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COMBINED PUBLIC HEARING AND BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 10, 2020 HELD VIA WEBEX

#### PUBLIC HEARING

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#### ROLL CALL

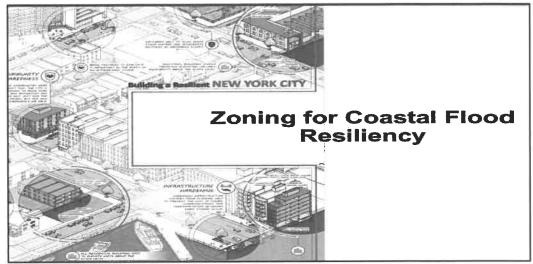
Chairperson Ms. Dealice Fuller, requested District Manager Mr. Gerald A. Esposito to call the roll. The roll was conducted virtually. Each member had to answer the call. Those who did not respond, were noted as being "not present". The tally of board members present was: 28 members answering the call, a sufficient number to open the hearing. Chairperson opened the public hearing. On the agenda was a presentation from the Department of City Planning.

PRESENTATION: THE DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING – UPDATE ON TEXT AMENDMENT BEING MADE TO THE ZONING FOR COASTAL FLOOD

RESILIENCY (ZCFR) (N210095 ZRY-Proposed Zoning for Coastal Flood Resiliency Citywide Text Amendment) - The proposed zoning text amendment would make permanent and improve on the Special Regulations Applying in Flood Hazard Areas (Article VI, Chapter 4) of the New York City Zoning Resolution, to remove zoning barriers that hinder the reconstruction and retrofitting of buildings to resiliency standards, and to help ensure that new construction will be more resilient.

In addition, ZCFR would include citywide provisions to help sites provide back-up energy, and rules that help the City recover from future disasters, including provisions intended to help address the COVID-19 pandemic and its associated economic effects. - by Ms. Sarit Platkin, Senior Borough Planner, Brooklyn Office/NYC Department of City Planning. Ms. Platkin shared

a .pdf of her presentation to the members. She was joined at the meeting by Ms. Catie Ferrara Iannitto, also from the Department of City Planning. They both presented on the item and answered questions that the members raised.



- Zoning for Coastal Flood Resiliency (ZCFR) would make temporary zoning rules adopted post Sandy permanent to help buildings meet the flood resistant construction requirements (in Appended G of the Building Code). It would improve upon such rules based on lessons learned. The emergency rules are still in place today. Since 2013 they found that some of these rules were effective and some were not. They were providing new tools for property owners. There are over-arching goals.
- Zoning for Coastal Flood Resiliency would improve homeowners' and business owners'
  ability to withstand and recover from future storms and other disaster events. It builds on
  years of collaboration with floodplain communities to support post-disaster
  recovery and promotes long-term resiliency.
- Following Hurricane Sandy in 2012, the City adopted temporary emergency zoning rules that made it easier for New Yorkers to rebuild. Zoning for Coastal Flood resiliency would update those rules with lessons learned and make them permanent.
- The proposal would allow homeowners, business owners, architects and others to design resilient buildings that are better protected from flood risk and reduce flood insurance costs. It would protect and support public access to waterfront sites through resilient open space design. It would also help New Yorkers recover quickly from other future disasters, including the COVID-19 crisis. Zoning for Coastal Flood Resiliency entered public review on Oct. 19, 2020.
  - Goal 1. Encourage resiliency throughout the current and future floodplains
  - Goal 2. Support long-term resilient design of all building types
  - Goal 3. Allow for adaptation over time through incremental retrofits
  - Goal 4. Facilitate future recovery by reducing regulatory obstacles

There is flexibility in the designs. Designs are proposed for waterfront access and walkways.

The item is being referred out to the Borough President and City Council. Comments and recommendations can be made now and until December 28<sup>th</sup>. Information is also available on the Department of City Planning's website.

After presentation, Chairperson Ms. Fuller noted that Senator Brian Kavanagh was present at the meeting. Senator Kavanagh addressed the members. He thanked all for allowing him to provide a few updates. He spoke about COVD-19 and the housing crisis. There is a public health and economic crisis. He noted spoke about eviction protection. There is a hotline to call. He spoke about different timeframes. Hardship is to be demonstrated. Persons in need of help can contact his office and they will help or make a referral. He spoke about businesses and how they can get assistance. They are working on legislation that will create a small business recovery program. It would deal with taxes. They are looking for support in this in the legislature. He spoke about needs of the homeless and doing outreach. He spoke about clean-ups. They are planning a North Brooklyn Townhall. A date for early December will be announced. He discussed the infection rate going up and encouraged people to do safe practices.

Mr. Burrows raised concern about the homeless situation under the BQE and the need for coordination in getting help. Ms. Peterson spoke about issues with daycare and senior centers. There are rumors of closing these facilities. They need to open-up and be safe. She raised concern about evictions, and the economic impact on the small property owners who need rent relief. Senator Kavanagh noted that there is a short term need for the rent relief and long term programs for tenants and property owners.

Mr. Chesler raised questions about any movement on doing a 1% tax for raising revenue. Senator Kavanagh noted this is something the are working on. Mr. Gross asked about relief for property owners? It was noted that there is an eviction moratorium. They are looking at resources and having them available in the future. Mr. Miceli raised concern about the enclosures being erected for outdoor space. They may not be safe for social distancing. Who has the control and enforcement ability? Senator Kavanagh said that he will ask about this and get back. Ms. Rachlin raised concern about gatherings that are happening.

PRESENTATION: TEXTILE WASTE NYC. BUILDING A CIRCULAR TEXTILE RECYCLING AND INNOVATION INDUSTRY- Solutions to reduce textile waste in NYC-by Sharon Silbermann (Master's Candidate). Ms. Silberman provided a presentation on textile waste in NYC. She related that she had worked many years in the fashion industry in NYC and was looking at reducing the waste of material going into the waste stream. She provided an evaluation of how much textile waste currently exists:

- NYC Department of Sanitation collects 200,000 tons of textile waste per year. That is 400,000,000 pounds annually.
- 1% is collected through e-fashion and the Housing Works collaboration.
- 14% is re-sold or recycled. 85% is sent to landfills outside NYC where it emits GHGs, produces toxic runoff, and sheds microplastic threads that pollute waterways.

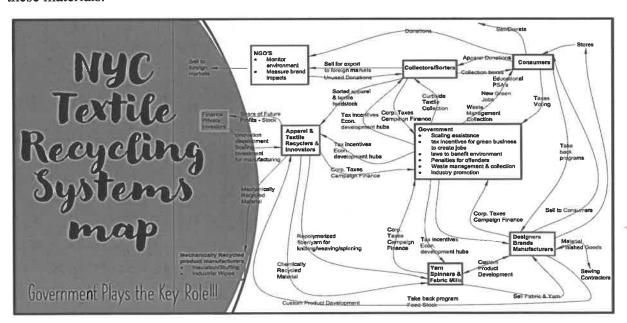
Ms. Silbermann noted that some solutions are:

- Adding curbside textile recycling to DSNY's collection routine.
- Providing education to consumers.
- Partnering with charities and non-profits to keep as much in use.
- Bringing in the wide array of stakeholders already doing apparel and textile recycling into development zone hubs dedicated to "0" waste and circular textile recycling.
- Bringing in textile innovation pioneers to make NYC a hub for sustainable textiles.

