

**MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD #16 – NOVEMBER 27, 2018**

Attendance

David Alexander (E)	John McCadney, Jr.
Margaret Brewer (E)	Ronella Medica (A)
Kaseem Clark-Edwards (E)	Melanie Mendonca
Dr. Cleopatra Brown (E)	Shemene Minter (A)
Adrainer Coleman (E)	Genese Morgan
Christopher Durosinmi	Deidre Olivera-Douglas
Norman Frazier	Busayo Olupano (A)
Danny Goodine (A)	Anita Pierce
Sarah Hall	Marie Pierre
Balinda Harris	Linda Rivera
Zalika Headey	Johnnymae Robinson (A)
Kevin Henderson (E)	Keturah Suggs (E)
Mawuli Hormeku (A)	Richard Swinson (E)
Michael Howard (A)	Rev. Eric Thompson
Lannetta Jeffers (A)	Brenda Thompson-Duchene (A)
Carl Joseph	Ernestine Turner
Maurice Joyner (A)	Rev. Miran Ukaegbu (E)
Eula Key	Deborah Williams
Dr. Betty Kollock-Wallace (E)	Pat Winston
Charles Ladson, Sr. (E)	Viola D. Greene-Walker, District Manager
Digna Layne (A)	Jimmi Brevil, Community Assistant
Carolyn Lee	Hon. Alicka Ampry-Samuel
Kelly Lee-McVay (E)	Melvin Faulkner for Hon. Charles Barron
Albion Liburd (E)	Jamila Pringle-Fynes for Hon. Bill de Blasio
Deborah Mack	Danil Singh for Hon. Roxanne Persaud
Yolanda Matthews	

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

Chairperson Genese Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m., announced the passing of longtime community resident and advocate Ms. Frances Brown and said an invocation.

The roll was called and failed to yield a quorum.

District Manager Viola Greene-Walker highlighted the following from her report:

1) Property-owners are legally required to provide heat and hot water to their tenants. Hot water must be provided 365 days per year at a constant minimum temperature of 120 degrees Fahrenheit. Heat must be provided between October 1st and May 31st (known as the Heat Season).

2) Consolidated Edison is warning that crooks are trying to take money from Con Edison customers.

If someone comes to your home or business claiming to be from Con Edison, ask for identification. If you are still unsure, call 1-800-75-CONED or the police.

3) New York Drives/Brooklyn Workforce Innovations - New York Drives is a free 5-week career training program that combines driving lessons with professional development workshops to help you qualify for Brooklyn Workforce Innovations' (BWI) Made in NY (TV/film production assistant training). Participants receive up to 15 hours of driving lessons, road test and professional development workshops.

The next info session will be on November 29, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at their 621 Degraw Street office in Brooklyn (between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenues).

4) Free legal services for all are being offered at Brooklyn Borough Hall, located at 209 Joralemon Street.

For additional information and to make an appointment for this free legal service, please call (718) 802-3777. Appointments are required.

5) The Brooklyn Public Library is seeking volunteer After School Homework Helpers for children in grades 1-8 who need a little extra help with their homework, and High School Tutors for teenagers in grades 9-12 as they prepare for standardized tests, apply for college, and complete homework assignments.

Anyone who wish to learn more about these services may contact their local library or contact Volunteer Resources at (718) 230-2406. Individuals who are interested in volunteering may apply online at: [www.bklynlibrary.org/support/volunteer](http://www.bklynlibrary.org/support/volunteer).

6) The Department of Homeless Services (DHS) is calling on all New Yorkers to help canvass parks, subways, and other public spaces to estimate the number of people who are living on the street.

Volunteers are needed from approximately 10:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. the night of January 28, 2019.

Volunteers must be 18+ years of age, or 16+ with a guardian and must register through the HOPE Count website: <http://nyc.gov/hope>

Chairperson Morgan recognized Rev. Shivonne C. McKay of the Jeremiah Program.

Rev. McKay stated that she is the Executive Director of Brownsville's Jeremiah Program which is a not-for-profit organization with the primary mission of assisting low-income women who are single head-of-households with a desire to go to college but lack the support system needed to do so. The Program takes a holistic approach in assisting these women with obtaining their GEDs when needed, helping get stabilized with safe and affordable housing, and assuring that their children are enrolled in quality early-childhood educational programs.

The women are given life skills training, learning how to negotiate, resume writing, nutrition, parenting, and things of that nature.

They work with women who are 18 years-old or older, have at least one child who is under the age of 8, and seeking a career – not just a job. They are currently seeking to enroll more women into the program but want to keep the cohorts small.

Someone asked if their clients need to be residents of Brownsville?

Rev. McKay stated that while the program is based in Brownsville, they accept applicants from anywhere in Brooklyn.

The Jeremiah Program is committed to the success of the women. They collaborate with Medgar Evers College which is the only CUNY (City University of New York) school that offers a GED and can phase students straight into higher education. They are able to provide Metrocards and can assist with stipends in emergencies.

