

## MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD #16 – March 26, 2013

### Attendance

David Alexander (E)	Andrea McCullough
Carolyn A. Benjamin-Smith (A)	Sadie McNamara (E)
Margaret Brewer	Genese Morgan
Lamont Carolina (A)	Terry Norfleet (A)
Adrainer Coleman	Rev. Joseph Norton (E)
Christopher Durosini (A)	Blanche L. Peltonbusch (A)
Essie Duggan (E)	Marie Pierre (E)
Norman Frazier	Rev. Devon Ponds (E)
Helen Giles (A)	Mattie Pusey (A)
Shirley Gonsalves	Linda Rivera
Daniel Goodine	Melaine Rochford (A)
Chanel Haliburton	Wendy Rutherford
Sarah Hall	Beatrice Saunds
Kofi Hormeku	Melina Terry (A)
Michael Howard (E)	Evang. Hellen Thomas-Purdie (E)
Allene Ingram (A)	Ernestine Turner
Min. Prince Issachar (E)	Rev. Dr. Miran Ukaegbu (E)
Daisy Jackson	Jennifer Williams (A)
Minyarn Johnson (A)	Yvette Williams-Lawson
Carl Joseph (A)	Patricia Winston
Pamela Junior	Viola D. Greene-Walker, District Manager
Eula Key	E. Jane Coleman, Assistant District Manager
Bettie Kollock-Wallace	Jimmi Brevil, Community Assistant
Charles Ladson, Sr.	Maurice Phillips for Hon. John Sampson
Deborah Mack (E)	Melvin Faulkner for Hon. Inez Barron
James Mack (A)	Wanda Mercado for Hon. Darlene Mealy
Yolanda Matthew	Kevin Parris for Hon. Marty Markowitz
John McCadney, Jr.	

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

Chairperson Bettie Kollock-Wallace called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and an invocation was given by Ms. Hazel Clark.

Chairperson Bettie Kollock-Wallace recognized Ms. Jacqueline Kagan and Mr. Perry Cerrato from the Office of District Attorney Charles J. Hynes.

Ms. Kagan stated that she and Mr. Cerrato are from the District Attorney's Crimes Against Children Bureau which was formed when she joined District Attorney Hynes' office in 1997.

The Bureau specializes in the prosecution of sexual and physical crimes against persons 12 years old and under. They also investigate fatalities of persons ages 10 and under. The ages are there more as a guideline than a concrete rule.

When the Bureau was formed, it was the only one of its type in the nation. There are times when a good portion of her work day is spent interacting with children. This is not what she expected to be doing after graduating from law school, however, it has been one the most fulfilling things she has done in her life.

Along with the attorneys in the Bureau, they also have social workers, counselors and investigative paralegals working with them. The social workers and counselors are an offshoot of what District Attorney Hynes has made a focus of in his career – to bring services to victims of crime. In her years as a prosecutor, she has yet to see another office which offers the range of services for victims that District Attorney Hynes makes available.

The Bureau itself is child friendly. There is a mural on the wall (courtesy of a former assistant district attorney) designed to set the children at ease. While the children are not comfortable with what needs to be discussed with them, they are often reluctant to leave because the library/playroom environment is comforting to them. It offers an environment that is much more conducive to gaining the information they need from a child victim than a cold, sterile, and noisy environment of a police precinct.

They work very closely with the Brooklyn Child Advocacy Center which is located Downtown Brooklyn at Schemerhorn and Nevins Streets, where they bring together medical, law enforcement, legal, and social service representatives in a single, permanent, and child-friendly location to help abused children. Some of the best physicians and nurse-practitioners are on staff and ready to examine the children if the need arises. All of this happens at one location – one-stop shopping if you will.

Before the existence of advocacy centers, a child victim would make a report and have to talk with a police officer, a responding emergency medical technician, a detective at the precinct, maybe a doctor at the hospital, counselor from children's services, and then the District Attorney's office. Therefore, a child who first discloses an incident at about 11:00 p.m. is up at 4:00 a.m. having told their story to maybe ten different people in 3 to 5 different buildings. This is what the Child Advocacy Centers are designed to eliminate. The child, at most, will speak to 3 maybe 4 different people and more importantly it is all done in one place. Interviews can be monitored by the varying disciplines, eliminating the need for the child to excessively have to repeat their situation.