Ms. Silbermann discussed the role of NYC Residents in this. She noted that NYC residents provide postconsumer apparel and textile feedstock, but that only about 15% gets recycled. The rest is landfilled. If NYC collects these materials as part of its recycling program, the City could avert most textiles being landfilled and build circularity. She noted that the City could save \$60 million in disposal costs. To put this recycling into practice would create a projected 1,000 and more green new jobs on the fashion industry. To further this recycling effort, she is reaching out to residents to answer a survey. She stated that this resident survey is a tool that could provide information and measurables:

- -Awareness of textiles and other waste recycling programs in NYC.
- -Demand for curbside apparel and textile waste collection.
- -NYC Consumer apparel disposal habits.
- -Correlation between recycling behaviors and demographics in NYC.
- Need for consumer education and support to reach "0" waste and build NYC as a "Circular City".

Ms. Silbermann provided a map of NYC Textile Recycling systems to demonstrate the flow of these materials.



#### **LIOUOR LICENSES**

Chairperson Ms. Fuller noted all to review the list.

#### **NEW**

- 1) 1 & 3 on 5th Corp., dba Fabiane's Café & Pastry, 142 North 5th Street, (Change/Method of operation, liquor, wine, beer & cider, rest)
- 2) 99 Franklin Bar LLC, 99 Franklin Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 3) Authentic Pierogi INC., dba TBD, 592 Manhattan Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 4) Eighty Three Viet LLC, dba Falansal, 112 Harrison Place, (New, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 5) Entity to be Formed by William Van Dolsen, dba TBD, 113 Franklin Street, (New, liquor, wine, beer & cider, rest)
- 6) Grimm Ales, LLC, dba Grimm Artisanal Ales, 990 Metropolitan Avenue, (New, liquor, wine, beer, cider)
- Guernsey Hospitality LLC, dba Nura, 46 Norman Avenue, (New, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 8) Marcus NYC Inc., dba Palomas BK, 1 Knickerbocker Avenue, (Transfer & New, liquor wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 9) MP Syndicate 1 LLC, dba Maison Premiere, 298 Bedford Avenue, (New, liquor wine, beer, cider, bar/tavern)
- 10) MSG 88 LLC, dba Bonnie's, 398 Manhattan Avenue, (New liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 11) New Esquina Del Sabor Corp, dba New Esquina Del Sabor, 572 Grand Street, (New, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 12) Privilege Lounge Inc., dba S/A, 140 Graham Avenue, (Corporate Change & Method of Operation change, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern)
- 13) R. Hughes, Entity to be determined, 609 Grand Street, (New, transfer license, liquor, wine, beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 14) Southside Pizza Company LLC, dba Southside Pizza Company LLC, 188 Havemeyer Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)

#### RENEWAL

- 1) 96 Wythe Acquisition LLC, dba The Williamsburg Hotel & Harvey, 96 Wythe Avenue (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, hotel, restaurant, event space and lounge)
- 2) Anfield Road Inc, dba Banter, 132 Havemeyer Street/Store 3, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, bar/tavern)
- 3) Calexico Carne Asada LLC, 645 Manhattan Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 4) Cheeseboat LLC, dba Cheeseboat, 80 Berry Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 5) Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado, LLC, dba Chipotle Mexican Grill #2895, 130 North 4th Street, (Renewal, liquor wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 6) Facility Concession Services, Inc., dba Spectrum Catering and Concession, 66 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, music venue)
- 7) Forma Pasta LLC, 14 Bedford Avenue, (Renewal, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 8) Jupiter Disco LLC, dba Jupiter Disco, 1237 Flushing Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, bar, tavern, disc jockey, recorded music)
- 9) Marlow Inc., dba The Diner, 85 Broadway, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 10) Micado Brooklyn LLC, dba Anchored Inn, 57 Waterbury Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)

- 11) Pebble Corp., dba Sweet Chick, 164 Bedford Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 12) Sazon Perez Restaurant, 417 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street, (Renewal, beer, cider, rest)
- 13) Stina Easton Inc., TBA, 395 Wythe Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, bar, tavern recorded and live music)
- 14) The Monarch Theatre LLC, dba The Monarch Theatre, 146 Metropolitan Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, venue)
- 15) Williamsburg Thai Cuisine INC., dba Williamsburg Thai Cuisine, 212 Bedford Avenue, (Renewal, wine, beer, cider, rest)

#### **BOARD MEETING**

#### **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Chairperson Ms. Fuller called for a moment of silence and dedicated it to the Veterans, as Veterans' Day was tomorrow; and also dedicate it to the front line workers. She said that today the COVID-19 infection rate was going up. She hoped and prayed that people will wear masks and practice social distancing.

#### ROLL CALL

Chairperson Ms. Fuller requested the roll call. The roll was called. Members were asked to verbally state their presence. District Manager Mr. Esposito noted that there were 40 members answering the call, and that a quorum was present.

#### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Ms. Kaminski made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Caponegro. The motion was carried.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

By-Laws Committee – Ms. Foster, Committee Chair, had submitted proposed changes for CB#1's By-Laws that were agreed on by the By-Laws committee on. These proposed changes were distributed with the November 10, 2020 meeting notice to the board members as required by the CB#1's By-Laws. She discussed the committee's deliberations are the proposals referred to the committee by the board's chairperson. Changes are being proposed for: Sections: (B.) Nominations (1.)(4.); (C.) Elections (2.)(3.)(4.)(7.)(8.). These changes would make more specific the elections process and a changed timeline during this unusual COVID-19 pause.

Ms. Foster asked for the board members to review the package and requested a motion to approve the report and the changes. Ms. Teague made a motion to approve the report with the changes for

the By-Laws as written. The motion was seconded by Ms. McKeever. A roll call vote was taken. The motion was carried unanimously. The vote was 37 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS". It was carried by more than two thirds of the board members as required by the By-Laws (34 members for two-thirds.

Land Use, ULURP and Landmarks Committee – Ms. Teague, Committee Chair, submitted a written report (attached). She requested a vote on an item regarding sending a letter to Councilmember Levin about Acme Fish concerning height modification:

#### Dear Councilmember Levin:

Community Board 1 recognizes the value of Acme Fish's continued presence to many of our residents. However, some residents have raised concerns about the bulk and height of the ancillary building and the effect it will have on the nearby residential district, and in particular the Greenpoint Historic District, and the Bushwick Inlet Park. Some residents also question the need for a development of the proposed size, given the moderate increase in space that Acme will get for its business. Questions have also been raised about the likely financial profit to Acme and the benefit to the community from the proposed office space with the unused office spaces already present in the community. The developer was advised of these concerns when it made a presentation at the Land Use Committee. We feel it might be beneficial for you to explore the feedback we have received from the community and discuss with the developer the possibility of a height modification.

The proposed letter was discussed and a change to the language was made to clarify a sentence with "...to the nearby residential district, and in particular the Greenpoint Historic District, and Bushwick Inlet Park." A motion was made by Ms. McKeever to approve the letter and send it as revised. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kaminski. The roll call vote was as follows: 33 "YES"; "0" NO"; 0 "ABSTENTION". The motion was unanimously carried.

Ms. Teague provided a summary of the committee's meeting where they discussed about having developers writing into their proposal certain points. Zoning options was discussed and about going forward. They spoke about having more flexible with the zoning. Mr. Chesler spoke about lowering the FAR to 3.0 or 4.0 for a better scale. City Planning can be asked to come to the next meeting. She spoke about 135-137 Bedford Avenue — a zoning request has come before the board to review. Because of the clock, it will have to be voted on at the next meeting. The committee will have to hold a public hearing. Ms. Teague asked about sending a request to City Planning.

Capital Budget & Expense Committee – Mr. Weidberg, Committee Chair, submitted a written report contained the Budget Priorities for FY 2022. He noted the changes that were made to the priorities. Ms. Peterson related issues about violence with women. She also related the importance of seeing that the impact of COVID-19 on the community. Mr. Weidberg said that her concerns that she raised were covered in the listing. He requested a vote to approve the package as written and made a motion to approve the package. The motion was seconded by Ms. Teague. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Transportation Committee** – Mr. Bruzaitis, Committee Chair, presented a written report (attached). He discussed the various details in the report and noted that committee was submitting a resolution regarding opposition to New York City DOT's Meeker Avenue Parking Plan Phase I.

