MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD #16 March 27, 2007

Attendance

Rev. Reuben Akinfime (A)
David Alexander (E)
Deborah Mack
James Mack

Joyce Anderson (E)

Josephine Blakeley

Patricia Boone

James A. Bowens

Rev. Thelma Martin (E)

Yolanda Matthews (E)

Sadie McNamara (E)

Rev. Joseph Norton (A)

Esther Cobb (A)

Adrainer Kim Coleman

Elder Devon Ponds (E)

Gregory Coad (A)

Mattie Pusey (E)

Bonnie Crump (A)

Essie Duggan

Ernestine Turner

Sam Gardner (A)

Shirley Gonsalves

Marcus Victory

Daniel Goodine (A)

Sarah Hall

Annie Walkes

Henry Hill

Kofi Hormeku

Michael Howard (E)

Alice Vines

Annie Walkes

Dr. Merrill White

Herman Winston

Hazel Younger

Hattie Hunt (E)

Viola D. Greene-Walker, DM

Allene Ingram

E. Jane Coleman-Assistant ADM

Daisy Jackson (E)

Jimmi Brevil, Community Assistant

Wordell Johnson (E) Hon. Darlene Mealy

Dr. Cade Jones, III Val Henry for Hon. Ed Towns
Eula Key Tara Martin for Hon. Yvette Clarke

Danny King

Essie Duggan for Hon. Velmanette Montgomery

Signature Language for Hon. William F. Bordand Jan

Bettie Kollock-Wallace Simone Lucas for Hon William F. Boyland, Jr. Shawn Lewis William Whitaker for Hon. Marty Markowitz

MEETING HELD AT BROWNSVILLE MULTI-SERVICE CENTER, 444 THOMAS S. BOYLAND STREET, BROOKLYN

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairperson Hazel Younger officially called the Public Hearing to order at 7:12 p.m.. An invocation was said by Dr. Cade Jones, III.

IN THE MATTER OF an application submitted by Erma Realty, LLC and NYC Economic Development Corporation pursuant to Sections 197-c and 201 of the New York City Charter for an amendment of Zoning Map, Section No. 17a:

- 1. eliminating from within an R6 District a C2-3 District bounded by the southerly boundary line of the Long Island Rail Road Right-of-Way, a line 150 feet easterly of Saratoga Avenue, Pacific Street, a line 100 feet easterly of Saratoga Avenue, a line 50 feet northerly of Pacific Street, and Saratoga Avenue; and
- 2. changing from an R6 District to an M1-1 District property bounded by the southerly boundary line of the Long Island Rail Road Right-of-Way, a line 100 feet easterly of Saratoga Avenue, a line 50 feet northerly of Pacific Street and Saratoga Avenue;

Borough of Brooklyn, Community District 16, as shown on a diagram (for illustrative purposes only) dated February 5, 2007.

District Manager Viola Greene-Walker invited representatives of Erma Realty, LLC. to elaborate on their request.

Mr. Raymond Rivera stated that he is a member of the Rivera family who owns Park Avenue Building and Roofing Supplies, the newly erected hardware store at Atlantic and Saratoga Avenues. They love this community and want to continue to invest in it. This is why they are seeking the support of the Community Board for the zoning change.

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Mr. Charlton Haimer stated that he is the Director of Real Estate for Erma Realty which is a subsidiary of AM&G Waterproofing and Park Avenue Building and Roofing Supplies. The purpose of their application is two-fold. Overall, it is their goal to construct an auxiliary building on the southeast corner of Atlantic and Saratoga Avenues. They previously constructed an approximately 100,000 square feet facility on the southwest corner to house their hardware store and corporate offices.

They have already outgrown the building on the southwest corner of Atlantic and Saratoga Avenues and are therefore proposing to build a new approximately 13,300 square feet structure southeast corner to serve primarily as a garage for their vehicles with some storage space and employee parking.

The property, described earlier by District Manager Greene-Walker, is currently zoned R-6. In order to construct the facility that they are proposing as-of-right, it needs to be rezoned as M1-1. As many audience members may know, both the site where they have already developed and the one for which they are seeking to rezone had been vacant for a number of years. On the corner of the site that they seek to have rezoned was an abandoned gas station. They purchased that property and spent a considerable amount of money to take care of any environmental issues.

