

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD #16 – OCTOBER 27, 2015

Attendance

David Alexander	Quardean Lewis-Allen
Carolyn A. Benjamin-Smith	Albion Liburd (E)
Margaret Brewer (A)	Deborah Mack
Rev. Mark Broomes (A)	Yolanda Matthews
Aaron Brown (A)	John McCadney, Jr. (E)
Dr. Cleopatra Brown	Andrea McCullough
Anthony Clark	Genese Morgan
Adrainer Coleman	Marie Pierre (E)
Carlos Diaz	Mattie Pusey (A)
Brenda Duchene	Linda Rivera
Christopher Durosinmi (A)	Wendy Rutherford (A)
Norman Frazier	Celina Trowell (A)
Danny Goodine	Ernestine Turner
Rose Graham (A)	Rev. Dr. Miran Ukaegbu
Chanel Haliburton	Yvette Williams-Lawson (A)
Sarah Hall	Pat Winston
Jessie Hilliard	Sylvester Yavana (E)
Michael Howard	Viola D. Greene-Walker, District Manager
Prince Issachar	Jimmi Brevil, Community Assistant
Daisy Jackson (E)	Hon. Inez Barron
Carl Joseph (A)	Toni Bennett for Hon. Darlene Mealy
Pamela Junior	Charles Jackson for Hon. Yvette Clarke
Eula Key	Ennis Johnson for Hon. Latrice Walker
Danny King (A)	Shelton Jones for Hon. Kenneth Thompson
Bettie Kollock-Wallace	Malcolm McDaniel for Hon. Eric Adams
Charles Ladson	Freda Menos for. Hon. Hakeem Jeffries
Carolyn Lee	Richard Nelson Hon. Jesse Hamilton, III

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

Chairperson Bettie Kollock-Wallace called the public hearing to order at 7:05 p.m. and gave an invocation.

Chairperson Kollock-Wallace recognized Ms. Allison Grant from the Administration for Children's Services (ACS).

Ms. Grant stated that she is the Chief of Staff of ACS's Division of Early Care and Education (DECE). She is present this evening with her colleagues, Michael Bitar, and Ken Robinson. They are here to ask for the Board's support for the continued use of a building at 20 Sutter Avenue as a child care center. The organization that is currently occupying the space, Friends of Crown Heights, has been there for about three years. However, DECE, which was formerly a division of the Agency for Child Development and then the Human Resources Administration, has been serving children from this location since 1972. It is their hope to continue serving the children at this specially designed location.

Friends of Crown Heights' child care model serves families earning up to 200% of the federal poverty level. The program is open Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. allowing children an opportunity to get quality education, while their parents are working or attending qualified classes. There are currently 74 children enrolled in the program which has play space on its roof.

Ms. Deborah Mack asked if their contract was expiring?

Ms. Grant stated that ACS leases the property from a private individual and the lease is up for renewal. However, they cannot renew the lease without going through ULURP (Uniform Land Use Review Procedure), part of which includes coming before the Community Board.

Ms. Mack stated that while she is unfamiliar with the current operators she has a grandchild who previously attended the program and she was pleased with the program.

Someone asked for clarification on the buildings location.

Mr. Bitar stated that the building is located on Sutter Avenue between Ralph Avenue and Union Street. The Director's name is Ms. Muriel and he spoke with her this morning. He also recently visited the site to ensure that it met all standards and gave the landlord, Ida Lott, a list of concerns which have all been addressed. The property consists of 11,000 square feet of space on two floors. Three classrooms on the cellar floor and four on the first floor with each classroom having its own bathroom. There are another 10,000 square feet of space on the roof.

There being no further questions, the next item was called. Chairperson Kollock-Wallace called forward Mr. Michael Howard, Chairperson of the Budget, Personnel, and Finance Committee.

In behalf of Mr. Howard who was having issues with his vision this evening, District Manager Viola Greene-Walker stated that each year, as part of the City's budget process, the Community Board must submit its capital and expense budget needs and priorities for the District to the Office of Management and Budget.

The first page of Mr. Howard's report states that the capital budget covers the cost of the City's long-term construction program, purchase of land and large equipment. The reconstruction of parks, streets, sewers, and buildings are examples of capital projects.

The expense budget covers all of the City's day-to-day operations such as salaries and supplies as well as debt service.

The Community Board can submit up to 40 capital budget requests and up to 25 expense budget requests.

