

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD #16 – APRIL 24, 2012

Attendance

David Alexander	
Carolyn A. Benjamin-Smith	John McCadney, Jr. (E)
Margaret Brewer-Seck	Sadie McNamara (E)
Adrainer Coleman	Ted McQueen
Essie Duggan	Genese Morgan
Norman Frazier	Terry Norfleet (E)
Helen Giles (A)	Rev. Joseph Norton (E)
Shirley Gonsalves (E)	Deidre Olivera-Douglas
Daniel Goodine	Blanche L. Peltonbusch (A)
Chanel Haliburton	Marie Pierre
Sarah Hall	Rev. Devon Ponds
Kofi Hormeku	Mattie Pusey
Michael Howard	Linda Rivera (E)
Allene Ingram (E)	Melaine Rochford
Min. Prince Issachar	Wendy Rutherford
Daisy Jackson (E)	Beatrice Saunds
Minyarn Johnson (E)	Melina Terry (A)
Carl Joseph	Evang. Hellen Thomas-Purdie (E)
Pamela Junior (E)	Ernestine Turner
Eula Key	Rev. Dr. Miran Ukaegbu
Bettie Kollock-Wallace	Jennifer Williams (A)
Charles Ladson	Yvette Williams-Lawson (A)
Deborah Mack (E)	Viola D. Greene-Walker, District Manager
James Mack (E)	Jimmi Brevil, Community Assistant
Yolanda Matthew (E)	Essie Duggan for Hon. Velmanette Montgomery
Linda Mayo (A)	Maurice Phillips for Hon. John Sampson

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

Acting Chairperson Bettie Kollock-Wallace called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and requested that Mrs. Hazel Clark give an invocation. She also requested that the audience keep the family of the late Mrs. Annie Walkes in prayer.

A motion was made by Mr. Michael Howard, seconded by Mr. David Alexander and carried to waive the reading of the minutes.

District Manager Greene-Walker highlighted the following articles found in her report:

- the availability of applications for the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) which offers work experience, teaches valuable employment skills, and provides youth with a summer income. The deadline for submissions is May 18, 2012,
- numerous seasonal employment opportunities at the Wildlife Conservation Society parks - New York Aquarium, Bronx Zoo, and Central Park Zoo,
- an announcement by Riverway Apartments LLC that applications are now being accepted for 114 Section 8 apartments now under construction at 230 Riverdale Avenue in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn. This building is being constructed through the Low-Income Affordable Marketplace Program (LAMP) of the New York City Housing Development Corporation and the Senior Housing Program of the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development. Apartments are designated for the Elderly, one of whom must be at least 62 years of age at the time the application is submitted. Qualified Applicants will be required to meet income guidelines and additional selection criteria. To request an application, mail a SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE to:

Riverway LLC

c/o: The Wavecrest Management Team

87-14 116th Street

Richmond Hill, New York 11418,

or download from www.Riverwayapts.com. Applications are also available at the Office of Community Board #16. Completed applications must be returned by regular mail only (no priority, certified, registered, express, or overnight mail will be accepted) to a post office box number that will be listed with the application, and must be postmarked by June 15, 2012,

- and an announcement by Borough President Marty Markowitz inviting block associations to attend the Annual Assembly of the Federation of Brooklyn Block Associations on Thursday, April 26, 2012 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Brooklyn Borough Hall, located at 209 Joralemon Street.

A motion was made by Ms. Mattie Pusey, seconded by Ms. Eula Key, and carried to waive further reading of the District Manager's Report.

Acting Chairperson Kollock-Wallace recognized Mr. Patrick Callaghan from Catholic Charities.

Mr. Callaghan stated that he is the Community Project Director for Catholic Charities of Brooklyn and Queens. Catholic Charities recently opened a community center at the Riverdale/Osborn Towers complex, located at 440 Watkins Street. They recognize that they are new to the community and are seeking to find out what issues are affecting the community and to develop programs to address those issues.

Currently, they offer general case management services, referrals to various social services, and to serve as a gateway to the numerous services offered through Catholic Charities. He encouraged the audience to visit their website (catholiccharitiesny.org) and to pick up a pamphlet on tonight's distribution table.