Mr. James Moultrie stated that they should perform outreach to let more people in the community know about the program.

Rev. McKay stated that they are a small staff of three and are limited as to how much outreach they can do. However, she and her staff do perform outreach as can be attested by some of the local elected officials.

Traditionally, the Jeremiah Program has been a congregate care program wherein the women and their children live in apartments provided by the program until they graduate college. A lot at 366 Livonia Avenue has been donated to them. They are working with a developer who will do the construction for them. Construction is scheduled for completion in 2021. Once completed, the units will be slated for women from the Brownsville community.

Someone asked if the organization is available to do presentations to other groups?

Rev. McKay stated that they are. They have presented at Brookdale Hospital and at SCO sites. She can be reached by emailing [smckay@jeremiahprogram.org](mailto:smckay@jeremiahprogram.org) or calling (646) 797-4374.

Someone stated that the women may not be self-sustaining upon graduation. What happens if they are not ready to move upon graduating?

Rev. McKay stated that about a year prior to them graduating, Family Coaches and others will begin working with the students on obtaining housing. They do not discharge them into homelessness. The program is about economic sustainability and security. They work with the mothers and make sure that by the time they are graduating they have jobs with benefits, along with housing.

Chairperson Morgan recognized Ms. Suzette Jack of Hope and Healing Family Center.

Ms. Jack stated that the Hope and Healing Family Center is located at 444 Thomas S. Boyland Street in Room 207.

They host a monthly meeting entitled: Brooklyn Birth Justice Defenders which informs both men and women of their rights when hospitalized.

Over time, laws and policies have broken down our families in several ways. For many parents in this community, the question is how can they afford their babies and children when there is no support for them as parents.

This is where Brooklyn Birth Justice comes in and plays a role in educating others about their rights during pregnancy and child birth and help mobilize the community in advocating for respectful maternity care. They pledge that in this community there will be equal treatment for all pregnant women regardless of their ethnicity or racial background.

The term "reproductive justice" was coined by a group of black women in 1994. The group wanted to address the needs of communities that face multiple forms of sexual and reproductive oppression. In June of 2015, the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene organized the Sexual and Reproductive Justice Community Engagement Group (SRJCEG) as a vehicle for ongoing community engagement. The goal of this group is to ensure everyone has the knowledge, skills and resources to lead healthy and fulfilling lives.

The SRJCEG is a collaborative of community leaders, activists and nonprofit organizations that work with the Health Department. Hope and Healing Family Center is a host to the program and also provides services to women who are pregnant through the birth of their children and also offer post-partum care.

Parties who are interested in joining the Brooklyn Birth Justice Defenders next meeting which will be held on Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at 444 Thomas S. Boyland Street are asked to RSVP via email at BirthJustice@health.nyc.gov.

Someone asked if all the meetings will be held during the day.

Ms. Jack stated that this will be their second meeting; for now, they will be held during the day. If a majority of members decide it that should change, it can.

Chairperson Morgan asked Ms. Jack how do they get the word out about the meeting to ensure participation?

Ms. Jack stated that she performs outreach to several organizations including churches to spread the word.

Chairperson Morgan recognized Inspector Rafael Mascol, Commanding Officer of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Precinct.

Inspector Mascol reported that since last month's meeting, they have about a 1% reduction in overall crime in the Precinct. However, year-to-date crime is up by nearly 6%. In the last 28 days, there have been 6 shooting incidents with 7 individuals being shot. They have identified suspects and are working with the District Attorney's office to bring them to justice.

They are also experiencing an increase in Grand Larcenies (theft of property valued at more than \$1,000 or of credit and/or debit cards). In particular this year, they are seeing an increase in the theft of unattended property i.e.: pocketbook left on seats of open vehicles or property left on top of washing machines while it's owner goes to get a soda. He has mentioned it at previous

meetings, but it continues to occur. If the purse or wallet contains a credit or debit card, theft is considered a grand larceny.

He is encouraging everyone to properly secure their property, especially, as we enter the Christmas holiday season. He also warns against making cellphone calls from the street which provides an opportunist a chance at grabbing it while you are distracted.

Their Halloween candy give-away was a great success and they distributed boxes upon boxes of candy in front of the Precinct. The event with the ASPCA also went quite well and they plan to repeat it in early spring.

He asked that those who pray to say a prayer for our youth, asking that they be led away from the life of violence that is at times sparked and encouraged through social media. He asks that family and friends talk to the youth and encourage them not to join gangs.

Ms. Melanie Mendonca stated that recently there have been three lockdowns at the school building at 985 Rockaway Avenue. This is traumatizing the youth. What is being done about this?

Inspector Mascol stated that the incidents are not related to the school but are occurring in the surrounding area. He is working diligently to resolve the issue.

Mr. James Moultrie advocated for the installation of metal detectors at the schools.