The recommendations are listed in his report and are recommendations made by the Committee and the District Manager (Copies of the report are in each Board member's folder with additional copies available on tonight's distribution table.).

The recommendations are being made with consideration of the District's population with specific focus on the community's most vulnerable residents.

She read first the capital and then the expense recommendations in priority order.

There being no further comment, public hearing was closed.

Chairperson Kollock-Wallace recognized Councilmember Inez Barron.

Councilmember Barron stated that she represents the 42nd City Council District which encompasses a portion of Community District #16. She was present, last week, at the Board's Public Hearing on the East New York Rezoning Plan that is being proposed by the City.

She wants the audience to know that when the City says low-income, they are speaking about persons who earn as much as \$67,000 which is about twice the average income of the community's residents. She urges the Board to ask what is the annual income that presenters are speaking about when they say "low-income".

Ms. Carolyn Lee was called forward and sworn in as a Community Board member by Councilmember Inez Barron.

There was a roll call of the Board members and a quorum was present.

A motion was made by Ms. Deborah Mack, seconded by Mr. Charles Ladson to waive the reading of the minutes.

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

1. Applications are currently being accepted for admission to S-Five Properties, LLC, located at 1719, 1725, 1752 Sterling Place, 354 Saratoga Avenue, 163 Suydam Street, 25 Madison Street, Brooklyn, New York. S-Five Properties, LLC is a 95-unit family housing development consisting of 1, 2 and 3 bedroom apartments, which operate under the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development's Third Party Transfer Program. Qualifications for admission will be based upon guidelines of the

New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development. The deadline for submission of application is November 9, 2015

2. Love Your Block, an initiative of New York City Service in partnership with Citizens Committee for New York City, is now accepting applications for the 2016 Love Your Block Grant.
3. The Citizens Committee for New York City also offers neighborhood grants up to \$3,000 for projects such as community gardens, tenant organizing, school recycling drives and art projects.
4. The Brooklyn Botanical Garden has a hands-on apprenticeship for students in grades 8 to 11. Apprentices learn about careers in public gardens, science, the environment, and education through hands-on work placements in the Garden. Apprentices are eligible for community service credit and earn a monetary award upon successful completion of the program.
5. The New York City Transit Authority has announced that the Atlantic Avenue “L” Station will be closed until the end of 2015 in order for MTA New York City Transit to perform important capital work on the station’s platform and roof. Throughout the duration of this project, a fare-free shuttle bus will operate between the Atlantic Avenue “L” Station and the Broadway Junction A, C, J, and L station. Customers can access the shuttle bus to Broadway Junction at the corner of Atlantic Avenue and Snediker Avenue.
6. Neighborhood Housing Services of New York City (NHS) has a number of programs which assist residents of our community. They have offices, located on Church Avenue in the Flatbush neighborhood, which services Community District #16. Highlights of their programs can be found on pages 2 through 4 of her report.
7. The Brooklyn Film and Arts Festival has announced a call for submissions for the 2015 Brooklyn Non-Fiction Prize and Brooklyn Documentary Prize. The Brooklyn Non-Fiction Prize, a cash award of \$500, will be awarded to the best Brooklyn-focused non-fiction essay which is set in Brooklyn and is about Brooklyn and/or Brooklyn people/characters.
8. The Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) has released the NYCHA (New York City Housing Authority) Cornerstone Programs Request for Proposals (RFP) through the HHS Accelerator system (an online-system designed to improve the City's contracting process) to those organizations prequalified in the relevant service areas. Likewise, proposals must be submitted through the HHS Accelerator system in the manner set forth in the "Procurement" section of the system by those same pre-qualified organizations. Go to the HHS accelerator website: www.nyc.gov/hhsaccelerator to learn more and to apply.

The report also contains a list of available grants and a list of complaints received by the District Office for resolution.

A motion was made by Min. Prince Issachar, seconded by Mr. Norman Frazier to accept the report of the District Manager.

Chairperson Kollock-Wallace recognized Deputy Inspector Miguel Iglesias, Commanding Officer of the 73rd Precinct.

Deputy Inspector Iglesias stated that at last month’s Community Board meeting he spoke about a new initiative of the Police Department, the Neighborhood Coordinating Officer (NCO) Program, in which they are the pilot precinct for Brooklyn North and is now active in the Precinct. Under the new program, the Precinct is divided into four sectors. Each will have two NCOs.