They run a food pantry from the location on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon as well as the Man Up Fatherhood Program which is funded through the Department of Youth and Community Development. The Man Up program targets sixteen to twenty four year olds non-custodial father. They offer assistance with parenting courses, conflict resolution courses, job readiness courses, life skills courses, individual counseling, family counseling, group counseling, and GED (General Equivalency) referrals.

Ms. Deidre Olivera-Douglas asked if they reached out to the community to staff their facility?

Mr. Callaghan stated that the current staff is comprised of persons who were transferred from another facility. However, as they expand the programs at the Riverdale/Osborn facility, they will reach out to the community for their staffing needs.

Ms. Bettie Kollock-Wallace, Chairperson of the Land Use, Planning and Zoning Committee, reported that the Committee met jointly with the Health and Human Services Committee on April 10, 2012. They met with representatives from the Three-Quarter House Tenant Organizing Project who are seeking the Community Board's support to improve conditions in the buildings. The matter was tabled for further discussion at the next meeting.

The Committee also met with a representative from the Community Partners Commission Association, Inc. regarding their proposal to establish a substance abuse program at 2034 Atlantic Avenue. The matter was tabled for discussion at our June meeting.

The Committee also met with representatives from Family Services Network of New York which is seeking a letter of support from Community Board #16 to apply for site control of a vacant parcel at 379-385 Howard Avenue (Block 1446, Lots 1 and 3) to develop 14 one-bedroom and 6 two-bedroom rental apartments for low-income individuals and families.

The Committee recommends that the Community Board provide a letter of support to Family Services Network of New York, Inc..

Ms. Chanel Haliburton stated that several members of the Committee were in dissension with the recommendation to provide the letter of support because Family Services of New York has been in possession of the police precinct near East New York and Rockaway Avenues for a number of years and have failed to make use of the facility. When they were asked about their plans for that site they did not supply a satisfactory response.

Acting Chairperson Kollock-Wallace agreed that there was some dissension among the members but that the majority favored supporting the recommendation.

Representatives of Family Services Network of New York were requested to give a brief presentation on their proposal.

Mr. Cyril Joseph stated that he is a member of Community Board #4 and the liaison for Family

Services Network of New York. He has reached out to this Board several times seeking their support. Tonight he is here to seek a support letter that will enable them to apply for funding for the proposed project at 379-385 Howard Avenue. As he has promised and done in the past, he will make Community Board #16 aware of every phase of their project as it progresses.

The proposed project will not only create much needed affordable housing in the community, it will also create permanent jobs which are also needed. Preferences will be given to residents of Community District #16 for the homes and jobs.

Ms. Margaret Brewer-Seck asked if they are aware that the community is under stress for city resources such as police and social services to serve its current population.

Mr. Joseph stated the project is not a social service site – it will be low-income housing.

Ms. Brewer-Seck stated that the new resident will be placing additional stress on an already burdened police department, a hospital already serving five communities, and the school system.

Ms. Donna Douglass stated that the housing will not be supportive housing. The plan is for affordable homes that can be applied for by anyone in the neighborhood.

Ms. Olivera-Douglas stated that some members of the Board are asking why they should furnish a support letter to Family Services, when the organization has been in possession of the old police station on East New York Avenue for over eight years and have not done a thing with it. They have also read that the organization has received 4.6 million dollars, none of which went into Brownsville.

Ms. Douglass stated that there are some inaccuracies in the referenced article. The funding is for four specific sites one of which is 406 Mother Gaston Boulevard here in Brownsville. Regarding the old 73rd Precinct (1546 East New York Avenue) building and as recently as April 3rd, they have made presentations to the Brooklyn delegation requesting funding to renovate the building.

Ms. Olivera-Douglas stated that they received funding already.

Ms. Douglass stated that the funds that were mentioned in the article are allocated for specific projects. It would be illegal to use the funds in any other manner.

They have been before the Board a few years ago requesting and receiving support for site control the Howard Avenue site. At that time, they put together a funding which regrettably they did not receive. They did not give up on the project which is why they are here again tonight. At every level they are pursuing avenues to find funding sources for the renovation of the old precinct building as well.