District Manager Greene-Walker read the second part of the public hearing item:

IN THE MATTER OF a land sale to Erma Realty, LLC (for use by its two businesses, AM&G Waterproofing and Park Avenue Building Supplies) pursuant to 384 (b) (4) of New York City Charter, Block 1433 Lots 3 and 5 (the Site)"

AM&G/Park Ave. proposes to construct an approximately 15,000 square feet vehicle maintenance facility on the Site. The proposed development will service the business corporate office and facility across the street.

District Manager Greene-Walker requested the representatives of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) to come forth and make a statement regarding the proposal.

Mr. Douglas Rice of EDC stated that EDC is in support of the proposal. He has been reviewing the site since 1993 and has seen Erma Realty turn what was once a decayed vacant lot (on the site at the southwest corner of Atlantic and Saratoga Avenues) into one of the crown jewels of Atlantic Avenue.

Ms. Deborah Mack asked if Erma Realty was seeking to purchase the property or are they seeking to rezone the property?

Mr. Haimer stated that they are proposing to build on a total of 15,000 square feet of land. They currently own 8,000 plus square feet of the land and are seeking to do two things. They desire to purchase two lots that make up the remaining 6,000 plus square feet and to rezone the 15,000 square feet.

Ms. Mack asked how will the rezoning affect Erma Realty?

Mr. Haimer stated that by having the site rezoned, it will allow them to build the proposed building as-of-right. This would mean that they have the right to build that type of structure. If the site were to remain residential, the guidelines that would have to be adhered to would, in many instances, preclude them from building what they need.

Their property on the southwest corner of Atlantic and Saratoga Avenues is already zoned M-1 and they are seeking to extend that zoning to the southeast corner.

Someone asked what effect will the garage have on the air quality of the area?

Mr. Haimer stated that while their trucks have emissions, they will not add

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significant amounts of pollutants to the air in the area. They would be leaving the garage early in the mornings and returning in the evenings.

Mr. Rivera added that the trucks would be on the road 90% of the time.

There being no further comments, the Public Hearing was adjourned.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Bettie Kollock-Wallace, seconded by Mr. Marcus Victory and carried to dispense with the reading of the District Manager s'report.

A motion was made by Rev. Miran Ukaegbu, seconded by Ms. Allene Ingram and carried to dispense with the reading of last month s'minutes.

District Manager Greene-Walker, on behalf of Ms. Sadie McNamara, reported that the Health and Human Resources Committee met on March 21, 2007 with representatives of the Bushwick Home Base Program which began as a pilot program by the Department of Homeless Services (DHS) in October 2002 to stop homelessness in Bushwick. During their 2 ½ years of operation, the Bushwick Home Base Program has seen approximately 800 families with a 95% success rate.

DHS intends to expand the program citywide and Bushwick HomeBase Program will be servicing Community District #16. They are presently looking for 1,000 square feet of space to open an office in the district. If you know of a location, please contact the Community Board.

The Committee will invite the Bushwick HomeBase Program to next month s Community Board meeting to elaborate on their services.

The Committee also met with representatives from the Edwin Gould Services for Children and Families which provides foster care services, under contract with the city.

They are present tonight to elaborate on their services. She asked that the representatives come forward.

Mr. Aubrey Featherstone stated that he is the Executive Director of the Edwin Gould Services for Children and Families. The agency provides foster care and preventive services. They are located at 352 Classon Avenue. They also provide residential services in the Bronx, Manhattan, and Brooklyn.

Currently, the challenge for the community is adolescents. More foster parents are needed to care for adolescents. The agency tries to ensure that the adolescents receive care and an education before they age out of the system. Their focus is on education and they elicit the help of teachers to assist the youth with their schoolwork and helping the youth who have dropped out return to school.

Their goal is to continue to provide quality services and maintain excellence and increase the number of homes available for adolescents entering foster care. In the coming months they will conduct listening and learning sessions in order that they may hear the community s'comments and opinions on their services.

Chairperson Younger thanked Mr. Featherstone for his presentation.

Ms. Bettie Kollock-Wallace, Chairperson of the Land Use, Planning and Zoning Committee, reported that the Committee met on March 13, 2007 with Mr. Winston Von Engel from the Department of City Planning regarding the development of a 197-a plan.