Since the announcement of the program, he has received many questions as to how will someone know who their Coordinating Officers are. Present with him tonight are some the officers. The Coordinating Officers are: Sector A – P.O. Wendell Dias ((929) 294-5095) and P.O. John Velez ((917) 355-3870), Sector B – P.O. Scott Walicki ((929) 364-6519 and P.O. Grid Troci ((917) 399-7834), Sector C – P.O. Gary Allen ((917) 689-2297, and Sector D – P.O. Jaime Ramirez ((929) 364-6749 and P.O. Guy Randel ((929) 364-7486). Maps demarking the sectors were distributed.

The program is designed to reconnect the police with the community and foster better communication between the two. The officers will attend various community meetings and coordinate with other agencies to remedy issues that are brought to their attention.

Another program he wants to bring attention to is the new recruit program which will place recruits on the streets before graduating from the Police Academy, under a new training strategy that will better prepare them for the job.

Under this new model, 13 recruits who have been in the Academy for three months received some field orientation and got a feel for real-life settings. Each spent a week and a half in the Precinct and worked with every unit in the Command. He supports this program, as he believes that it offers the recruits a point of reference as they are taught policing at the Academy.

In the ten months that he has been at the Precinct, many initiatives have been piloted or tested here. He thinks that this a good thing. At the end of the day, it is good for both the Precinct and the community because when you reach out in this manner it is always a good thing.

As was mentioned at the previous Board meeting, they had a rocky August, but overall for the past 28 days, crime is down 22%. Year-to-date, they are down 9% for all crimes in the Precinct. Much of this can be attributed to the new initiatives and technologies that they have been given to work with.

Someone asked what categories of crimes does the 9% represent?

Deputy Inspector Iglesias stated that it is for overall crimes. They are down in all categories with the exception of rapes and grand larcenies. With regard to grand larcenies, they are finding that in certain pockets they are getting many cellphone snatchings. The difference between robbery and grand larceny in these incidents is the level of force used to commit the crime. Of late, they have seen significant increases of this type of crimes along Saratoga Avenue between Blake and Pitkin Avenues, and near Broadway Junction. He has increased resources in these areas which have reduced the activity.

Someone asked if resources can be allocated to the area of Ralph Avenue between St. John's Place and Eastern Parkway?

Deputy Inspector Iglesias stated that much of the activity in the area can be attributed to the shelter at 599 Ralph Avenue. The Department of Homeless Services now has details there, as well as at 2404 Atlantic Avenue to help combat issues stemming from the shelters. The details are present at the locations five days a week.

Dr. Cleopatra Brown stated that there appears to be gang activity taking place in the area of the bleachers of Betsy Head Park, located on Dumont Avenue at Herzl Street.

Deputy Inspector Iglesias stated that he was unaware of the issue and asked if it has been called in.

Dr. Brown stated that it has been and reminded Deputy Iglesias of her request to have the spotlights placed at Strauss Street and Livonia Avenue moved.

Deputy Inspector Iglesias stated that he will have the issue resolved.

Mr. Charles Ladson, Sr. asked if the officers in the area of Saratoga Avenue are on foot patrol or will they be in sector cars?

Deputy Inspector Iglesias stated that both types of patrols are utilized.

Mr. Ladson asked that the lights be moved to Saratoga and Livonia Avenues where it is particularly dark.

Deputy Inspector Iglesias stated that it is a balancing act. At the end of the day, he has to determine what is best for the safety of the community.

Ms. Deborah Mack stated that she has not observed any officers from the Department of Homeless Service Police in the area of 599 Ralph Avenue. Are they deployed on the street; or are they only inside the site?

Deputy Inspector Iglesias stated that the Homeless Service Police only operate in the shelter. He has had joint operations with the 77th Precinct, however, with limited resources he has to pick his

battles. With the implementation of the NCOs, residents can reach out to the NCO with regards to nuisance crimes and the officers can assist with these issues.

Ms. Freda Menos from the Office of Congressman Jeffries asked if any of the recruits who participated in the New Recruit Program in the 73rd Precinct be placed in the Precinct upon graduation? She asks the question because it is an issue that has been brought to Congressman Jeffries on numerous occasions.

Deputy Inspector Iglesias stated that all of the recruits will join the 73rd Precinct upon graduation. The issue is one that they have heard and have been brought before focus groups. This issue was particularly true of the Impact Officers, but is no longer how they will work.

Mr. Ladson thanked Deputy Inspector Iglesias and his officers for the job that they are doing in the community and expressed sympathy in the loss of Police Officer Randolph Holder.