They purchased the building because they consider themselves stakeholders in the Brownsville community. They have no interest in selling it off for profit. They envision turning it into a resource center to help young people learn trades with which they help raise their families. A polar opposite to what its previous function had been. In 2008, they had a financial package in place. However, when the market tanked the banks decided that they wanted to pull out. They are optimistic that they will receive funding by the coming fall.

Mr. Daniel Murphy asked how they came to acquire the building.

Ms. Douglass stated that they purchased the building from the Chen Foundation, a SOHO-based non-profit which had earlier purchased it from the city for \$140,000. While it cannot be seen from looking at the building from the outside, they have invested into the building as part of the process to obtain financing. All of this is a matter of public record.

Someone asked if there is a plan for the old precinct?

Ms. Douglass stated that there is a plan, but no funding yet.

A motion was made by Rev. Dr. Miran Ukaegbu, seconded by Ms. Eula Key, to accept the report of the Land Use, Planning, and Zoning Committee and its recommendation to furnish a support letter to Family Services Network of New York from Community Board #16 to apply for site control of a vacant parcel at 379-385 Howard Avenue (Block 1446, Lots 1 and 3) to develop 14 one-bedroom and 6 two-bedroom rental apartments for low-income individuals and families and

carried by a vote of 14 in favor, 7 opposed, and 2 abstentions.

Ms. Marie Pierre, Chairperson of the Legislative Committee, reported that the Committee met on April 24, 2012 and discussed issues involving New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) building repairs that are not being corrected in a timely fashion and saturation of like businesses in the community. The Committee will investigate how these issues can be corrected through legislation.

The Committee agrees with the Youth Services Planning Committee's recommendation on the sagging pants resolution.

Ms. Pierre stated that amongst the businesses of which the Committee feels there are too many in the District are nail salons. Along with the oversaturation of storefronts operating as salons, they are also concerned about the health implications of such businesses. The employees are often found wearing mask to protect themselves. The Committee is concerned that if the employees are protecting themselves, what risks are being presented to the clients. They will reach out to the Sanitation and Environmental Protection, and Health and Human Services Committees to investigate this and seek solutions.

Ms. Deidre Olivera-Douglas echoed the sentiment about the possibility of exposure to toxins in the nail salons and suggested that if as a client, you see employees wearing mask, ask for one for yourself and encourage others to do the same. She also suggested not bringing children into such environments.

Ms. Mattie Pusey suggested that the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene be asked to investigate the shops. In her experiences, the nail polish removers used the establishment have a very strong odor and the fact of the employees wearing masks makes her wonder what is being breathed in by clients.

A motion was made by Mr. David Alexander, seconded by Ms. Mattie Pusey and unanimously carried to accept the resolution and the report of the Legislative Committee.

Mr. Kofi Hormeku, Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Committee, suggested that members of the audience pickup a copy of his Inspection Report each month. The report may be found on the distribution table for each month's meeting and contain information about the condition of each of the District's parks and playgrounds. He invites everyone to look at their nearby parks and playgrounds and inform him of any issues that they may come across that is not yet reported on.

There are five parks in the community that have been slated for work, funding has been allocated but work as yet to begin or is stalled. He is seeking to speak to the Commissioner for answers as to why this is the case, especially as it regards Betsy Head Park, the Brownsville Recreation Center, and Nehemiah Park, where work has come to a standstill.

A motion was made by Mr. Charles Ladson, seconded by Rev. Devon Ponds, and carried to accept the report of the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Ms. Beatrice Saunders, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee, reported that the Committee met on April 13, 2012 and discussed the following issues:

- 1) Synthetic weed is being sold by several stores in our community to children and adults. This is illegal. If you know of locations where synthetic weed is being sold, please report it to the Community Board Office and the Committee will follow-up with the police.
- 2) Unprofessionalism of several police officers will be discussed with the Commanding Officer of the 73rd Precinct.
- 3) It was brought to the Committee's attention that pedophiles are residing in our community. Information about sex offenders can be obtained from the following website: http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/SomsSUBDirectory/search_index.jsp.
- 4) There's been an increase in the number of pawn shops. The Committee is investigating ways to close them down as it feels they will lead to more theft and crime due to employment opportunities.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2012.