On tonight's distribution table are pamphlets indicating some signs of abuse. Beyond these signs, these are children who you know as individuals; if something does not seem right, make inquiries. Mandated reporters are persons who in the ordinary course of their work and because they have regular contact with children are required to report (or cause a report to be made) whenever abuse has been observed or suspected, or when there is evidence of neglect. They have no choice but to report abuse or suspected abuse, but that does not mean the general public cannot report these cases as well. Many people fear that they will cause someone (maybe unjustly) to be arrested. An arrest does not always occur when a call is made but it does mean that an investigation will ensue. Too much abuse happens without anyone knowing about it.

She and Mr. Cerrato have had the unfortunate responsibility of having to respond to too many reports of the death of a child. For them, the most disturbing ones are the ones that could have been prevented - the young mother who does not know she has an option and throws the child out – this is the most disturbing call that she can get. Baby Safe Haven (first adopted in New York and now law in every state) decriminalizes the act of anonymously leaving unharmed infants who are less than thirty days old with statutorily designated locations such as police stations, hospitals, and fire houses.

Ms. Adrainer Coleman asked what happens if an unfounded report is made.

Ms. Kagan stated that while the record will exist, it is sealed and cannot be accessed by an employer.

Mr. Charles Ladson asked if attorneys have access to that file?

Ms. Kagan stated that access to the file is very limited. The District Attorneys or law enforcement may open it if additional incidents are reported but otherwise it is inaccessible. You can access your own file through an attorney.

Chairperson Kollock-Wallace thanked the presenters for the quality information they provided to the community. She would like them to return to this venue and present further in the near future.

District Manager Greene-Walker announced that there will be free training for homeowners and contractors on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Brooklyn Borough Hall (209 Joralemon Street) with a presentation on mold remediation and flood cleanup procedures. The event is sponsored by Neighbor Housing Services of East Flatbush and Neighborhood Works America in conjunction with the Borough President.

On Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Mount Pisgah Baptist Church, located at 212 Tompkins Street, clergy, pastors, lay members, and defense attorneys will be available to help individuals resolve outstanding summons warrants.

On Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Prospect Park, Park Circle (corner of Parkside Avenue and Prospect Park SW), the Department of Sanitation will accept commonly used household products that can be harmful to you, your family, and the environment if improperly stored, used, or discarded.

The Brooklyn Neighborhood Improvement Association, in conjunction with the City of New York Commission on Human Rights, will host a seminar on the prevention of foreclosures on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at 151-167 Rochester Avenue. A number of banks will be present along with other useful resources.

On Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Central Brooklyn Economic Development Corporation will sponsor a Brownsville Community Walk to commemorate colon cancer survivors from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.. The meeting point for the beginning of the walk will be the corner of Pitkin Avenue and Thomas S. Boyland Street. On Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., they will, in collaboration with Downstate Medical Center, host a free health screening event at 444 Thomas S. Boyland Street.

The Brooklyn Branch of the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) is inviting the parents of students in grades K-8 to participate in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) workshop on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Bedford-Stuyvesant Restoration Center.

Ms. Genese Morgan, Chairperson of the Economic Development Committee, reported that the Committee held a meeting on Thursday, March 21, 2013.

The Committee reviewed a “renewal” application for a beer and wine license in regards to REMA LLC. The establishment is a Restaurant and is located at 371 East 98<sup>th</sup> Street.

- The Committee has determined that the establishment currently holds a liquor license for Beer and Wine only. This application was brought before the Board for initial approval on April 26, 2011.
- The establishment has no existing complaints on file with the 73<sup>rd</sup> Precinct.

With the above-mentioned stated, the Committee is asking that the Board supports this application and would like to turn the matter over to the full Board for voting.

There being no quorum present the matter was tabled by the Board.

Ms. Margaret Brewer, Chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee, reported that the Committee met on Thursday, March 14, 2013 to prepare questions for the guests who were invited to provide clarity of the policy and proper process of the emergency room with Emotionally Disturbed Persons (EDP). The Committee also discussed ways to accommodate the situation of the district having an influx of EDP and needs to develop a system that will effectively maintain the condition in our society, as well as the community-at-large.