Deputy Inspector Iglesias thanked him for the thoughts.

Ms. Genese Morgan asked what will be the operating hours of the NCOs?

Deputy Inspector Iglesias stated that the hours will vary depending on the need.

Deputy Inspector Iglesias announced that in honor of October being Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the 73rd Precinct and Brookdale Hospital and Medical Center will collaboratively host a free breast cancer screening event on October 29th at the hospital.

Deputy Inspector Iglesias reminded the audience that Community Affairs Officers Boone and Daniel-Spiers are still available to them and are not being replaced by the NCOs.

A moment of silence was held in memory of slain Officer Randolph Holder.

Ms. Genese Morgan, Chairperson of the Economic Development Committee, reported that the Committee held a meeting on Thursday, October 15, 2015. The meeting was attended by Debra Griffin-Daza of the Brownsville Jobs Plus program operated by Grant Associates.

The Jobs Plus program has been in operation since January 2015 and has eight (8) staff members employed at 330 Powell Street; Brooklyn, NY 11212 to assist residents of Brownsville Houses and Van Dyke Houses between the ages of 18-65 with job placement services, financial management services, business attire, GED and social services through a number of partnerships with other community based organizations. The site is open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and every third Saturday.

Residents seeking to access services must enroll as members of the Job Plus program and attend an orientation session to begin job search. Once enrolled, residents will be considered lifetime members of the program. Residents who become employed are provided with job search coaching and monitoring services for up to 180 days of job placement.

Since January 2015, Jobs Plus has assisted approximately 500 residents of Van Dyke and Brownsville Houses with job search. As of October 2015, Jobs Plus has graduated 30 residents from 180 days of job placement assistance and 50 have reached 90 days of job placement.

Jobs Plus has and will continue to hold job fairs with national employers and job fairs are open to all residents of Brownsville.

Jobs Plus will also coordinate special events such as basketball tournaments to appeal to the other interests of the residents of Brownsville and Van Dyke Houses.

Residents seeking to contact Jobs Plus can call Debra Griffin-Daza at (347) 599-9650.

Additionally, the Dream Big Foundation is hosting a business pitch competition on November 13, 2015 for residents of Brownsville. All interested residents can sign up at www.thedreambig.org.

The purpose of the Economic Development Committee is to identify and respond to issues related to existing or proposed economic opportunities for the District, and make recommendations to the Board regarding the same. The Committee invites members of the

community with interests in Economic Development to attend the next meeting which will be on Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Anyone having questions or comments regarding the contents of this report should feel free to contact Genese Morgan at bk16@cb.nyc.gov

A motion was made by Ms. Linda Rivera, seconded by Mr. David Alexander and carried to accept the report of the Economic Development Committee.

Rev. Dr. Miran Ukaegbu, Chairperson of the Health & Human Services Committee, reported that at its meeting held on April 18, 2015, the Committee met with representatives of Redemption Point, Inc., located at 236 Hoyt Street, Brooklyn who are applying to the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Abuse Services for state certification to operate a drug free program at 1938 Pitkin Avenue. The program will use a holistic approach to serve the physical, mental and social needs of clients. Their services will include health awareness, HIV/STD education, stress management, anger management, parenting skills, domestic violence prevention, and vocational training.

On September 15, 2015, she and District Manager Greene-Walker visited Redemption Point's site at 236 Hoyt Street and observed the close quarters in which the program operates. Relocating to 1938 Pitkin Avenue will provide a larger space to operate the program.

It is recommended that the Community Board provide a letter of support to Redemption Point to relocate from 236 Hoyt Street to 1938 Pitkin Avenue.

The Committee has been informed that the Department of Homeless Services is proposing to award a 19-month contract to Acacia Network Housing, Inc. to operate a shelter for up to 119 homeless families with children at 2416 Atlantic Avenue. A letter was sent to the Department of Homeless Services stating our opposition due to an adjacent shelter at 2402 Atlantic Avenue and 3 others within a half mile radius of 2416 Atlantic Avenue.

A motion was made by Mr. David Alexander, seconded by Mr. Charles Ladson, Sr. and carried to accept the report of the Health and Human Services Committee with their recommendations.

Ms. Bettie Kollock- Wallace, Chairperson of the Land Use, Planning and Zoning Committee, reported that the Committee met on October 13, 2015 with representatives from the Department of City Planning who made a presentation on the Zoning for Quality and Affordability Text Amendment, Mandatory Inclusionary Housing Text Amendment and the East New York Rezoning.