A motion was made by Mr. David Alexander, seconded by Ms. Mattie Pusey, and carried to accept the report of the Public Safety Committee.

Ms. Genese Morgan, Chairperson of the Economic Development Committee, reported that on Thursday, April 19, 2012 at 6:30 p.m., the Economic Development Committee held a meeting to discuss a strategy for creating better communication throughout the community to identify economic development issues and work more closely with community-based organizations that are equipped to manage and respond to identified issues.

Additionally, the Belmont Avenue merchants have agreed to form a merchants association and began the process of organizing legally. At their April 12, 2012 merchant meeting, the business owners expressed the desire to meet with the elected officials for the district.

The Committee is asking businesses and community-based organizations that are interested in hiring youth for the summer to please contact Deidre Olivera-Douglas at thebvilleadvocate@gmail.com or Genese Morgan at genesemor@aol.com to register as a work site to employ our youth this summer. The deadline for businesses to sign up is April 30, 2012.

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 17, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.. If anyone has any questions or comments regarding the contents of this report, please feel free to contact Genese Morgan (genesemor@aol.com).

A motion was made by Ms. Marie Pierre, seconded by Ms. Sarah Hall and carried to accept the report of the Economic Development Committee.

District Manager Viola Greene-Walker, in behalf of Ms. Deborah Mack, Chairperson of the Transportation and Franchises Committee, reported that the Committee met on April 16, 2012 with a representative from the Brownsville Partnership regarding their efforts in partnership with the Brooklyn District Public Health Office to increase bike lanes in the community. A summary of the meetings that they have held to get community input will be given at the May 22nd Community Board meeting. There will be a follow-up community meeting during the first week in June.

The Committee is looking for locations to install bike racks, such as in front of libraries and at parks. If you have suggestions, please call Mrs. Greene-Walker at (718) 385-0323.

The next Transportation and Franchises Committee meeting will be held on May 14th at 6:30 p.m..

A motion was made by Ms. Marie Pierre, seconded by Mr. David Alexander, and carried to accept the report of the Transportation and Franchises Committee.

Mr. Ted McQueen, Vice Chairperson of the Youth Services Planning Committee, reported that the Committee met on April 17, 2012 with a representative from the Man Up Fatherhood Initiative, located at the Catholic Charities Community Center at 440 Watkins Street. The Man Up Fatherhood Initiative provides services such as workshops on anger management, domestic violence, and parenting skills to young fathers between the ages of 16 to 24. They also offer counseling, employment skills workshops, and GED assistance. They are open Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.. For more information about the program, call Thomas Goggans at (347) 915-0530.

The Committee also met with a representative from Senator Eric Adams' office and discussed a resolution that Senator Adams is requesting the Community Board support. The resolution prevails upon the Mayor of the City of New York and the New York City Schools Chancellor for support in the forbidding of children displaying their undergarments in school.

The resolution read as follows:

WHEREAS, it is the sense of this Community Board to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York City are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations that are devoted to improving the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, the eighteen Community Boards of Brooklyn, which are comprised of caring members of the community, provide advice and guidance on neighborhood

matters to city agencies and various government officials in order to improve the quality of life of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the displaying of undergarments by children in schools projects a negative image, which creates a distracting classroom environment; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to put the focus back on learning and fostering a nurturing educational environment; and

WHEREAS, in schools that have enacted provisions prohibiting the display of undergarments, such schools have indicated that these provisions promoted school safety, increased student self esteem, improved discipline, enhanced the learning environment; and

WHEREAS, attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, the Community Boards of Brooklyn are proud of their support in the forbidding of children displaying their undergarments in school; and

WHEREAS, equally commendable are the superbly-skilled elected officials of New York City, whose involvement is and has always been characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all of their efforts on behalf of the populations they serve; and

WHEREAS, it is the sense of this Community Board that those tenants which enhance the well-being and vitality of its community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned our recognition and applause; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this Community Board pause in its deliberations to prevail upon the Mayor of the City of New York and New York City Schools Chancellor for their support in the forbidding of children displaying their undergarments in school; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Mayor of the City of New York and the New York City Schools Chancellor.

