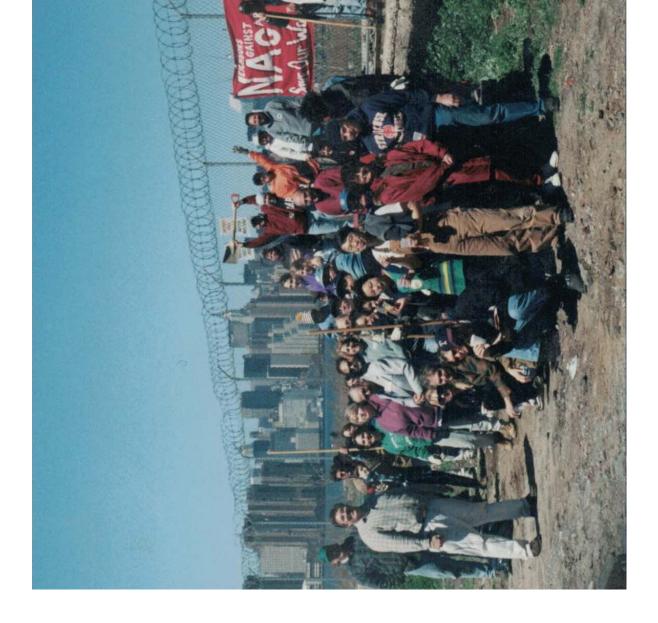
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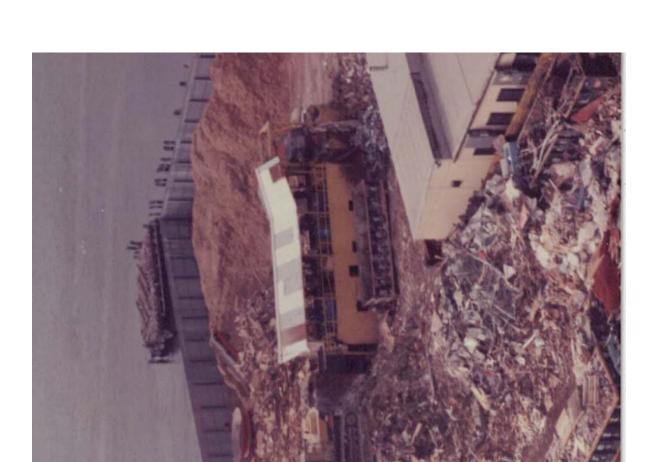
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Founded in 1994 by a group of neighbors concerned about trash and waste on the waterfront.

Originally, Neighbors Against Garbage (NAG) later Neighbors Allied for Good Growth.





Stealth video recordings, protests, and other advocacy led to transfer stations being shuttered.

In 1998, an illegally operating transfer station was shut down and NAG pushed for developing the property as parkland.

Park land granted!

In 2001, the State acquired the land and committed to the creation of seven-acre park on the waterfront. It opened in May 2007.

Now Marsha P. Johnson State Park.



Other Fights

- 197a Plans for Williamsburg & Greenpoint 2005 & 2009 Rezoning
- Resisting power plants
 - Tenant advocacy
- Waste reduction





North Brooklyn Neighbors (2018-present)

NAG and Greenpoint Waterfront Association for Parks & Planning (GWAPP) decide to join forces.

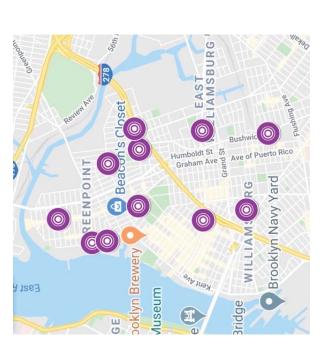
Program Areas:

Environmental Justice & Health Land Use & Public Space Mobility & Infrastructure Community Capacity & Resources



Environmental Justice & Health

Largest area of our work includes:Air QualityLegacy ToxinsToxic SitesTrash & Waste



Neighborhood Air Monitoring Initiative Air Quality



Anti-Idling



Clean School Buses

NYU Partnership

We have a partnership with NYU Center for the Investigation of Environmental Hazards (CIEH) Community Engagement Core housed in the Department of Environmental Medicine.

They provide scientific expertise and helped design & develop our recent North Brooklyn Air & Health Survey. They also support our air monitor analysis work.









Toxic Sites NuHart State Superfund



Legacy Toxins Lead in Soils & Public Commenting



Trash & Waste Bag Swap & Plastics Reduction

Other Work







North Brooklyn Open Space Coalition

Partnership between NBN, El Puente, Newtown Creek Alliance, and North Brooklyn Parks Alliance interested in organizing and promoting equitable, community-wide parks and open space policies.

The coalition hosted a virtual city council candidates' forum in April and will be hiring a policy fellow to engage community stakeholders and develop policy ideas.

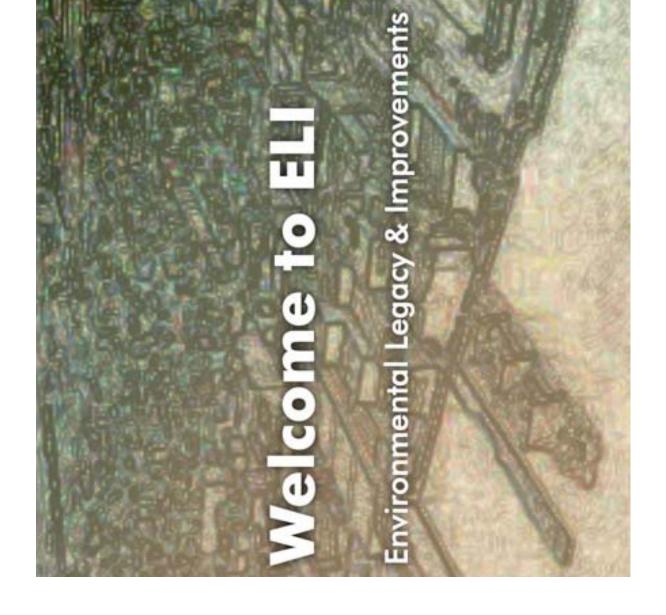
Maps & Resources

We launched an interactive map that tells the story of the neighbors toxic legacy and its current impacts. It's designed to be used as an organizing tool.

<u>northbrooklynneighbors.org/eli</u>

The Good Neighbor Initiative is a community-centered tool aimed at fostering dialogue & transparency between development sites and residents.

<u>northbrooklynneighbors.org/gni</u>





Other Coalitions

- 25X25
- City-Wide Open Streets Coalition Mobilization Against Displacement (MAD) North Brooklyn Open Streets
 - Community Coalition
 - **NYRenews**
- PlayFair
- ReusableNYC
- #SaveOurCompost

Get Involved

Extend the capacity of the organization by taking on projects and tasks that support the broad goals of North Brooklyn Neighbors and are a base for future leadership of the organization.

- Coalition Liaison
- Communications & Social Media Support
- Fundraising & Special Events Support
- Operations/General Office Administration
- Outreach & Engagement
- Photo & Video Archiving
- Project/Campaign Organizer
- Researcher
- Translation/Interpretation
- Writer (comments & other technical work)



Questions?

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