Mr. Bruzaitis stated that there was various opposition coming from the community and board members to plan. He asked for a motion to support CB#1 sending a letter to NYC DOT opposing the plan as proposed and asked that NYC DOT suspend implementation until they can return with a comprehensive plan that incorporated the previous suggestions of the community. Mr. Caponegro made a motion to send the letter. Mr. Klagsbald seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried. The roll call vote was as follows: 32 "YES"; 0"NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS".

Mr. Bruzaitis noted that there was a recommendation to approve the base license renewal for **Metroline Car Service**. The motion was unanimously carried. The roll call vote was as follows: 31 "YES"; 0"NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS".

SLA Review & DCA Committee – Mr. Burrows, Committee Chair, submitted a written report for review (attached). He noted that the committee has a schedule to meet regularly once a month usually on the fourth Tuesday. The last in-person meeting of the Committee was on February 25, 2020, with a report that was provided to be reported at the Full Board meeting scheduled for March 12, 2020. The Combined Public Hearing and Board Meeting notice of September 8, 2020, for the Public Hearing scheduled for September 8, 2020, listed 45 New liquor licenses and 67 Renewal licenses. Since it was not clear how a Committee Review procedure could be properly conducted the scheduled SLA/DCA Committee meeting of September 22nd did not occur. The Waiver Committee met separately by telephone, and conferred with the committee, regarding an applicant (Brooklyn Bowl). At the Full Board meeting in it was recommended that the alteration be approved. The Committee took no position on the other applicants and no report or recommendation was provided to the Full Board at that time. The committee related the following:

23 Meadow LLC, it should be noted that one of the new applicants on the Public Hearing Agenda for September 8, 2020, was for the location 23 Meadow Street, a location that held an illegal gathering of 400 people on Friday, October 30, 2020, resulting in arrests and summons.

<u>Berry Street Associates LLC, dba Gran Torino at 131 Berry Street</u>, another applicant seeking an alteration, has had numerous community complaints and police visits because of their operation. Another applicant,

McCarren Park House LLC is for a location that has not been approved by the CB#1's Parks Committee.

Mexico 2000 Restaurant Corp., one of the renewals, has generated numerous complaints to the Board office and the NYPD.

In the list of renewals, the Committee noted that some locations have closed during the COVID-19 period and recommends <u>disapproval</u> of renewal for <u>Brooklyn Barge Restaurant Group, LLC;</u> <u>NYSF Ventures LLC and Stella Mae Brooklyn LLC.</u> Again, as to the October 13, 2020 list, the Committee can take no position on the new applicants having not had a chance to interview any of them or get community input. As for the Renewals, the Committee recommends <u>disapproval</u> of Mexico 2000 Restaurant Corp.

Comments were made by the board members about the list. There was a discussion about <u>Mexico</u> 2000 Restaurant Corp. as there was conflicted complaint information about the location. Complaints included issues about the establishment using the backyard and having a DJ. It was affecting the people who live behind it.

Mr. Chesler asked about not approving a renewal for <u>Brooklyn Barge</u>. Mr. Burrows said that there was a lot of problems with them using the park (Transmitter Park) and area.

At the board meeting it was related that a license listed as "new" but was actually a change in an existing license. It was for a change in the principals of an existing license (one of the partners was removed). This is not a new license, but the 30 day notice form categorizes it as new because it deals with a change in principals. Mr. Burrows noted the report and the updated information regarding Authentic Pierogi Inc., dba TBD, 592 Manhattan Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest). Mr. Dybanowski spoke about the location, they close early, and they had a been voted for approval in the past. He asked for a vote to approve the report. Mr. Bachorowski made a motion to support the report as written. The motion was seconded by Ms. Barros. The motion was carried. The roll call vote was as follows: 25 "YES"; 4 "NO" (D'Amato, Elkins, Kuonen, Rachlin,); 2 "ABSTENTIONS" (Brooks, Gross).

Mr. Dybanowski made a motion to <u>approve</u> the license for Authentic Pierogi Inc., dba TBD, 592 Manhattan Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest). The motion was seconded by Mr. Gross. The roll call vote was 30 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 1"ABSTENTION" (Miceli). The motion was carried.

Public Safety and Human Services – Mr. Burrows submitted a written report regarding the committee's recent meeting. He noted the various information contained in the report and related that the precincts are holding the community council meetings virtually. Ms. Cianciotta spoke about calling the Department of Sanitation for problems with needles. The Department of Buildings has told her that. Mr. Burrows said that at the committee's next meeting they will try to get more information.

**Parks and Waterfront Committee** – Mr. Caponegro, Committee Chair, submitted a written report for review. No vote was needed. He noted that a list of capital projects that were delayed because of COVID-19.

Women's Issues Committee – Ms. Peterson, Committee Chair, submitted a written report that was distributed for review. The report is attached. Ms. Peterson will forward the list of names (persons and organizations) recommended for acknowledgement for their efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic. She also spoke about cuts in services and coordinating with the agencies, like the Senior Centers and Woodhull Hospital.

Ms. Peterson related that Zoom was better than WEBEX. Chairperson Fuller related that the Borough President is paying for using WEBEX. Zoom was not approved for use. Any other virtual service that we could use, we would have to pay for it and there is no money in the budget for it.

Ms. Iglesias spoke about a question that was raised in the chat about a person being stuck by a vehicle on Lorimer Street. Chairperson Ms. Fuller noted that this could be brought to the attention

of the Transportation Committee. Mr. Bruzaitis, the Transportation Committee Chair, responded to Mr. Epstein who had raised the question in the chat. Mr. Bruzaitis related that there was a news article about the incident. The committee will look at that intersection of Nassau Avenue, Bedford Avenue and Lorimer Street.

Executive Committee – A written report was submitted and distributed.

#### PARKS DEPARTMENT MINUTE

Ms. Mary Salig-Husain, Parks Manager, submitted a written report that was distributed.

#### **PUBLIC SESSION**

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

Mr. Raul Rubio, from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, spoke about an initiative that they are doing. They have been having discussions about mental health. They will be holding a session at the Bushwick Branch of the Library. They will be talking about anxiety and grief around COVID-19. It is a one hour session. There is a link to use. They are trying to get the information out as many people as possible. They want to get the information out. He will provide a flyer to send out.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS: ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Mr. Edward Cerna, from the Mayor's Office, provided an update. His position is to convey information and try to respond to the needs of the Boards and community. He said that they heard a lot about the homelessness under the BQE. He said that Breaking Ground has been providing services. They do not believe in sending people with guns in there. They are doing work via interagency. Also, they want to try and bring as many of the homeless people in as possible. He noted that anyone who needs mental health, they have started doing more outreach. The City will continue to monitor tracing/testing to look at re-opening plans. They want facilities (such as senior centers) are safe to re-open. Ms. Rachlin wanted to talk about conveying information. She raised concern about places that are funded, such as Breaking Ground. What are their actual measurables? Is the NYPD going to present a plan? How effective is it? Mr. Cerna said that homelessness was not crime. Ms. Rachlin said that she wasn't saying it was a crime, just that the reporting about how the contracts are fulfilled. Mr. Cerna was happy to take that back. Chairperson Ms. Fuller asked if Ms. Drinkwater could provide some input? Ms. Drinkwater said that they were reporting quarterly. Questions were raised about how the outreach teams work? Ms. Drinkwater said that they work in shifts and there is management of the teams.