The Committee agrees with Senator Adams that the behavior with the saggy pants should not be criminalized but the mindset modified.

The Committee recommended that there be an addendum to the resolution to include:

- 1) On the 1st infraction, student is made aware of the dress code.
- 2) On the 2nd infraction, student is given a warning.
- 3) On the 3rd infraction, student who is not dressed in accordance with the dress guidelines be asked to call a parent for a change of outfit to be provided or the student be asked to wear a school t-shirt and/or sweatpants.
- 4) On the 4th infraction, a parent will be required to attend a parent conference at the school.

The Committee recommends that Community Board #16 supports the resolution with the amendments.

Mr. Ladson asked if the issue of young women exposing underwear and midriffs was discussed.

Mr. McQueen stated that they did discuss that as well. It is the Committee's desire to have the young people shown what is and is not appropriate dress for school and how to present themselves properly for interviews.

Ms. Mattie Pusey stated that the children should be given guidelines each academic year.

Ms. Carolyn Benjamin-Smith stated that she works in the school system and that each year the parents are provided with guidelines. Some elementary and middle schools offer the option of uniforms. However, it has been a difficult task to get the parents to embrace this. There are also

guidelines in place from the Chancellor's office. The problem is parents are unwilling to support the guideline and enforcement is difficult.

Someone stated that in his school the students are made to wear suspenders if they are caught with saggy pants.

Mr. McQueen stated that one of the issues that was discussed is enforcement. The question was posed: If you were at the door, what would you be willing to do with a child wearing sagging pants? The idea being not to make it so that student would end up with a record.

Ms. Olivera-Douglas stated that in speaking with Senator Adams representative, they were informed that some communities have stated that they do not wish to impose dress restrictions upon their children. Senator Adams is seeking input from each Community Board to ascertain how to best approach the issue. The Committee, having the realization that our youth are disproportionately arrested in school and disproportionately suspended from school, wanted to put in place a way that the policies could be enforced without it ending with a child having a record. They will continue to work on this issue and invite anyone with suggestions to join them at their next meeting on May 15th.

A motion was made by Mr. David Alexander, seconded by Mr. Charles Ladson, and carried to accept the report of the Youth Services Planning Committee and the recommended resolution.

Acting Chairperson Kollock-Wallace recognized Captain Joseph Gulotta of the 73rd Precinct.

Captain Gulotta stated that there were six shooting incidents in the previous week. They have not had a week like that in sometime. On Saturday, there was a large house party given in the area of Howard Avenue and Sterling Place where gang members attended. The host, seeing this, decided to shut the doors. Youth from outside the community went to the bodega where someone grabbed a girl's bottom which led to a fight leading to two persons being shot. Earlier in the week at the same location, an identical scenario took place with the same result. Two arrests were made.

In watching the video of the incident, he is disturbed that the shooters are youth of approximately 14 to 15 years old.

He is requesting that the community report to the Precinct any incidents of large groups of youth hanging out or large house parties taking place before things get out of hand. He is assigning a group of sector cars whose sole responsibility will be to respond to large house parties, block parties, and group hangouts.

They remain below the previous two years' numbers in shootings year to date, but that is not good enough, one shooting is one too many. There are currently 150 officers in the Impact Zone, but that number will be reduced to 85 by the summer. They will have to do more with less but he will not allow the gangs to take over the streets this summer and seeks the help of the community to keep this from happening.

Mr. Randy Hudson suggested that the way witnesses are handled should be looked at. If multiple unrelated witnesses identify a perpetrator, there should not be a need to present the witnesses in open court and make them potential targets for retaliation.

Captain Gulotta stated that last year they were unable to prosecute fifty cases for just that reason, witnesses unwilling to appear in court. This is a justified fear and he is unwilling to judge anyone for being afraid. He agrees that this is a problem and they will try, when possible, to work with the District Attorney's office to alleviate the need for certain witnesses to appear in open court. Reporters of crime may do so anonymously, especially as it relates to large house parties and groups hanging out in large numbers.