Noise complaints from the private sector are satisfactory and favorable changes have been noticed. Complaints from the public housing sector are receiving a better police response, however, the disturbances continue. New York City Housing Authority will need to be involved in enforcement. More public notification is suggested.

If you have anything you would like to contribute to support this matter, please feel free to contact the office at (718) 385-0323 or email: [bk16@cb.nyc.gov](mailto:bk16@cb.nyc.gov) and reference “Noise”.

The Committee needs the local agencies’ attention, cooperation and commitment to help this district to move forward and grow.

This month is Women’s History Month; Ms. Junior is doing a phenomenal job at leading the Women’s Committee. The Health and Human Services Committee commends her and all of the women who are leading this community.

The Health and Human Services Committee will meet again on April 11, 2013 4:30 p.m., at 444 Thomas S. Boyland Street, Room 103.

The audience was requested to share the information from tonight’s meeting with at least one more person.

District Manager Greene-Walker, in behalf of Ms. Bettie Kollock-Wallace, Chairperson of the Land Use, Planning and Zoning Committee, reported that the Committee met on March 12, 2013 with representatives from the Department of City Planning who gave a more in depth presentation of their Sustainable Communities Plan for East New York that was presented at last month’s

Community Board meeting.

In Community District #16, the study area encompasses Broadway Junction and a portion of the East New York Industrial Park. They are in the phase of developing a land use framework. Land use changes will have positive benefits in creating more affordable housing, retail space, jobs, and a more attractive streetscape.

To put these suggestions into effect, rezoning is needed. The next phase of the plan will look at rezoning areas that are now manufacturing to residential. The Department of City Planning will schedule visioning sessions with the community in the coming months.

Mr. M. Morton Hall asked why not bring in commercial zones in order to build a job base?

District Manager Greene-Walker stated that the change would allow for commercial entities and will eliminate heavy manufacturing uses.

Mr. Hall asked if any local developers will be involved in development of the stated area?

District Manager Greene-Walker stated that first the zoning changes need to be made. Thereafter, a Request for Proposal (RFP) will likely be issued and local developers can respond accordingly.

Mr. Hall asked if there are any measures that can be made to ensure local participation?

District Manager Greene-Walker stated that the Board will make certain that he and the community in general are informed and invited to the re-envisioning sessions where these ideas can be voiced and perhaps be made part of the plan.

Someone asked if the zoning change affect political districts?

District Manager Greene-Walker stated that it would eventually as the districts are based upon population and are adjusted after each decennial census.

Someone asked who will the target population be for the housing?

District Manager Greene-Walker stated that the proposal is for a mixed income population, including low- to moderate-income families.

Ms. Cleopatra Brown asked what is considered low- or moderate-income?

District Manager Greene-Walker stated that she does not have the exact figures at this time, but it is based upon federal guidelines.

Mr. Hall asked if the community will have any input on what pricing will be?

District Manager Greene-Walker stated that pricing is based upon federal guidelines.

Mr. Kofi Hormeku, Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Committee, reminded the audience that copies of the inspection report on the District's Park and Recreation facilities can be found on each month's distribution table. He encourages everyone to pick up a copy, read it, and report any discrepancies or concerns to him prior to the next meeting. This will allow him time to investigate and respond to the concern.

He requested the assistance of the audience in inspecting the parks. He asks that when they visit their local parks, they look around and make note of any problems and report them to the Board's office, himself, or the Park's Manager. There is sheet in the Committee's report which can give the observer an idea as to what to look for.

District Manager Greene-Walker, in behalf of Ms. Beatrice Saunds, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee, reported that the Committee met on March 7, 2013 with Deputy Inspector Joseph Gulotta who informed the Committee that although shootings are up slightly, they are not gang related. Of the 12 shootings this year, 8 have been solved. There has been a large decrease in robberies, grand larcenies and cell phone snatches.

A number of pawn shop and bodega owners have been arrested for accepting stolen cell phones.



There have also been arrests for the sale of liquor to persons under age.

At least once a month, warrants have been executed at homeless shelters in the community. They have been checking for sex offenders and violators and find that many are from other boroughs.