Mr. Elkins spoke about letters going to the Mayor's Office opposing the [NationalGrid] gas pipeline. He raised concern about the granting of permits for the pipeline. Mr. Cerna said that he

would bring this back. Ms. McKeever said that the pipeline was continuing to be built. Ms. Iglesias spoke about seniors getting outrageous bills from ConEdison. She needed to reach out to someone with these outrageous bills. Mr. Cerna said that they should take this offline and he can be reached at his email.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was raised.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Kuonen asked about what the process to getting on the meeting agenda? Chairperson Ms. Fuller noted that they send an email to the board's office for consideration by the Executive Committee. Ms. Kuonen said that she felt that the issue of the pipeline was important to the community. Chairperson Ms. Fuller said that they can send an email to the board and the Executive will meet to review and request.

Mr. Chesler asked about receiving a response to the board's letter about the pipeline that was sent to the Mayor. Mr. Cerna said that he doesn't get copies of the letters but to forward it to him to check into.

Mr. Elkins spoke about meetings and the platforms. He said that the number of attendees that are showing were low (that the public's attendance is low). He recommended finding better ways to do outreach. Chairperson Ms. Fuller said that they do outreach through the email, the website. Everything is on the website as it was before, but it is just virtual now. Anyone who wants to be on the email can request to be on the mailing list. Mr. Miceli spoke about the virtual meetings not having the same quality as the in-person meetings. Chairperson Ms. Fuller asked for the members to find out how the other boards, that are not using WEBEX that was being provided by the Borough President, are holding meetings. The members continued to discuss the matter. Ms. Foster said that everyone who has a Facebook or Twitter page can list the meetings. Chairperson Ms. Fuller noted that there were only two platforms that the Borough President has referred, and they have costs for use (Google Meets and Microsoft Team).

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Ms. Fuller wished all a Happy Holiday for Thanksgiving

Mr. Caponegro made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Iglesias and was unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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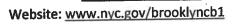
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#### **COMMITTEE REPORT**

#### **SLA REVIEW AND DCA COMMITTEE**

TO: Chairperson Dealice Fuller

and CB#1 Board Members

FROM: Mr. Thomas J. Burrows, Committee Chair

RE: SLA Review and DCA Committee Meeting

of October 27, 2020

A meeting of the SLA/DCA Review Committee was held on Tuesday, October 27, 2020, at 6:30 P.M. via WEBEX/Virtual Meeting.

#### ATTENDANCE:

Present – Burrows, Committee Chair; Stuart; Cohen (\*); Barros; Solano; Dybanowski; Bachorowski; Sofer; Bruzaitis. (\*) *Non-Board Member* 

Absent – Foster; Torres. (A quorum was present)

The SLA/DCA regularly meets once a month usually on the Fourth Tuesday. The last in-person meeting of the Committee was on February 25, 2020, with a report that was provided to be reported at the Full Board meeting scheduled for March 12, 2020. The next meeting of the Committee, had it not been for the PAUSE as a result of COVID-19, would have been April 28, 2020. Subsequent meetings had been

scheduled for May 26th, June 23rd, September 22nd, October 27th, November 24th, and December 22, 2020.

The Combined Public Hearing and Board Meeting Notice of September 8, 2020, --- for the Public Hearing scheduled for September 8, 2020, listed 45 New liquor licenses and 67 Renewal licenses. The Full Board meeting was conducted via WebEx. Pre-COVID-19 procedures required applicants to post notice of their application for a liquor license on their establishment and to canvas neighboring buildings notifying the public of the Public Hearing and the SLA/DCA Committee meeting. However, not being clear on how this notice could be provided for a WebEx hearing and how a Committee Review could be conducted no notice was provided and no testimony was provided at the Public Hearing.

Since it was not clear how a Committee Review procedure could be properly conducted the scheduled SLA/DCA Committee meeting of September 22nd did not occur. One applicant on the New License list had been previously approved by the Committee and the Full Board but because of an error needed to resubmit. The Committee met separately by telephone regarding that applicant and at the Full Board meeting on October 23, 2020, recommended that the alteration be approved. The Committee took no position on the other applicants and no report or recommendation was provided to the Full Board.

It should be noted that one of the new applicants on the Public Hearing Agenda for September 8, 2020, 23 Meadow LLC, was for the location 23 Meadow Street, a location that held an illegal gathering of 400 people on Friday, October 30, 2020, resulting in arrests and summons. Another applicant seeking an alteration, Berry Street Associates LLC, dba Gran Torino at 131 Berry Street, has had numerous community complaints and police visits because of their operation. Another applicant, McCarren Park House LLC is for a location that has not been approved by the Parks Committee....and one of the renewals, Mexico 2000 Restaurant Corp, has generated numerous complaints to the Board office and the NYPD. It can be assumed that had there been a proper mechanism to both notice the public and hear testimony we would have had public input at our Full Board meeting on September 8, 2020. If there was a suitably safe, socially distanced way to conduct a Committee Review and meeting with the applicants we may have had appropriate recommendations for the Full Board.

The subsequent WebEx Full Board meetings and Public Hearings include additional New and Renewal applicants. On the October 13, 2020, calendar there were 6 New and 6 Renewals, and the November 10, 2020, calendar contains 14 New and 15 Renewals.

Following lengthy email correspondence to Committee members regarding the concerns regarding Notice, Public & Community Input, Proper Committee Review Procedures including applications, documents, notice and presentation; as well as was the NYS Liquor Authority was expecting from Community Boards regarding New and Renewal licenses the Committee scheduled the October 27, 2020, meeting as one in which to work out the process going forward.

In addition to the Committee members and Board Office staff, invited to attend was Michael Smith, the Intergovernmental Representative from the NYC Liquor Authority. Mr. Smith explained that

the extent of the SLA requirements to alcohol license applicants is that they provide 30 Day Notice to the affected "municipality" of their intent to apply for a new license or for renewal. In response to COVID-19, the process was altered to allow applicants to provide email notice to "municipalities". Community Boards are considered "municipalities" for the purpose of the SLA requirement. The Municipality develops its own process and procedure regarding review of applications and communicating any concerns to the SLA. The SLA always responds to Community concerns about new/renewal licensees.

Mr. Smith advised that the process for new applicants is a long one and those licenses that were listed in our September meeting may still be in process. To assist the Committee in determining how to address those licenses for which we have not had a Committee meeting, Mr. Smith will run the CB#1 Zip Codes to provide a listing of the status of pending licenses. He also was going to provide a list of those existing licensees who received suspensions for COVID-19 violations.

Mr. Bachorowski inquired about Community Board #1's stipulations for bar hours, outdoor use etc. and how those are made a part of any license. Mr. Smith advised that those stipulations are considered as a Community Board recommendation for the SLA Board to include with the license. Mr. Solano inquired regarding licensees/applicants not following the Board's procedure and the Community Board's ability to make negative recommendations to the SLA. Mr. Smith reiterated that applicants are strongly encouraged to follow community board procedures and that the Community Board can include this information in their report to the SLA. A community member inquired about agreements made between neighborhood associations and applicants. These stipulation agreements also can be reported to the SLA with the Community Board recommendation.

The representative of the Southside Homeowners' Association inquired about how to make a complaint and Mr. Smith reminded us all that the NYSLA web page has a fillable complaint form that should be used and can be used by anyone to make a complaint about a licenses premise.

The Committee then met to try to work out what type of process can be utilized going forward. The volume of paperwork in applications, supporting documentation, etc. is too much to email to all members of the Committee but there still needs to be a way to review. It was suggested that perhaps at a virtual meeting each applicant provides their materials in a digital form and shares the screen with the Committee as each applicant is reviewed.

As for notice, need to be notice to the public of both the Public Hearing and the Committee Meeting. Proof of posting has always been required. In addition applicants were to petition their neighbors providing notice of the application and soliciting comments.