A 197-a plan sets out a vision for the community where there should be more housing, economic development, parks, etc.. It is a statement that says a community wants to see specific things in their neighborhood. It does not guarantee that it will happen, however, it does give the City and private developers an idea of a community s heeds and dislikes.

Preparation of a 197-a plan requires a great deal of time and resources that community boards do not

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generally have.

In addition, it requires the approval of the Borough Board, City Planning, City Council, and the Mayor. To date, only 2 of 18 community boards in Brooklyn have submitted plans for approval.

It was suggested that the community board seek technical assistance from organizations such as Pratt Institute and the Municipal Arts Society to prepare a 197-a plan.

A motion was made by Ms. Eula Key, seconded by Ms. Josephine Blakeley and carried to accept the report of the Land Use, Planning and Zoning Committee.

Chairperson Younger stated that at last month s'meeting a request to support a proposal by the Federation of Multicultural Programs, Inc. (FMP) was tabled in order to ensure that no conflict of interest would exist in voting on the matter. She is pleased to report that the New York City Conflicts of Interest Board has opinioned that no conflicts exist. She requested that a brief presentation be made by FMP to refresh the memory of the Board Members.

Ms. Sonia Moreno, Deputy Executive Director of the Federation of Multicultural Programs, Inc., stated that their program was founded here and it is their intent to remain in the community. Currently, they operate two group homes locally (454 and 470 Chester Street) where the residents are extremely mentally challenged. The agency is seeking to move their clients to a new facility in the neighborhood. Many of them have no immediate family and the local community serves as a surrogate family to them. This enhances FMP s'desire to keep them in the neighborhood.

Many of their clients are also aging and FMP would like to have them remain in the community as well. They will provide senior housing for the aging clients.

The proposal will allow them to provide employment to neighborhood residents as there will be a need for support staff (drivers, social workers, psychologist, etc.).

Mr. Eric Asencio of Danois Architects presented schematics of the proposed 6-story building to be built on Riverdale Avenue between Chester Street and Rockaway Avenue. The building will house FMP s'offices, an Intensive Care Facility, one- and two-bedroom units for senior citizens, and multiple use space.

Chairperson Younger stated that FMP is seeking support for their proposal to house their Administrative offices and develop 56 apartments for the elderly consisting of 43 one-bedroom units, 13 two-bedroom units and a total of 4,440 square feet of community facility space on Block 3589, Lots 1, 6-10 and 48-50. The balance of the proposed 16,560 square feet of community facility space would be provided in a separate building accessible from Chester Street.

A motion was made by Ms. Eula Key, seconded by Ms. Sarah Hall, and carried by a vote of 21- for, 0 - against with abstentions by Mr. Shawn Lewis, Rev, Miran Ukaegbu, and Dr. Merrill White, to support the proposal by the Federation of Multicultural Programs, Inc. to develop 56 apartments for the elderly consisting of 43 one-bedroom units, 13 two-bedroom units, their Administrative offices, and a total of 4,440 square feet of community facility space on Block 3589, Lots 1, 6-10 and 48-50. Chairperson Younger noted that Mr. Danny King and Mr. James Mack are present and did not vote on the matter because of their affiliation with the Federation of Multicultural Programs, Inc..

Mr. Kofi Hormeku, Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Committee, reported that this month, he and Mr. Tony Rosa, Manager of Parks for District #16, visited the parks and playgrounds in the District. The findings are included in the folders of the Board Members and can be reviewed at their leisure.

The Committee continues to need volunteers to adopt the parks and playgrounds in our community. Please contact the Board office at (718) 385-0323 to volunteer.

A motion was made by Ms. Bettie Kollock-Wallace, seconded by Ms. Alice Vines and carried to accept the report of the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Rev. Miran Ukaegbu, Chairperson of the Sanitation and Environmental Protection Committee,

reported that the Committee met on March 19 and discussed sanitation issues regarding garbage collection, recycling, and enforcement. They also reviewed the February scorecard report from the Department of Sanitation which shows that the District's street and sidewalk cleanliness ratings continue to show improvement over previous months.