Ms. Linda Rivera, in behalf of Rev. Dr. Miran Ukaegbu, Chairperson of the Sanitation and Environmental Protection Committee, reported that members of the Sanitation and Environmental Protection Committee met on March 13, 2013 to review some outstanding updates on Residential Recycling and plan an effective education strategy to ensure compliance and enhance the quality of our lives in our community.

All New York City residents are still required by law to recycle. The owner or manager of a residential building containing three or more dwelling units must STILL notify the residents of the requirements of the New York City Recycling Law by, at a minimum, posting and maintaining one or more signs in the recycling collection areas. Residents must keep recyclable material separate from garbage and set them out for recycling collection no sooner than the evening before their designated recycling day.

As part of the Committee's plan to educate members of our community at the Community Board meetings, they continue tonight with the distribution of copies of updates on the law on 'Residential Recycling' and its impact on our quality of life as highlighted on the attached copies. (pp. 28 -30). If we as community members do our part, then we can honestly hold both the New York City Department of Sanitation and Department of Environmental Protection Enforcement accountable with our complaints.

The next Committee meeting will be on April 10, 2013 at 6.00 p.m.

Ms. Patricia Winston, in behalf of Ms. Essie Duggan, Chairperson of the Senior Citizens Affairs Committee, reported that members of the Committee met on Wednesday, March 20, 2013, at the Rosetta Gaston Senior Center, located at 460 Dumont Avenue between Powell and Junius Streets.

The guest speaker was Ms. Latrice Walker from the Office of Congresswoman Yvette Clarke who shared the following top five things that you need to know about the Affordable Care Act (Obama Care) which was signed into law in March of 2010:

- 1) **Cheaper prescription drugs** – If you are in the donut hole, you will receive a 50 percent discount when buying brand-name prescription drugs covered by Medicare Part D.
- 2) **Free preventive services** – Medicare now covers certain preventive services like mammograms and colonoscopies for free. You also get a free annual wellness visit.
- 3) **Your doctors are supported to better coordinate your care** - Many doctors, hospitals, and other providers are taking advantage of new programs to help them work better as teams to provide you the highest quality care possible.
- 4) **Fights fraud and strengthen Medicare** –The Act builds on the government's efforts to combat fraud and abuse which will save billions of dollars in money that was being stolen from people with Medicare.
- 5) **Your Medicare coverage is protected** - Your existing Medicare-covered benefits cannot be reduced or taken away. As always, you will be able to choose your own doctors.

Ms. Walker also shared information about the importance of the Voter's Right Act (VRA), remaining intact. At the center of the current debate over the VRA is its Section 5, which requires counties with a history of black-voter disfranchisement to submit any proposed changes to its electoral laws or districts to a federal panel for approval, or "preclearance," to ensure there is no discriminatory impact

She also stressed the importance of making certain that we identify our needs and concerns regarding any proposed gun laws to our elected officials, especially our Congressional representatives.

Anyone who would like to join the Committee should contact the Board's office at (718) 385-0323 to receive a notice of the next meeting.

Ms. Pamela M. Junior, Chairperson of the Women's Committee, reported that the Committee had conference a call on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 to discuss what the next steps would be after the District Attorney's Office presented on the issue of child sexual abuse.

The members agreed that the best course of follow-up action would be:

- Members of the Committee sending flyers and other handouts that the District Attorney's Office provided to Block Association and Tenant Association Presidents in the community
- Members of the Committee would attend Tenant Association meetings and give flyers and handouts to residents
- Members of the Committee attending Councilwoman Mealy's first Saturday of the month meeting and invite Councilwoman Mealy to join in this initiative and assist the Women's Committee of CB16 to spread the word on child sexual abuse
- Members of the Committee will get the flyers and handouts into our schools by either giving the material directly to the Parent Coordinators or through Ainslie Cumberbatch who is Brownsville's NYC DOE Community Superintendent.

The Women's Committee next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 16, 2013 7:00 p.m. via conference call. They invite you to join them. You can contact District Manager Viola Greene-Walker at (718) 385-0323 for the conference call dial-in information.

If anyone has any comments, issues, and/or suggestions that they would like the Women's Committee to address, please feel free to contact Ms. Junior at [pjunior2@aol.com](mailto:pjunior2@aol.com).