Both the Full Board and Committee Meeting dates are set and known. Somehow the list of applicants must be incorporated with the Meeting Notice in a way that the public will review the list, note those locations of concern and then email any comments, complaints, support etc. to the Community Board office. The applicants could provide on their notice their email address and telephone number for community members to email their support.

The Committee reviewed the two lists that were contained in the Public Hearings of September 8, 2020, and October 13, 2020. Presentations were not made on any of the applications. However, as for the September 8, 2020, list, three new applicants stand out for consideration of a negative recommendation to the SLA; 23 Meadow St LLC, Berry Street Associates LLC and McCarren Park House LLC. In the list of renewals, the Committee noted that some locations have closed during the COVID-19 period and recommends disapproval of renewal for Brooklyn Barge Restaurant Group, LLC; NYSF Ventures LLC and Stella Mae Brooklyn LLC. Again, as to the October 13, 2020, list, the Committee can take no position on the new applicants having not had a chance to interview any of them or get community input. As for the Renewals, the Committee recommends disapproval of Mexico 2000 Restaurant Corp.

There is a list of 11 New and 15 Renewal licenses on the Public Hearing portion of the Community Board meeting on November 10, 2020. The Committee encourages all Board members to review the list, reach out to your neighbors and report to the Committee any positive or negative comments about the applicants. If anyone on the Board has knowledge about how other Community Boards are reviewing applications virtually or are more technologically savvy than the average bear and have ideas on how we can make this COVID-19 process work better, please share.

The next meeting of the SLA/DCA Review Committee, via WebEx, will be on Tuesday, November 24, 2020, at 6:30pm.

Thank you all for your patience in these difficult times.



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#### **COMMITTEE REPORT**

#### TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

TO: Chairperson Dealice Fuller

and CB #1 Board Members

FROM: Mr. Eric Bruzaitis, Committee Chair

RE: Committee Report from Thursday, November 5, 2020 Meeting

held via WEBEX.

The Transportation Committee met on Thursday, November 5, 2020 (CALLED TO ORDER: 6:40 PM; ADJOURNED: 9:08 PM) via WEBEX virtual meeting platform.

#### ATTENDANCE:

Present: Bruzaitis, Committee Chair; Weiser, Committee Co-chair; Argento; Drinkwater; Elkins;

Klagsbald; Lebovits; Nieves; Vega; Costa\*. Absent: Goldstien; Kuonen; Odomirok; Stuart.

(A quorum was ascertained)

#### **AGENDA**:

#### 1. The New Meeker Ave Parking Lot - Phase I

Discussion of NYC DOT plan to introduce 307 metered parking spaces under the Brooklyn/Queens Expressway from Union Avenue to Leonard Street. DOT presentation and representatives pending.

Mr. Jeremy Resk and Mr. Carlos Torres from NYC DOT Bureau of Parking Operations, presented the plan for introducing metered parking from and electric vehicle (EV) charging stations along Meeker Avenue under the BQE. The proposal in phase 1 would affect the parking from Metropolitan Avenue to Lorimer street.

Mr. Michael Marisco, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Parking Operations, Modeling and Data Analysis, fielded most of the questions following the formal presentation. The CB#1's office is awaiting the PowerPoint presentation from this meeting. However, the plan can be seen on YouTube at this address:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QXQFzN6ebok

The plan was roundly criticized by the committee and the public who attended the meeting online.

#### **COMMITTEE COMMENTS:**

#### Committee Chair Bruzaitis-

- -NYCDOT was asked to present to the Transportation Committee following an email sent to the board office giving notice that metered parking would be installed beneath the BQE. Several board members and the District Manager raised concerns that this announcement was not appropriate for the kind of drastic change being imposed on the community. Preparations that have already begun such as trash removal, painted markings and electrical towers, indicate that the planning had begun some time ago with no outreach to the community. Clearly, a decision at some higher level was made to move ahead, and the token notice is not appreciated by the advocates that have asked for a very different plan for this area.
- -Based on meetings with NYCDOT going back to at least 2015, and as represented in a 2017 presentation, the expectation for those following the progress of the efforts to improve the conditions under the BQE was more people-friendly uses. Nowhere, has there been a discussion of additional parking, especially as aggressive as this new plan details.

#### Co-Chair Mr. Weiser-

-Initially asked that we consider it as a pilot as suggested by Mr. Marisco. However, he later stated that he would withdraw that comment in opposition to the plan as presented.

#### District Manager Mr. Esposito:

- -NYC DOT should come to the community with a fully realized plan that incorporates the changes that have been asked for, before imposing a piece-meal plan, and one no one asked for.
- -We were told this plan was being implemented, and only after our objections DOT expressed the sentiment that "we want to work with you". This is disingenuous.
- -Sanitation was working on the illegal dumping, but now there is a human-rights concern with those living under the BQE. A better plan would have supported the homeless as well as kept the area clean and safe.

#### Ms. Karen Nieves –

-Board Members, Transportation Alternatives and concerned citizens participated in a walk-thru of the area with Council Member Antonio Reynoso. At that time NYC DOT was presented with

suggestions that would have led to better maintenance of the area, which would have avoided a massive cleanup that has become necessary.

- -DOT's suggestion (from the presentation) that the growing businesses justifies the metered parking, are not correct. Much of the corridor is residential and use the area as they would on any other residential block. The community does want it kept clean, but with the people-friendly uses that have been communicated to DOT. We had asked for planters and other amenities as a stopgap until funding could be secured for a more robust rehabilitation.
- -There are some sections in later phases that are used by workers in the IBZ, this plan would have a negative effect on these businesses.
- -The community does not want this parking plan.

#### Mr. T. Willis Elkins-

- -This is not what the community has been asking for since the conditions under the BQE have been under discussion with DOT.
- -Echoed the District Manager's call for a comprehensive plan before a one-off solution to a problem that does not really exist.
- -Asked what metrics were used to make the determination, and what was the analytical process

Mr. Marisco said it was primarily based on the agency's understanding of the conditions based on complaints to them. But that no studies or formal traffic analysis was done.

#### Mr. William Vega:

- -Clean up should strictly be a DSNY issue, and not based on revenue generated from metered parking.
- -The complete failure of DOT on Grand Street in anticipation of the L train shut down does not help the case for this plan.
- -NYC DOT has not listened to the community's concerns regarding the area.
- -This feels like a "money-grab" by the city which is now looking to generate income to meet a pending budget crisis.
- -The latest efforts to open up the area has led to trouble from people using the area inappropriately for drug use and other activities. There needs to be better enforcement by the NYPD.
- -The City's priorities for this are should be: (1.) No long-term car storage; and (2.) humane relocation of homeless residents.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

#### Mr. Kevin LaCherra:

- -Very disappointed with this proposal.
- -There has been a lot of visioning regarding this area and parking has never been part of it. In fact, the opposition to parking has been widely expressed for future uses, and it is insulting to hear that residents will now have to pay for the privilege to park here.
- -Took issue with DOT seeking parking revenue to maintain a future bike lane.

Mr. Resk noted that if bike lanes are installed under the BQE, DOT would maintain them regardless of parking revenue.

#### Mr. Alex Rodiger:

-Echoed previous comments and added that although the space is very dirty, it is a useful parking amenity now.

#### Mr. Lincoln Restler:

- -Although he is glad that DOT has come to the table to discuss this plan, he does not like the way in which we have gotten to this point.
- -Asked if the plan was on hold because of new opposition, and how will you proceed if it is?

Mr. Marisco answered that if the board does not support the plan DOT will work with the community to find a solution.