Mandatory Inclusionary Housing is a text amendment that will require that any new housing in an area that has been rezoned to allow for more housing would be required to have permanent affordable housing. The goal of Mandatory Inclusionary Housing is: 1) To promote vibrant and diverse neighborhoods, and 2) To insure housing is affordable for people today and for future low and moderate income New Yorkers.

This is a citywide initiative and applied when an area is rezoned. There will be two options: 1) 25% of housing would have to be permanently affordable for incomes averaging 60% of the Area Median Income (AMI) which is \$46,620 per year for a family of 3 or 2) 30% of the housing for incomes averaging 80% AMI which is \$62,150 per year for a family of 3. There is also a third option for markets where moderate or middle income development is marginally financially feasible without subsidy. In this case, 30% of the housing units for residents with incomes averaging 120% AMI which is \$93,240 per year for a family of 3.

Mandatory Inclusionary Housing will apply to developments consisting of 10 or more units.

Another stipulation in the text amendment would require the developer to spread the affordable units throughout the building or provide the affordable housing units in a separate building next door to the market rate housing. There's also a third option to provide affordable units on another site in the community district. A fourth option would allow the developer of a building that has 11 to 25 units to pay a fee which will go towards the creation of affordable housing in the community district.

Under the Mayor's 10-year housing plan, the Department of City Planning is proposing a set of targeted changes to zoning regulations to support the creation of new affordable senior housing,

support the creation of inclusionary housing, free up city resources to create more affordable housing in areas that have great transit access, and encourage better ground floor uses by providing more flexibility in the ceiling heights.

In terms of quality, it will change rules that lead to flat, dull apartment buildings to accommodate and encourage façade articulation, court yards, and other elements that provide visual variety and make the pedestrian experience more interesting.

The Department of City Planning is also proposing a rezoning of the area generally bounded by Broadway, Van Sinderen Avenue, East New York Avenue, Mother Gaston Boulevard and Eastern Parkway. This area is presently rezoned for manufacturing use and would not allow for new residential development.

The area of Broadway between Eastern Parkway and Van Sinderen Avenue is proposed to be rezoned C4-4L. On lots fronting the elevated train, buildings must be set back 5 feet from the street at ground level, and allow for a building height of 6-10 stories, with a required 15 ft. set back above the 8th floor. Lots not fronting the elevated train will have a height of 6-8 stories, with a required set back above the 6th story.

On Van Sinderen Avenue between Fulton Street and Atlantic Avenue, it is proposed to be rezoned C4-5D to allow for 1-2 story commercial buildings and 6-10 stories residential, with a required set back above the 8th story.

Along East New York Avenue between Van Sinderen Avenue and Mother Gaston Boulevard, it is proposed to be rezoned R7A/C2-4. Permitted uses will be residential, community facilities, and local commercial in a 6-10 story building with a required setback above 8th floor.

In the area generally bounded by Herkimer Street, Sherlock Place, Atlantic Avenue to Havens Place where there are 3 story row houses and apartment buildings, it is proposed to be rezoned R5B and R6B.

Along Fulton Street between Eastern Parkway and Van Sinderen Avenue where there presently exist manufacturing uses, it is proposed to rezone the area M1-4/R7D which will allow for a 1-2 story industrial use and 6-10 story residential or mixed use with required setback above the 8th story.

In the area generally bounded by Somers Street, Mother Gaston Boulevard and Eastern Parkway, it is proposed to rezone R7D/C2-4 which will allow for residential community facilities and local commercial uses in a 6-10 story building where there will be a required setback above the 8th story.

District Manager Viola Greene-Walker stated that at the Board's meeting on November 24th, the Department of City Planning will again give a presentation on the proposal and Community Board members will be asked to vote on the item.

A motion was made by Mr. Charles Ladson, Sr., seconded by Mr. David Alexander, and carried to accept the report of the Land Use, Planning, and Zoning Committee.

District Manager Viola Greene-Walker, in behalf of Ms. Margaret Brewer, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee reported that on October 7, 2015, she and District Manager Greene-Walker discussed community reported and self-observed issues and possible resolutions.

On October 16th, she, Community Affairs Officer Daniel-Spiers, and Deputy Inspector Iglesia, went on a visual inspection of the areas surrounding several shelter sites in our area where we saw notable behavior. All have been reported to District Manager Greene-Walker.