The Brooklyn Solid Waste Advisory Board (SWAB), which she attends on behalf of the Board, has taken a zero tolerance level toward waste. SWAB believes that a sustainable Solid Waste Management Plan one that is cost-effective, environmentally sound, and socially just will do the following:

- Adopt a Zero Waste Goal.
- Reduce the adverse health and quality of life impacts on neighborhoods from mixed waste handling by reducing the amount of waste we produce.
- Adequately fund the least expensive and most environmentally sound solid waste options
- Invest NYC tax dollars where there are the best opportunities for benefits to New Yorkers--right here in NYC.
- Consider the secondary benefits of investments in the local economy for new industries and jobs as well as the social benefits of transferring quality reusable goods to those who need them.
- Call for a stronger management structure aggressively advancing creative zero waste programs and increasing public participation.

The next Sanitation Committee meeting will be on Monday, April 16, 5:30 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room at 444 Thomas S. Boyland Street with representatives from the Department of Sanitation. All residents are invited to attend.

A motion was made by Ms. Patricia Boone, seconded by Mr. Marcus Victory and carried to accept the report of the Sanitation and Environmental Protection Committee.

Ms. Annie Walkes, Chairperson of the Senior Citizens Affairs Committee, reported that on Thursday, March 22, 2007, members of the Senior Citizens Affairs Committee attended a Women s'History month luncheon at the Rosetta Gaston Senior Center, located at 460 Dumont Avenue. The event was well attended.

Following the luncheon, Mr. Harvey Stone, Executive Director of the Wayside Senior Programs, took Committee members on a tour of the center which has a number of activities such as table games, arts and crafts, and trips. The center also provides breakfast and lunch.

The Committee encourages seniors who live near the Rosetta Gaston Senior Center to join.

The Committee will be visiting other centers in the upcoming months to find out what services they provide and how the Community Board can assist in maintaining and enhancing these services.

A motion was made by Ms. Adrainer Coleman, seconded by Ms. Eula Key and carried to accept the report of the Senior Citizens Affairs Committee.

Ms. Deborah Mack, Chairperson of the Transportation and Franchises Committee, reported that the Committee met on Thursday, March 8, 2007 and discussed several issues; such as potholes, inadequate lighting along Livonia Avenue between East 98th Street and Junius Street, clearing bus stops during snowfalls, and the need to enforce the law restricting large trucks from traveling along residential blocks. The Committee also discussed ways to encourage riders to be more vocal and complain to the New York City Transit Authority about the bus schedules.

They also reviewed the items listed in the City's Preliminary Budget Statement and Community District Register for Fiscal Year 2008 and were not pleased with the responses from the Department of Transportation. For those items that were not recommended for funding, they are requesting an explanation.

The next meeting of the Transportation and Franchises Committee will be on Thursday, April 12th, 6:00 p.m. in the Community Board Office.

A motion was made by Mr. Marcus Victory, seconded by Mr. Kofi Hormeku and carried to accept the report of the Transportation and Franchises Committee.

Dr. Merrill White, Chairperson of the Women's Committee, reported that the Committee met on Monday, March 12, 2007 and discussed plans to sponsor a Health Forum on May 24, 2007 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at 444 Thomas S. Boyland Street. Presenters will enlighten community residents about cancer, HIV/AIDS, and diabetes. Light refreshments will be served.

They have been speaking to health professionals who are interested in this event, and some who wish to attend have expressed a desire to bring literature and speak for a few minutes. Health and wellness for mothers and infants, obesity, osteoporosis, mental health, and emergency room procedures are some other topics that we have been asked to explore at the Health Forum.

On January 16, 2007, the Chairperson of the Women's Committee met with several doctors at Brookdale Hospital who offered their assistance with these topics of interest to the community:

- Breast cancer
- Colon cancer
- Gastroenterology
- Gardicel (for prevention of cervical cancer)
- Bloodless surgery
- Hypertension
- Dialysis

The Women's Committee agreed to sponsor a series of workshops. A different topic will be covered each month. Prison and its effects on women and families is being considered for the month of June.

A motion was made by Ms. Alice Vines, seconded by Ms. Eula Key and carried to accept the report of the Women s Committee.