#### Ms. Elizabeth Adams (representing CM Stephen Levin's office):

- -The office has heard many calls for bike lanes, open space etc. Hearing that metered parking is going in has caused a lot of community concern.
- -The community is as surprised as the board was when it found out this plan was going thru.
- -The entire issue needs to be a separate conversation from "cleaning". Cleaning under the BQE is a conversation we have been having for years. Cleaning it now is not a "goodie" that is being handed to the community; it is the responsibility of the City as a matter of regular business.
- -Asked, what needs are really being met by this plan? There does not seem to be a direct benefit based on the expected usage.
- -The Councilman needs to hear more before it can endorse this plan.
- -Thanked District Manager Mr. Esposito for his concern that relocating those living under the BQE is a human rights issue.

The District Manager interjected at this point to ask if Department of Homeless Services was involved in the relocations. Mr. Torres (NYC DOT) noted that DOT did all the contact and relocation. DOT was able to work with them directly and there was not conflict. Had there been, that agency would have been called in to assist.

#### Ms. Katie Denny Horowitz (North Brooklyn Parks Alliance):

- -In NBPA's work with the Parks Department and DOT under the Kosciusko Bridge they have seen many innovative ideas that could be implemented at this location. These ideas include ways for the city to earn revenue while meeting the area which is undeserved by open space.
- -This plan is particularly disappointing, because it goes against the good ideas DOT has suggested in the past.
- -Public partners have been instrumental in moving good ideas forward and should be looked to in this case for the best result.
- -With COVID-19 an ongoing issue, open public space is essential for the health of the community.

#### Mr. Tomas Huzij (Transportation Alternatives):

- -TA feels DOT is implementing this plan strictly as a revenue generator.
- -Regardless of claims that the plan can be reversed for other uses post full implementation, once the city realizes revenue, it will not be reconsidered.

- -More parking turnover will increase cars into the neighborhood, not reduce it.
- -DOT should focus on was to reduce car usage in the city, not increase it.

In the interest of time, the discussion was ended. However, comments from the chat section of WEBEX are attached at the end of the report for the record.

Although a vote is not required for NYC DOT to continue implementation of the plan, the committee chair entertained a motion on the plan, citing the overwhelming opposition from both Board Members and the Public.

Motion: Mr. T. Willis Elkins

Community Board 1 opposes the Meeker Avenue Parking Plan Phase I as proposed; and asks that NYC DOT suspend implementation until they can return with a comprehensive plan that incorporates the previous suggestions of the community.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. William Vega

Approved unanimously, without objections or abstentions (with one non-board member voting in the affirmative).

2. Metroline Car Service: RENEWAL FOR BASE B01534

Motion to Approve: Karen Nieves 2<sup>nd</sup>: Simon Wiser

Approved unanimously, without objections or abstentions (with one non-board member voting in the affirmative).

#### 3. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Elkins revisited the discussion on the Open Streets program. There have been a lot of discussions among maintenance partners on how to keep it up. COVID has limited the ability to discuss placement of "Open Streets", with the City deferring to elected officials. There needs to be better engagement with DOT going forward to designate streets, and going forward --- no more new streets should be proposed by DOT until they have heard from the community.

Ms. Nieves noted that DOT needs to inform the Community Board on which streets work and which ones do not. Both DOT and the Mayor's Office need to give the Board an update on current status. NYPD has been removing barriers and not returning them: this confuses the public and does not meet the goals of the plan. However, streets with community partners seem to be working well.

Mr. Vega stated that the implementation was a top down order and a "pass the buck" to agencies without good guidance. Any further discussion on placement or maintenance must be done clinically so that data drives the decisions, not politics or other factors. Suspecting revenue generation as a motivation, any revenue generated by the city from these programs must be put back into the communities that are impacted.

Mr. Noel Hidalgo (Public) detailed his work as a maintenance partner and efforts to create coalitions to make the best result from the program. His partners have bridged gaps between the residents and NYPD and they are working well together. He is working on a petition to schedule a formal public meeting with DOT. He would like to see temporary street treatments until more substantial infrastructure can be installed to make the program work. If the city moves forward with more open streets, he supports it and will work with his coalition partners to find ways to make it work.

Committee Chair Bruzaitis recognized Mr. Hidalgo's significant efforts to help make the "Open Streets" program work as well as it can, given the very limited guidance from the Mayor's Office.

The committee will take this up as a formal item at a future meeting.

#### 4. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

Ms. Erin Sauchelli, who lives at North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and River Street, detailed the many quality of life issues her neighbors face at the terminus of North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Because there are no parking regulations at the location, many use the area as long-term car storage. Lack of activity by DSNY (which has told her that ASP regulations will not work on that block since brush trucks cannot negotiate that dead end turn around). There is also rampant drug use. Hypodermic needles are often found, and people can be seen shooting up, as well as dealing. In addition, there have been many instances of people using the block to party and will bring in cars with loud sound systems to make that happen. There is also a lot of racing on River Street.

Ms. Sauchelli has reached out the 94<sup>th</sup> Precinct, but the problems seem larger than NYPD's resources to keep things in order. She has also spoken to Councilman Levin's office and has been working with Mr. Ben Solotaire.

It has become a very frustrating issue for the residents of her building. A ready solution is not forthcoming.

The Committee will take this up at a future meeting.

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee TBA

#### **Addendum: Chat Log from WEBEX.**

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from Elizabeth Adams to all panelists: 8:16 PM Was NYPD on site when they were asked to move?

from Alex Roediger to all panelists: 8:28 PM

The underside of the BQE rains dirt on the cars and ground below. Regardless of how you deal with the space, please know the underside of the bridge should be adressed if you wish to keep this area clean.

from Kevin LaCherra to all panelists: 8:30 PM

Will a recording of this meeting be made available to the public Eric?

from Kevin LaCherra to all panelists: 8:59 PM

Break up the pavement, make it a park.

from NOEL Hidalgo to all panelists: 9:00 PM

The DOT is looking for these types of suggestions. I can help connect her to kyle from the DOT and

the public space program... maybe that is something that should

GE: Mtgs up on YouTube...



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## COMMITTEE REPORT CAPITAL & EXPENSE BUDGET COMMITTEE

**TO:** Chairperson Ms. Dealice Fuller

and Board Members

FROM: Ms. Stephen Weidberg, Committee Chair

Capital Budget & Expense Budget Committee

**RE:** Capital & Expense Budget Priorities for 2022

A meeting of the Capital & Expense Budget Committee was held virtually via WEBEX on November 4, 2020, at 6:30 PM.

ATTENDANCE:

Present – Weidberg, Committee Chair; Teague, Co-Chair; Brooks; Gross.

Absent – Peterson; Torres. (A quorum was present.)

The Committee received and reviewed comments that were submitted for consideration as additions to the 2022 Capital & Expense Budget requests for CB#1. One item was added to the Capital Budget priorities (#5) and one item was added to the Expense Budget Priorities (#5). Two items listed as Continued Support items were removed.

- 1- Greenpoint Library completed
- 2- Bedford Avenue "L" train elevator completed.

Please note that language was added regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Enclosed is the draft of Budget Priorities for FY 2022. The Capital & Expense Committee respectfully submits the list to CB#1's Board Members for adoption. Thank you.

SJW/mbw Attachment

#### BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 1 DRAFT 11-10-20

ATTACHMENT 1.