On October 19th, Community Corners had their CPR class at Mt. Ollie Baptist Church. She congratulates all 10 of our newly CPR certified neighbors and thanks them for completing the class. She also thanks our community partners who made it possible: Shaniqua Roberts of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene who moderated the class, the host, Mt. Ollie Baptist Church, and the 73rd Precinct Clergy Council for its support.

On October 21st, Ms. Brewer attended CAMBA's monthly advisory meeting where the agency reported many ongoing and upcoming recreational activities, namely an after school program and monthly birthday parties for their residents.

She also had an opportunity to discuss the behavioral issues which she witnessed on October 15, 2015. The staff listened and agreed that this needed attention, and will engage in a more structured meeting (more than the community advisory) to resolve the problems.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting will be held on November 4, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Rev. Dr. Miran Ukaegbu, seconded by Mr. David Alexander and carried to accept the report of the Public Safety Committee.

Mr. David Alexander, Chairperson of the Youth Services Planning Committee, reported that on October 18, 2015, the Youth Services Planning Committee held its first meeting of the calendar year to discuss the complex responsibilities to service our children of all ages in the community.

At this meeting, the Committee focused on the performance of the low performing schools in Ocean Hill-Brownsville and how to ameliorate the condition within any school facing difficulty. The Committee decided to do an analysis of the past year's school ratings of all School District #23 schools (a total of 61 schools combined with public and charter schools), and at the next meeting on November 12, 2015, the Committee will identify the problem areas of each school before discussing the findings of the analysis with the superintendents: Mauriciere de Govia – Elementary and Middle Schools, and Karen Watts – High Schools. The above named superintendents have no say in the decision making in the charter schools located within the public school system in Ocean Hill-Brownsville. Nonetheless, the charter schools will be subject to the analysis process as well, and a report of the Committee's findings will be presented at a forthcoming Community Board meeting.

On October 13th, the Committee Chairperson spoke with Ms. Page Best-Hardy – Elementary and Middle School Family Leadership Coordinator, to arrange a meeting to discuss the performances of the schools in her jurisdiction. A tentative date is scheduled for October 29, 2015.

Ms. Best-Hardy also informed the Chairperson that a Community Education Council (CEC) meeting will be held on October 27, 2015 and the School Superintendents will also attend the Town Hall meeting. However, the scheduled meeting dates for the CEC are in conflict with the regularly scheduled Community Board #16 meetings. The Committee Chairperson will address this matter with Ms. Mendonca, Chairperson of the CEC, to ascertain if there can be a change in the CEC's meeting dates. He learned that their meetings, generally, take place on the first Mondays and as such will cause no conflicts with Community Board meetings.

Prior to the October 8, 2015 meeting, the Chairperson met with Ms. Patterson, the liaison for the Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) Neighborhood Advisory Board #16. Ms. Patterson informed the Chairperson that the after school programs funded by DYCD will be hosting a Meet and Greet at 985 Rockaway Avenue on November 18, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss their services to the youth in the After School Programs. Additionally, Ms. Patterson conveyed that youth 14 years of age and older can apply for the IDNYC, which is a New York City only Identification card that offers an array of services, and it is free until December 31st. Any individual who wishes to obtain a card can go online to set up an appointment. The website is: http://www1.nyc.gov/assets/idnyc/downloads/pdf/application-materials/application_english.pdf and select the appropriate file, which would be IDNYC. Or simply put IDNYC and read the instructions.

Also briefly discussed, at their October 18th meeting, was how to deal with gang violence, in which a Committee member shared that there were older individuals who were in gangs who were interested in talking to young gang members. This matter was tabled for future discussion.

During a meeting with the Economic Development Committee on October 15, 2015, several job opportunities for youth ages 18 and older were revealed.

KFC is hiring and Jobs Plus, located at 330 Powell Street will determine employment possibilities for NYCHA residents living in either the Brownsville or Van Dyke Houses. However, no one will be turned away from employment possibilities. Individuals should come with resumes and proper interviewing attire.

The next meeting of the Youth Services Planning Committee will be held at 5:30 p.m. on November 12, 2015, at 444 Thomas S. Boyland Street.

A motion was made by Rev. Dr. Miran Ukaegbu, seconded by Ms. Eula Key and carried to accept the report of the Youth Services Planning Committee.

In behalf Ms. Marie Pierre, Chairperson of the Legislative Committee, District Manager Greene-Walker stated the Legislative Committee meeting which was scheduled for last Wednesday, was cancelled due to a town hall meeting held by Councilmember Espinal. The next Legislative Committee meeting will be held on Monday, November 9th at 6:30 p.m.