Ms. Daisy Jackson, Chairperson of the Youth Services Planning Committee, reported that the Committee met on March 11, 2013 and discussed establishing playstreets to provide recreational activities for our youth during the summer months. Two locations were identified:

- 1) Christopher Avenue between Belmont and Sutter Avenues.
- 2) Herzl Street between Lott and Riverdale Avenues.

ROADS Charter School, located at 1495 Herkimer Street, is accepting applications for students who turn 15 or 16 years old in 2013, have 11 or fewer high school credits, and have completed at least the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. ROADS Charter High School is an innovative school for students who have not yet succeeded in other school settings.

Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on April 1, 2013. You may visit [www.roadsschools.org](http://www.roadsschools.org) or call (212) 561-5383 for more information.

Mr. Maurice Phillips, representing Senator John Sampson, announced that he has packets containing 3 fliers: 1) a notice by Neighborhood Housing Services on the availability of loans and other services for homeowners who were affected by Tropical Storm Sandy, 2) a notice informing the community of the availability of free cancer screenings for uninsured Brooklynites, and 3) a notice announcing a new senior center coming to RiverWay Apartments (located at Rockaway and Riverdale Avenues) which is expected to open in April 2013.

He also made available a limited number of applications for various employment opportunities with retailers Trader Joe's and Modell's. Internship opportunities are available with the City and State of New York and he recommends visiting their respective websites ([www.nyc.gov](http://www.nyc.gov) and [www.ny.gov](http://www.ny.gov)) and search internship.

Mr. Kevin Parris, representing Borough President Marty Markowitz, stated that the Borough President's Office is available to assist the community in various ways and he encourages the audience to reach out to the office when needed. He can be reached by calling (718) 802-3856.

Ms. Wanda Mercado, representing Councilmember Darlene Mealy, reminded the audience that

the deadline for 501(c)3 organizations to apply for discretionary funds is March 29<sup>th</sup>. Applications should be completed with care to insure completeness and accuracy. Incomplete and/or inaccurate applications will likely not be funded.

Councilmember Mealy's next Advisory Board Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. In response to the request that the venue be wheelchair accessible, they will collaborate with Pastor Grant of the Trinity Methodist Church, located at 1148 Eastern Parkway between Utica and Rochester Avenues, and will host the meeting at that location. There will have a representative from HRA (the Human Resources Administration) who will present on their "No Kidding" initiative which encourages youth to take responsible views on raising children as a teen. Representatives from the New York City Police Department will also be present to speak about bullying and their "Operation ID" which allows residents to have their electronic equipment tagged and registered in order to help them be recovered should the item be stolen.

On Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, Councilmember Mealy, in partnership with the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Finance, will host an event to help property owners protect their homes from tax liens. Property owners will be able to meet one on one with representatives to discuss their water and sewer bills, payment plans, and other alternatives to keep tax liens from being placed on their properties. The event will be held at the District office, located at 1757 Union Street, 2nd Floor, between Utica and Rochester Avenues, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m..

Information on companies that are hiring can be found in the current issue of Councilmember Mealy's newsletter.

Ms. Mercado stated that effective Monday, April 1, 2013, she will no longer be the scheduler for Councilmember Mealy. She will serve as a Community Liaison and looks forward to her new assignment. The new scheduler will be Jennifer Berkley.

Mr. Melvin Faulkner, representing Assemblywoman Inez Barron, requested that Assemblywoman Barron be kept in prayer as she recently took a fall and broke her arm. She will be absent from Albany for at least two weeks while she recuperates.

They have been informed by the Board of Elections that beginning with the upcoming primary elections in either June or September, polling sites will no longer be able to use separate entrances for able-bodied and wheelchair-bound voters – polling places must be wheelchair accessible and both must have use of the same entrances.

Chairperson Kollock-Wallace recognized Ms. Susan Samuel of the National Action Network.

Ms. Samuel stated that she is the founder of the Queens Chapter of the National Action Network.

Each year Reverend Al Sharpton hosts a conference at the Sheraton Hotel. The event is free of cost to attendees and this year will take place on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Chairperson Kollock-Wallace recognized Ms. Maria Hertneck of the ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) who announced that they will host a free spay and neuter clinic on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until noon, at Saratoga Square Park. Animal vaccinations will also be available.

Chairperson Kollock-Wallace recognized Ms. Viviana Gordon of the Brownsville Justice Center.