#### SUBJECT: <u>CAPITAL BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022</u>

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

- 16. Reconstruct Meserole Street between Bushwick Avenue and Union Avenue.
- 17. Reconstruct Driggs Avenue from Lorimer Street to Division Avenue.
- 18. Reconstruct Montrose Avenue from Union Avenue to Bushwick Avenue.
- 19. Reconstruct and widen Grand Street Bridge (aka the Penny Bridge).
- 20. Reconstruct Scholes Street from Morgan Avenue to Union Avenue.
- 21. Reconstruct Lorimer Street from Broadway to Nassau Avenue.
- 22. Replace sidewalks on Frost Street (NYCHA Development/Cooper Park Houses) from Debevoise Avenue to Morgan Avenue. Expand improvements to adjacent sidewalks that also surround the development.
- 23. Replace sidewalks around Williams Plaza (aka Jonathan Williams Development/NYCHA) from Division Avenue/South 9th Street/Broadway/Marcy Avenue/Roebling Street/Havemeyer Street)
- 24. Reconstruct Maspeth Avenue, from Vandervoort Avenue to the Newtown Creek.
- 25. Renovation of McCarren Park Handball Courts.
- 26. Restore and fund redevelopment of "Sand Park" under the Williamsburg Bridge.
- 27. Improved lighting at the Mt. Carmel Triangle Park and Monument (BQE Park).
- 28. Improvements for the concrete triangle at Williamsburg Street & Rodney Street to make sidewalks safer for pedestrians to walk, and include the installation of much needed lighting.

#### **CONTINUED SUPPORT ITEMS**

- Support needed improvements for McGolrick Park.
- Expand Neighborhood Park and Playground Restoration Program.
- Install Lighting for the Tennis Courts at McCarren Park.
- Complete all phases of development and improvements for the waterfront area/parkland at: (a.) the foot of Greenpoint Avenue WNYC Transmitter Park (Old WNYC Tower Area); (b.) Division Avenue Ferry Park.
- Support needed improvements for Cooper Park.
- Support of the Plaza Project at Moore Street Market.

#### BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 1 DRAFT 11-10-2020

**ATTACHMENT 2.** 

#### SUBJECT: EXPENSE BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022

- 1. Increase funding for Community Boards.
- 2. Fund the operations of a newly created firehouse (FDNY) in the Northside.
- 3. Reinstate funding for the Greenpoint Williamsburg Tenant Legal Fund (\$2 million), including antiharassment provisions per the Administration's Points of Agreement regarding the Greenpoint-Williamsburg waterfront rezoning.
- 4. Increase significantly park maintenance funds and increase operations/recreation staffing at specific CB #1 parks and playgrounds (including support equipment). Include additional hours for women's swim time at Metropolitan Pool.
- 5. Increase significantly the Department of Youth and Community Development Agency's community board fair share, after school, and summer and recreation funding for CB #1. Address the myriad of needs for children during the COVID-19 Pandemic, including educational choices (i.e. remote learning, blended learning).
- 6. Funding to support subsidies to lower rents for senior citizens, to reduce an increase in homelessness.
- 7. Increase funding of Homecare Services and the Homebound Meals, especially providing these services for the frail and elderly during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The elderly have relied on their local senior citizen centers for daily social interaction, meals, counseling and easy access to programs to combat depression and social isolation.
- 8. Create a new fund for the Affordable Housing and Infrastructure Fund (\$10 million) created under the Administration's Points of Agreement regarding the Greenpoint-Williamsburg waterfront rezoning.
- 9. Provide safe street crossing/continued presence (NYPD Crossing Guard Post) at Jackson Street & Kingsland Avenue for children attending various local schools/after school programs (St. Francis Developmental School, PS 132, St. Nicholas/Rosary Academy, IS 49 Campus, Grand Street Campus/Beacon Program, IS 126/Beacon Program, School Settlement House Association).
- 10. Expand funding for library operations Brooklyn Public Library, including branches within CB #1; fund extended days/hours; fund computer catalogue and increase book budget.

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



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## COMMITTEE REPORT WOMEN'S ISSUES COMMITTEE

TO: Chairperson Dealice Fuller

and CB#1 Board Members

FROM: Jan Peterson, Committee Chair

Women's Issues Committee

RE: Committee Report

The Women's Issues Committee met virtually via WEBEX, on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 3:00PM.

#### ATTENDANCE:

<u>Present</u> - Peterson, Committee Chair; Cianciotta, Co-Chair; Leanza; Torres; Bamonte; Kaminski. [Also present were: Speaker Capt. Berkman (FDNY/ret.); Ms. Pool and Ms. Chambranes (community members)]

Absent – Mr. Carbone; Mr. Chirichella. Ms. Kuonen

(A quorum was achieved)

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**Opening Presenter**: Speaker Capt. Brenda Berkman (FDNY/ret.) - She is not only a Monumental Women Board Member, but she chairs its Women's History Education Campaign as well. She gave us an overview of the **Monumental Women's Initiative**. She said that it seeks to make sure that parks and other public spaces highlight women in public space because for too long they were normally left out. Monumental Women put the first statue of women in 167 years in Central Park. The monument consisted of the Suffragettes --- Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Katy Stanton, and Sojourner Truth. The purpose of the organization is to rethink the past for women and reshape the future by including tributes about women in public spaces who have created and inspired cities. They are looking at creating the "Women's Right's History Trail" across the United States.

Ms. Cianciotta told Capt. Berkmann about Neighborhood Women's walking tour honouring local women leaders who led major initiatives over the past 25 years. She mentioned the role of women in developing "GREC" – the Greenpoint Renaissance - and the plan to include the story in the new housing being built. Ms. Pool told the story of Suffragettes being honoured by a trail of bricks named after local women who are honoured in Warren, Ohio.

Our committee members expressed interest in this initiative as we have no statues honouring women in our community. Capt. Brenda Berkmann or Ms. Pam Elam (the organization's president) will come to our committee as a featured speaker in January 2021.

The second item on the agenda was to discuss the status of our effort to recognize people who contributed to the community during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Our recommendations are going to Assemblyman Lentol's Office for obtaining certificates for each of them. We can announce them at the next Community Board #1's meeting. A discussion took place regarding COVID-19's impact on the community. Ms. Bamonte discussed the difficulties for parents with school age children who must choose between blended schooling and/or fully remote education. There is limited flexibility in trying one method and then trying to change your category. Senior Citizens are really "locked" in and are getting depressed more deeply. More must be done----the Senior Citizen Centers should be re-opened for recreation and safe socializing. What else could be done to support them/us? Who can work to prevent abuse and violence in the homes? We need information and data to know what is really happening - in terms of violence in the home; and how are our children who are learning remotely are really doing. We would like the Education Committee of CB#1 to bring in this information.

Issues we want to present to the Budget Committee:

- Childcare we do not want day care centers closed and we do want more financial support for lower middle-class families who are paying too much for child-care.
- There are no local support centers for the caregiving of persons who are suffering from dementia, the disabled, and other issues that are burdening families.

The Women's Issues Committee decided that we would like to have a joint meeting with Community Board No.1's Education & Youth and the Public Safety & Human Services Committees --- to pull more accurate information on COVID-19 together. We want to see if local papers, etc. can put out more info on what supports are available. Several members volunteered to talk to the local papers and ask the CDCs' to coordinate activities with each other.

In closing, Ms. Peterson told everyone who is not a formal CB#1 board member, but want to serve on the Women's Issues Committee, to fill out the form on the community board's website and send it to Ms. Dealice Fuller, Chair at the CB#1's board office at 435 Graham Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11211.

Sincerely, Janice Peterson Committee Chair Women's Issues Committee

JP/mbw Attachment

#### **About Monumental Women**



At Monumental Women, we have a three-part approach to moving history forward:

We were officially created as an all-volunteer, not-for-profit organization in 2014 with the initial goal of breaking the bronze ceiling and creating the first statue of real women in Central Park's 167-year history. The Park has statues of Alice in Wonderland, Mother Goose, Juliet with Romeo, witches, nymphs, and angels – but no real women...until now. Our monument of Women's Rights Pioneers Sojourner Truth, Susan B. Anthony, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton was unveiled on August 26, 2020, the centennial anniversary of the ratification and certification of the 19th "Votes For Women" amendment to the constitution. The year 2020 also marked the 200th anniversary of the birth of Susan B. Anthony. All three women were not only Women's Rights Pioneers, but New Yorkers as well. They were all abolitionists who supported universal suffrage. They were all contemporaries who often attended the same meetings and spoke on the same stages. It is only fitting that they share the same pedestal.