In a roll call vote, members voted to support the application submitted by the Administration for Children's Services and the Department of Citywide Administrative Services, pursuant to Section 197-c of the New York City Charter, for the acquisition of property located at 20 Sutter Avenue (Block 3531, Lot 23) for continued use as a Child Care Center, by a vote of 23 in favor, 0 against, and no abstentions.

In a roll call vote, members voted to accept the recommendation of the Budget, Personnel and Finance Committee regarding the capital and expense budget needs and priorities for the District, by a vote of 23 in favor, 0 against, and no abstentions.

Dr. Cleopatra Brown asked for which year are the requests being made?

District Manager Greene-Walker stated that it is for Fiscal Year 2017 which begins on July 1, 2016 and ends on June 30, 2017.

Dr. Brown stated that she does not see any request for the schools in School District #23. She attended a meeting with the School Construction Authority last night and noticed that there was no capital funding for any of the District's schools. There are schools, such as P.S. 73, that are in dire need of repairs.

District Manager Greene-Walker requested that Dr. Brown have a conversation with her tomorrow concerning this issue.

Chairperson Kollock-Wallace recognized Mr. Richard Nelson, representing Senator Jesse Hamilton, III.

Mr. Nelson reported that he distributed copies of Senator Hamilton's newsletter. Along with having information about legislation the Senator is working on, unique newsletters are published for each of the diverse neighborhoods that he serves. He asks that the audience take advantage of the information.

Senator Hamilton will host his second annual Halloween Fest: Little Ghouls and Goblins at the Full Gospel Assembly of God Church, located at 131 Sullivan Place in Bedford –Stuyvesant, at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, October 30th. Youth can get their fill of treats and games and show off their best costume during a contest.

They encourage the community to reach out to their office for assistance by visiting the office, located at 1669 Bedford Avenue (across the street from Medgar Evers College) or calling (718) 284-4700.

Ms. Freda Menos, representing Congressman Hakeem Jeffries, reported that she is the Director of Constituent Service for Congressman Jeffries Office. She has been attending District #16's Service Cabinet meeting and she or another representative will now also attend the Board meetings as often as possible.

She reminds the audience that their Congressional Offices are available to assist them on a myriad of federal issues from social security to veterans' benefits, from White House tours to military academy appointments. They encourage the community to contact them by calling (718) 237-2211.

Mr. Charles Jackson, representing Congresswoman Yvette Clarke, stated that Congresswoman Clarke held a Domestic Violence Forum on October 14th. A number of agencies were present to present information. An important take away is that there two specific groups, who are affected by domestic violence, that are going under the radar - girls, as young as 12 years old, in partner relationships and teenage boys who rarely report the abuse by their partners because of how it may look. He encouraged the audience to be vigilant around young people in these situations.

Congresswoman Clarke's office can be reached by calling (718) 287-1142, Extension 17. Her District Office is located at 123 Linden Boulevard, Fourth Floor. Constituents may also email him with their concerns at charles.jackson@mail.house.gov. He asks that you provide as many details as possible to help resolve your issues.

Mr. Charles Ladson, Sr. asked if Congresswoman Clarke is working on anything to help reduce the gun violence plaguing our communities?

Mr. Jackson stated that New York State as a whole is well covered on the federal-level with regard to gun legislation. Congresswoman Nydia Velasquez is proposing a comprehensive bill that would track guns from the point of manufacture to the purchaser. Her bill, called the "Reducing Gun Violence in our Neighborhoods Act," seeks to levy a federal tax on every firearm sold. The legislation also seeks to establish identification capability into all firearms sold in the nation, allowing all firearms to be identified by a mobile or fixed reading device. People who sell guns without this ID system would face penalties of up to \$1,000 per gun. A national database of all lost and stolen guns would also be established under the act. Gun owners who fail to report a gun lost or stolen within 48 hours of discovering it missing would be fined \$10,000.

However, getting the bill to the floor of the House is proving to be a problem. He is not certain if the next Speaker of the House will move the bill forward. He doubts that it will move while the House is Republican controlled.