Mr. Charles Ladson asked if the Captain favored stronger gun laws throughout the nation?

Captain Gulotta stated that New York has great gun laws. However, many of the guns found on our streets are shipped in from southern states where gun laws are less strict. Kids are buying these guns for three- to five-hundred dollars. Where are they getting the money from? They are stealing cell phones and selling them to pawnshops and bodegas for sixty dollars.

Someone asked if house parties are illegal and what would be an appropriate time to call the

police about loud parties?

Captain Gulotta stated that house parties where a fee is charged for entry are illegal. He has seen parties where there were two- three-hundred people squeezed into a two-bedroom apartment. When the apartment was cleared, four guns were found but they were unable to identify whose they were.

Acting Chairperson Kollock-Wallace stated that in accordance with the By-laws of Community Board #16, at this month's meeting, she is to appoint members to a Nominating Committee which will meet and come back to the May 22nd Board meeting with suggested names of members to serve as Executive Officers of the Board for 2012-2013. Additional nominations may be made at the May 22nd meeting as well.

She has asked the following persons to serve on the Nominating Committee: David Alexander, Essie Duggan, Michael Howard, Eula Key, and Rev. Dr. Miran Ukaegbu.

Acting Chairperson Kollock-Wallace recognized Mr. Daniel Murphy of the Pitkin Avenue Business Improvement District (BID).

Mr. Murphy announced that on May 24th, there will be a workshop on what will be happening to the Zion Triangle. Not only is the theater being redeveloped, but the city is also going to develop the triangle into a plaza. The workshop will be held at 1555 Pitkin Avenue at 6:00 p.m..

The BID will be distributing flowers to mothers along Pitkin Avenue on the Saturday prior to Mothers' Day.

Mr. Maurice Phillips, representing Senator John Sampson, stated that Senator Sampson met with all the Commanding Officers of all the police precincts within his district. He received assurances from each that sensitivity training will be used in every command. The Senator recognizes the difficult task undertaken by the police, but at the same time there are law-abiding residents that being victimized unnecessarily by the police.

Senator Sampson has included funds in his budget for placing additional security cameras in some of the New York City Housing Authority buildings where the crime rate is high. Some of the cameras may be in hidden locations.

Mr. Randy Hudson stated that he finds it a bit peculiar that none of the local elected officials have not put together an incubator of entrepreneurial individuals in the community.

Mr. Phillips stated that, as the President of the Broadway Chamber of Commerce, he led the redevelopment of what was then known as the Broadway Corridor. He put together a plan to do just what Mr. Hudson is referring to so that residents of the area would not need to depend on going to Manhattan for jobs. He believes that it is incumbent on young leaders such as Mr. Hudson to present a workable plan to the elected officials that they can work with and not the other way around.

Ms. Essie Duggan, representing Senator Velmanette Montgomery, stated that Senator Montgomery has provided information concerning the State budget and it can be found in her newsletter which may be found on tonight's distribution table. She is also requesting members of the community to attend her youth summit. The date of the summit can also be found in her newsletter.

Acting Chairperson Kollock-Wallace recognized Ms. Rhonda Jackson of the Way Church of Christ.

Ms. Jackson stated that they hosted a two day event to address the violence amongst the youth of the community. The dates were April 14th and 21st at Betsy Head Park. The events were well received by the youth and adults. In particular, Carver Federal Savings would like to come to the community to provide financial education events. They look forward to working with them and others interested in helping to develop our community.

Announcements were made regarding the death of Ms. Barbara Booker, a longtime community activist.

Acting Chairperson Kollock-Wallace recognized Mr. Glenn Moises of Brownsville NeON

(Neighborhood Opportunity Network).

Mr. Moises stated that on May 21st, at 444 Thomas S. Boyland Street, they will host a job preparation fair. They are continuing to assist persons who may need a Certificate of Relief from Disabilities. Persons who may be in need of a certificate may visit their office to receive assistance without having to go to the courts downtown.

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