Monumental Women has the further goals of increasing awareness and appreciation of Women's History through a nationwide education campaign and challenging municipalities across the country and across the world to rethink the past and reshape the future by including tributes in their public spaces to the diverse women who helped create and inspire those cities.

Donating a Work of Art to the City has been a very complicated and challenging experience. But Monumental Women persisted and moved history forward in New York City's Central Park. We are proud that our all-volunteer, not-for-profit group has broken the bronze ceiling. It took seven years. We raised over \$1.5 million in private funding. We fought through many obstacles. It was not easy to take the long bureaucratic roller-coaster ride which traveled through the Parks Department, the Central Park Conservancy, The Public Design Commission, The Landmarks Preservation Commission and every single Community Board surrounding Central Park. Step by step, meeting by meeting, we crossed the minefield which is New York City government. In New York City's public spaces there are 150 statues and only 5 of them were women. Now, thanks to Monumental Women there are 6.

We are especially pleased to report that the Women's Rights Pioneers Monument on Literary Walk has already become an important, must-see, location. As one of our supporters put it, "the statue is a living place." People send us selfies of themselves and their friends and families at the Monument. They explain to their children what the monument means. Thousands of people have accessed our APP "Talking Statues" to hear the words of Truth, Anthony, and Stanton while they view the images of those women. Recently, it has become a site where people have left banners, photos, and flowers in honor of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

As Roy Rosenzweig and Elizabeth Blackmar wrote in The Park and the People, "...if history teaches us anything it is the contingency of particular historical moments, the possibility that change can come from new and unexpected directions." So in the middle of a pandemic and economic disaster, Monumental Women is proud to be that "new and unexpected direction." We invite you to join us as we continue to fight for change and challenge all levels of government across the nation and world to make our public spaces truly reflect and respect all of us. Please make whatever donation you can **DONATE** to support our work for the creation of a full and fair historical record that includes the vast and varied contributions of all women and people of color. THANK YOU!

#### Did You Know?

For large parts of their lives, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony were New Yorkers. In New York City during a period that lasted over fifty years, Stanton and Anthony organized and attended countless conventions, rallies, marches and meetings. In addition:

 They founded the Women's Loyal National League here in 1863 and were responsible for collecting over 400,000 petition signatures to urge President Abraham Lincoln and Congress to immediately end slavery through the 13th Amendment.

- Stanton was the first woman to run for Congress in 1866 and she did it here in what was then the
  Eighth Congressional District. Stanton ran as an Independent and received 24 votes out of the 12,000
  cast by male voters.
- Stanton and Anthony wrote and published their newspaper, *The Revolution*, in New York City from 1868-70
- They founded the National Woman Suffrage Association here in 1869. The list of historical milestones goes on and on.
- We know from their writings and other sources that Anthony enjoyed walking in Central Park. We
  know that Stanton took carriage rides and played with her children there. From 1862 to 1902, Stanton
  and her family lived at four different Westside Manhattan homes, always with a room for Anthony in
  each (75 West 45 Street, 464 West 34 Street, 26 West 61 Street, and 250 West 94 Street). Sadly, Stanton
  died in 1902 at an apartment only a few blocks from Central Park.

Sojourner Truth, was born into slavery in Ulster County, New York in 1797. She went on to become one of the most powerful advocates for human rights in the nation. She escaped from slavery in 1827 and later joined the abolitionist movement. She lived in and around New York City from 1828 to 1843. By the 1850s Sojourner Truth joined the fight for women's rights as well. At the 1851 Women's Rights Convention held in Akron, Ohio, Truth delivered what is now recognized as one of the most famous abolitionist and women's rights speeches in American history, "Ain't I a Woman?".

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November 10, 2020 (revised)

# COMMITTEE REPORT LAND USE, ULURP, & LANDMARKS [subcommittee] COMMITTEE

TO: Chairperson Dealice Fuller

and Members of Brooklyn CB#1

FROM: Ms. Del Teague, Committee Chair

RE: Meeting held on November 2, 2020 at 6:30 PM via WEBEX

The Land Use, ULURP & Landmarks (subcommittee) Committee met virtually (via WEBEX) on November 2, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

#### Attendance:

Present – Teague, Committee Chair; Viera; Berger; Vega; Weidberg; Chesler; Lebovitz; Li; McKeever; Miceli; Weiser.

Absent – Barros; Drinkwater; Indig; Kaminski; Katz; Rabbi Niederman; Nieves; Sofer; Solano. (A quorum was not achieved).

## (1.) **PRESENTATION - DOMINO REFINERY (NYC DCP APPLICATIONS):** by Mr. David Lombino (Two Trees).

These applications for modification to the previously approved special permit and restrictive declaration are not subject to the ULURP review process, but DCP will hear comments, if any. Mr. Lombino appeared before the full board on October 13, 2020. There were no comments at that time.

#### Recommendation:

The present committee members agreed this application is identical to the previously approved landmarks application. There were no additional comments.

(2.) <u>Committee Discussion</u> – <u>Follow-up on discussion regarding feasibility of requiring developers to take responsibility for infrastructure that their project will significantly stress.</u>
Trina McKeever, Steve Chesler, and I met via a Zoom call on 10/20/2020 with Ben Solotaire and Brian Paul, Sr. Project Manager at City Hall Council Land Use Division. We spoke specifically about the upcoming Acme Fish application, and generally about suggestions to help the Board have a voice in land use applications.

#### (A.) Acme Fish -

We discussed the committee's opinion that although there is support for keeping the company in the community, there is also concern about the height and bulk of the proposed ancillary building. Ben told us that Councilmember, Steve Levin, does not receive copies of our committee reports, so he would not be available of these sentiments. Ben assured us he would pass on our discussion to Steve, but suggested we send a letter to the Councilmember asking him to explore with the developer the feedback received from the community and the possibility of downsizing the project.

The members present agreed to allow me to present a letter for board approval (see below):

#### Dear Councilmember Levin:

Community Board 1 recognizes the value of Acme Fish's continued presence to many of our residents. However, some residents have raised concerns about the bulk and height of the ancillary building and the effect it will have on the near-by residential Greenpoint Historic District and the Bushwick Inlet Park. Some residents also question the need for a development of the proposed size, given the moderate increase in space that Acme will get for its business. Questions have also been raised about the likely financial profit to Acme and the benefit to the community from the proposed office space with the unused office spaces already present in the community.

The developer was advised of these concerns when it made a presentation at the Land Use Committee. We feel it might be beneficial for you to explore the feedback we have received from the community and discuss with the developer the possibility of a height modification.

#### (B.) General Discussion -

The following is a summary of our more general discussion of suggestions for optimizing our input into land use applications:

- Participate in Scoping hearings;
- Get benefits promised by the developer built into the zoning and have the developer put its promises in writing;
- Ask for things that are related to the project, e.g. community facilities needed in the community, such as libraries, dog runs, community gardens, etc.;

- With respect to retail, ask for the kind of retail wanted;
- Look at what is allowed as of right, and ask the developer to memorialize in writing what it will <u>not</u> do;
- Include environmental conditions worked out in conjunction with our Environmental Committee;
- Ask the CPC to come to board meetings to clarify the process; and
- Inquire into the possibility of giving us access to the more flexible zoning options available to the Gowanus community board.