Mr. Ennis Johnson, representing Assemblywoman Latrice M. Walker, who announced that Assemblywoman Walker in collaboration with the Brooklyn Chapter of the NAACP, will sponsor a Trade Union Learning Day, on Wednesday, October 28th at 11:00 a.m., at 444 Thomas S. Boyland Street. Representatives from construction pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs will be present to speak about their trades. Her regularly scheduled Advisory Board meetings are held on the third Saturday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Mr. Malcolm McDaniel, representing Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams, reported that Borough President Adams is very concerned about the gun violence that is affecting our City. He is calling on stakeholders, community leaders, and community organizations to meet with him to discuss the problem.

The Borough President's Office will hold a Public Hearing on October 29th on the ULURP application on the continued use of 20 Sutter Avenue which the Board voted on earlier this evening. There will also be another Public Hearing on the East New York Rezoning Plan on November 23rd at Borough Hall.

Mr. McDaniel requested a moment of silence in memory of our late Community Board member, Ms. Shirley Baisden.

Borough President Adams' website is in operation and is user friendly. He encourages the public to visit the site.

The Borough President's Office can be reached by calling, (718) 802-3700, (718) 802-2681 for Constituent Services, and (347) 942-1692 (cell) or (718) 802-3777 (office) to reach Mr. McDaniel.

Mr. Shelton Jones, Deputy Director for Community Engagement for Kings County District Attorney Kenneth Thompson, reported that District Attorney Thompson held a news conference last week to announce the takedown of 8 gunrunners who smuggled more than 100 weapons, including 4 assault rifles, from Atlanta and Pittsburgh into New York City on interstate passenger buses. This their second bust of interstate gunrunning in six months. District Attorney Thompson is determined to keep this destructive activity out of our communities. He is working with legislators to create laws in jurisdictions that don't have the strong gun laws to stop the proliferation of illegal guns coming into the State.

Last week, District Attorney Thompson hosted a summit focused on the important issue of conviction review and explored ways for prosecuting attorneys to establish and run Conviction Review Units within their offices. Participants from California, Texas, Ohio and many other states took part in this well-attended event and shared their experiences. Many pointed to Brooklyn's Conviction Review Unit ("CRU"), established by DA Thompson in 2014, as a national model.

Lastly, on Saturday, November 21st, the Office of New York County District Attorney will sponsor their “Clean Slate” event. Much like District Attorney Thompson’s Begin Again, Clean Slate is a community initiative that helps individuals clear up outstanding summons related warrants. Participating individuals will be represented by attorneys from the Legal Aid Society, and judges and court clerks will be on hand to vacate warrants that have resulted from summonses for minor offenses. These open warrants weigh down an overburdened courts system and can hold back individuals who have them on their records. The next Begin Again event will be held on Saturday, December 5, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., at Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, located at 228 Decatur Street in Bedford-Stuyvesant.

They are seeking volunteers who live in New York City Housing Authority developments to pass out fliers in the developments, as the District Attorney’s Office is prohibited from doing so. He can be contacted by calling (718) 250-3146. For more information, on any of the items he discussed this evening, please visit www.brooklynda.org or @brooklynda on Twitter.

Chairperson Kollock-Wallace recognized Mr. Henry Butler, representing the Brooklyn Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), who announced that the NAACP, in collaboration with Build Up NYC, the Consortium Workers for Education, Jobs to Build On and the Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation are sponsoring Trade Union Learning Day, on October 28, 2015, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., here at 444 Thomas S. Boyland Street. They invite everyone to come out and learn about new opportunities for careers in construction, building maintenance and operations, security and the hotel industry. Representatives from construction pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs, 32BJ SEIU and the Hotel Trades Council will be on hand to answer questions about their industries.

Mr. David Alexander asked how are individuals with criminal records handled?

Mr. Butler stated that they can speak to representatives of the individual unions to find out.

Dr. Cleopatra Brown stated that in the past, when the apprenticeships are announced, prospects are told to go online at a particular time and within 15 minutes the slots are gone. How can we get our youth into the programs?

Mr. Butler stated that this is one the reason that they reach out in the community to spread the word.

Mr. William Boone of the Medgar Evers Beacon Program apologized to anyone who may have tried to reach him at Beacon’s office recently and were unable to reach him. He has not spent much time there, lately, because along with Ms. (Saundra) Johnson, they have been busy setting up the Cornerstone Programs at Tilden, Van Dyke, and Langston Hughes Houses. He can be reach by calling his cellphone: (347) 522-3999.

He announced that the Beacon Program now has a Girl Scout component.

Mr. David Alexander asked if they will also bring in a Boy Scout component?

Mr. Boone stated that they are working on it and that he is a certified Scoutmaster.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.