District Manager Greene-Walker, in behalf of Ms. Hattie Hunt, Chairperson of the Youth Services Planning Committee, reported that the Committee met on Tuesday, March 20, 2007 with Mr. Danny King from the Youth on the Move, Victory Over Violence Committee who is seeking the Board's support for their plans to convene a week long 2007 Youth Empowerment Summit. Their goal is to raise awareness and educate students, teachers, community, police and administrators on effective ways to prevent and reduce youth violence.

They plan to include various activities that will promote positive initiatives that young people can engage in as well as support self-help programs that will make our communities and schools safer. They also plan to focus on violence prevention strategies, respect and tolerance and the usage of all youth anti-violence projects. These initiatives will be geared toward the public school system, community centers, community-based programs, media, senior citizens, parents, social services, law enforcement, religious and governmental agencies.

The planning is in the very preliminary stages and as more information is made available to the Committee, they will inform the Board.

The Committee also continued their discussion on plans to sponsor a youth forum during the month of June. A special meeting will be held on April 4th to further discuss and evaluate the feasibility of this event for 2007.

All persons who have an interest in our youth are welcome to join the Committee.

A motion was made by Ms. Deborah Mack, seconded by Ms. Eula Key and carried to accept the report of the Youth Services Planning Committee.

A motion was made by Ms. Sarah Hall, seconded by Mr. Kofi Hormeku and carried by a vote of 25-in favor, 0-opposed, and 2-abstentions to approve tonight s'public hearing items.

Chairperson Younger recognized Mr. William Whitaker of Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz s'office.

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Mr. Whitaker stated that he is the newly appointed liaison to Community Board #16 and looks forward to working with the community. He announced that Borough President Markowitz will sponsor the Sixth Annual Assembly of the Federation of Block Associations at Brooklyn Borough Hall (209 Joralemon Street) on Monday, April 16, 2007, 5:30 p.m.. All are welcome to attend this event.

Chairperson Younger recognized Ms. Simone Lucas of Assemblyman William F. Boyland, Jr. s' Office

Ms. Lucas stated that she is the Chief of Staff for the Assemblyman's Office. She requested that the community advise them of issues of concern to the community.

Prepared packets of information on items that the Assemblyman is working on are available on tonight s'distribution table and everyone is encouraged to take one to read. She highlighted several items from the packet, including an initiative to build the Brooklyn Education, Science, and Technology (BEST) Center on City-owned vacant land located on the west side of Rockaway Avenue between East New York and Pitkin Avenues.

The BEST Center is intended to be an economic development incubator. It will be a mixed-use facility with commercial venues such as United Colors of Beneton, Armani Exchange, and the like. It will feature residential apartments and a science center in the vein of the Liberty Science Center where students and their instructors can get hands-on interaction with technology.

Chairperson Younger recognized Councilmember Darlene Mealy.

Councilmember Mealy stated that her Office often receives calls wherein the caller complains that a facility is being placed in their community against the community s'desire.

She has not met with representatives from Erma Realty concerning tonight s'public hearing items and will not lend support to it or any other proposal where the developers do not meet with her.

An Intro is coming before the Council regarding voter intimidation. She and Senator Barack Obama will hold a press conference on the issue tomorrow at City Hall at 1:00 p.m..

The Sanitation Department recently had a ticket blitz, issuing summonses to homeowners at times where they are most likely to be at work. The City Council is currently working on legislation that would only allow tickets to be issued to residential properties during hours where most homeowners are likely to be home.

She is sponsoring a youth summit at Medgar Evers College on May 4th. The forum is to hear the voice of the youth and get their comments on issues affecting them. In June, she is co-sponsoring a 500 Black Men s forum at the New Life Cathedral on Junius Street. She hopes to have flyers about the events at the next meeting of the Community Board.

Chairperson Younger recognized Ms. Tara Martin from Congresswoman Yvette Clarke s Office.

Ms. Martin stated that she is now the District Director for Congresswoman Yvette Clark. One of her final acts as Director of Community Relations for Borough President Marty Markowitz, was to hire Mr. William Whitaker who she believes will serve well.

Congresswoman Clarke, along with her colleagues in the New York Delegation, are hard at work in Washington addressing the concerns of the community. One particular concern that they have much correspondence on is the war in Iraq. This past Friday, the Democratic leadership of Congress voted to add a timetable to funding the war. Not another dollar will be spent until we know of a time-certain that the men and women fighting in Iraq will return home.