Ms. Gordon announced that they are currently recruiting youth ages 13 to 18 for their Youth Court program. This is a paid internship program which will aid participants in public speaking and teach them about law and the justice system. After training they will hear and adjudicate real cases involving their peers who are involved in low level offenses and referred by the 73<sup>rd</sup> Precinct and the Department of Probation.

They are also recruiting youth ages 16 through 24 for their Justice Community program. This program provides individual case management, and educational and vocational programing. There is a stipend given at completion of the program.

PSA 2 will recruit boys and girls ages 8 through 13 for a basketball team on Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

The contact person is Lieutenant Glasberg and games will be played at the Betsy Head Pool House.

On Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, they will be conducting a large community survey focused in the area bounded by Pitkin and Livonia Avenues, between Mother Gaston Boulevard and Thomas S. Boyland Street. This is a part of the anti-violence program mentioned by her colleagues, Erica Mateo and Kayin Latson, at last month's Community Board meeting. The survey is to collect information from the community regarding their perceptions on public safety and the programming they want to see in the community. The survey givers will be wearing yellow or purple shirts and she asks that if you see them to take the survey.

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

Mr. Murphy stated that fliers advertising the BID sponsored Easter Parade were placed on everyone's seat earlier. The parade will take place on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Participants will gather at the Zion Triangle, located at Pitkin Avenue and Legion Street, at 11:30 a.m. and will include classic cars, marching bands and many children from the community. The parade will end up at Betsy Head Park where there will be an Easter egg hunt.

Chairperson Kollock-Wallace recognized Mr. David Pratt of the New York Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (NYCOSH).

Mr. Pratt stated that NYCOSH is an advocacy group that works with New Yorkers who are injured on the job. He is here tonight to speak about the World Trade Center Health Program. It is not often that funds are sent From Washington D.C. to New York, but in this instance, New Yorkers repeatedly traveled to Washington and fought to get benefits to cover people who were affected by the aftermath of the attack on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. These benefits, as of last fall, cover many conditions and are available for up to 400,000 individuals. Coverage extends not only to the first responders but also to persons who worked, studied, or lived in the area, in the months immediately thereafter. Any person who became afflicted with cancers, upper respiratory diseases, mental health issues, and substance abuse issues may be eligible for coverage. You may call their office at (212) 227-6440 for more information.

Chairperson Kollock-Wallace recognized Ms. Angelica Godette of the East Kings County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

Ms. Godette stated that the Chapter has its roots here in Community District #16 and she is pleased to be here tonight to let the community know that they offer a \$1,000 book scholarship. More information about the scholarship can be found on their website: [www.ekcdst.org](http://www.ekcdst.org) or by emailing: [scholarship@ekcdst.org](mailto:scholarship@ekcdst.org).

Chairperson Kollock-Wallace recognized Ms. Sian Hua of Shen Yun Performing Arts International.

Ms. Hua announced that ShenYun will again be performing at Lincoln Center on April 20<sup>th</sup> through April 28<sup>th</sup>. Shen Yun is a dance and music representation of 5000 years of Chinese Culture and History which under the communist regime is suppressed in China. The program has been painstakingly researched to cover every minor detail and presented with the use of both Chinese and western musical instruments and feature over 200 handmade costumes. She encourages tonight's audience to come out and enjoy the show which sold out last year.

Chairperson Kollock-Wallace recognized Ms. Jacqueline Kennedy of Brownsville Partnership.

Ms. Kennedy stated that, as she mentioned at previous Community Board meetings, they held their HOPE Summit on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. To keep that momentum going, they will host their first workshop on parks and open spaces on Saturday, April 6, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at Betsy Head Park (Dumont Avenue and Thomas S. Boyland Street). After that session they, in collaboration with the Center for Court Innovation and Teach for America, will host a community service event and help beautify the parks with plantings and painting. For those who cannot make that session, they will host another on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m..

Chairperson Kollock-Wallace thanked District Manager Greene-Walker, her staff, and Parliamentarian Daniel Goodine for helping to make these meetings successful. She recognized



the women in the audience and in recognition of Women's History Month saluted them.

There being no further business to discuss, a closing prayer was said by Ms. Marie Pierre, and the meeting adjourned.