As a newly elected Congress member, Congresswoman Clarke is new to Brownsville. She will be seeking to meet with the leadership of local block and tenant associations and other civic organizations in order to address the needs of everyday Brownsville and effectively represent the community in Washington. Towards that endeavor, they are launching the YEC Empowerment Center, which will be community conversations that will be sponsored throughout Congresswoman Clarke s District. These conversations are designed to enlighten the community

on governmental affairs as well as empower the community to become activists for issues that are important to them. One of these meetings will take place this Saturday, March 31st, 1:00 p.m. at Allah s School at Medina (formerly Akbar s Place), located at 382 Livonia Avenue.

Chairperson Younger recognized Mr. Val Henry, representing Congressman Ed Towns.

Mr. Henry stated that Congressman Towns has been selected to be the Chairperson of the Government Management, Procurement, and Contracts Committee. He continues to serve on the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, the Subcommittee on Health, and the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet.

Amongst the legislation he is currently working on is the Potty Parity Bill aimed at remedying the age old problem of long lines at the ladies' restrooms of public places such as theaters, stadiums, and concert venues. Women generally spend twice as much time in the restroom as men. The law would provide for a ratio of at least 2:1 female restroom facilities for every male restroom whenever federal funds are used to build or alter a facility.

Congressman Towns is also proposing that a commission be formed to study the immigration issue, instead of attempting to seek out all the illegal immigrants in our country in order to deport them.

Their East New York Office has been relocated to 104-08 Flatlands Avenue.

Chairperson Younger recognized Ms. Essie Duggan, representing State Senator Velmanette Montgomery.

Ms. Duggan stated that Senator Montgomery is sponsoring a fact finding forum for homeowners and homebuyers on Thursday, April 26, 2007, 6:00 p.m. at the Wayside Manor, located on Broadway between Rockaway Avenue and Chauncey Street. Flyers are available on tonight s' distribution table.

The youth forum held on March 9th at I.S. 271 (1137 Herkimer Street) was a great success and the Senator sends her thanks to all who participated. The Senator will be following-up on the comments that were heard. Copies of a newspaper article covering the event along with a pamphlet on Women's History Month can be found on the distribution table.

Chairperson Younger acknowledged the presence of Ms. Christina Larkin of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. She also recognized Community Affairs Officer Dean Elmore of the 73rd Precinct.

Police Officer Elmore reported that beginning in April, the City will begin to issue fines to property owners who do not remove graffiti from their buildings. Owners can avoid the fines by signing up for the Mayor s'free graffiti removal program.

There have been changes made to the City s'gun laws which now impose a mandatory imprisonment of three and a half years (minimum) for persons found guilty of illegal possession of a loaded firearm. Shootings continue to plague the community; he urges any who knows the location of an illegal gun to contact the Police Department. He distributed a wanted poster of an individual wanted in the multiple shooting of his girlfriend.

He reported the following year-to-date crime statistics:

Crime Category	Year-to-date Total for 2007	Same Period Total for 2006	Percentage Changed
Homicides	3	5	-40%
Rapes	7	7	0%
Robberies	108	128	-16%
Felony Assaults	108	107	+1%
Burglary	64	52	+24%
Grand Larceny	102	75	+36%
Grand Larceny Auto (GLA)	45	31	+45%
Shootings	17	13	+45%

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Chairperson Younger recognized Ms. Yvette Beattie, representing the Parents Committee of Howard Houses.

Ms. Beattie stated that there is a community center at Howard Houses which is operated by PAL and will be closed due to lack of funding. The closing of the center will create a great burden on the community. The children will be left out on the street, struggling to survive. Parents will be left to worry as to the whereabouts of their children. She is seeking the assistance of the community to keep this vital resource available. They have petitions circulating within the neighborhood that they are asking community residents to sign. They may also need to seek donations and ask that community give with a generous heart.

Chairperson Younger stated that funding for programs in the community are discussed once a year with the Community Board. She encourages organizations to make their needs known to the Board so that this type of situation may be avoided.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Henry Hill, seconded by Ms. Sarah Hall and carried to adjourn the meeting.