Inspector Mascol stated that the shootings had nothing to do with the schools.

Ms. Anita Pierce asked if there was a concerted effort to place officers who look like the community that they serve.

Inspector Mascol stated that it is a valid concern. New York City has one of, if not the most, diversified police force in the world. However, he is more concerned that his officers have a love for the neighborhood. He has come across officers who look nothing like him but love the community as well as those who do look like him but lack the heart for the community. He wants each of his officers to have that passion and caring for the community they serve but realizes that they are not there yet.

Ms. Pierce stated that she is thinking in terms of activities and leadership that can divert the youth away from gangs and violence.

Inspector Mascol stated that the Department has several programs for youth. There is the Explorer Program, a Cadet program, and the Auxiliary Program which engage youth from age 13-years to 21-years. He hires six youth to work in the Precinct each summer.

Ms. Deborah Williams, Chairperson, Parks and Recreation Committee, reported that the City Service Planning Work Group met on Thursday, November 8, 2018, with intern Emily Oppenheimer, a graduate student from The New School, to discuss the fellowship project work plan for Community District #16. The project will entail mapping the parks and playgrounds in Community District #16 using GIS (Geographic Information System) mapping technology. These maps will provide information about the playground and sports equipment available for use in each park in addition to information about how well these amenities satisfy the playground equipment safety guidelines developed by the Parks Department.

The maps will also help visualize the availability and use-status of other amenities including benches, trash bins, basketball courts, running tracks, and dog runs. There are 24 parks and playgrounds, however, three parks are under construction, 21 maps will exist online and will also be printed for inclusion in the final report. The final report will look at the potential impact of development in the neighborhood on these parks and playgrounds. This will allow her to make recommendations about changes to the parks and playgrounds that Community Board #16 can advocate for, to best accommodate the changing needs of the community.

A follow up on the Brownsville Recreation Center swim program was also discussed.

There will be a visioning session for Osborn Playground on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. at the Kappa V school building, located at 985 Rockaway Avenue. Everyone is invited to attend and give their input.

She thanks everyone who participates in the City Service Planning Work Group meetings that are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month, 6:00 p.m. at 444 Thomas Boyland Street.

District Manager Viola Greene-Walker read the report of the Community Resident Planning Work Group which met on November 14, 2018, with representatives from Neighborhood Health Action Centers/Healthy Start Brooklyn and Hope and Healing Centers.

Ms. Sharon Marshall-Taylor presented information on the services the Department of Health provides in Brownsville and the urgent "Call for Action on Women's Health in Brownsville: Reviewing the Data".

Healthy Start Brooklyn is a place-based initiative in our community to reduce health inequities and improve the health and wellness of women and their infants, and families focused on Brownsville and environment.

After the entire presentation and review of the detailed information and services available, the Work Group invited the team to the Community Board meeting today to share the information directly with the community.

District Manger Greene-Walker invited the Team to come forward and make their presentation.

Ms. Sharon Marshall-Taylor stated that she is the Maternal and Infant Health Manager for the Department of Health's Center for Health Equity and introduced her colleague Phil Noyes.

Mr. Noyes stated that several of their colleagues from the Division of Family and Child Health are also in the audience this evening.

They are here this evening to build upon their partnerships here in Brownsville and to highlight some of the data on maternal and infant health.

In New York City, an average of 30 women die each year due to severe maternal morbidity (SMM). This is a very pervasive problem that is related to having severe bleeding or hemorrhaging, severe high blood pressure, other issues that cause women to be admitted to the intensive care unit such as infection, heart or lung issues. Although dying during childbirth is rare in the United States, it is on the rise and in a disproportionate manner. Black women are eight times more likely to die from childbirth than white women. Black women are three times more likely to experience complications during pregnancy. Women from Brownsville have SMM rates that are twice that of the citywide rate.

These are issues that the Health Department is trying to address collaboratively with the community. These are issues that grow out of racism and other conditions which create stress and health burden on women in certain neighborhoods.

Ms. Marshall-Taylor stated that beyond collecting data, the Health Department runs several programs focusing on the health of babies. They are now focusing on the health of the mothers as well. The mother's health, even before she becomes pregnant, plays an important role on the outcome of their baby's health.

Healthy Start is one of the programs that they are implementing. Healthy Start Brooklyn is a collaborative, community-based program devoted not only to reducing ethnic and racial disparities in infant mortality rates, but improving perinatal health and comprehensive systems of care in the Brooklyn neighborhoods of Bedford-Stuyvesant, East Flatbush, and Brownsville. SCO is amongst their partners in this initiative. The Neighborhood Health Action Center at 259 Bristol Street has been expanded to provide social services. Brooklyn Perinatal has a presence there and offers drop-in services. She listed a number of programs that they offer such as yoga and exercise, doula services, and breastfeeding support groups.

Someone asked if they have data on the ages of the women affected by SMM?

Mr. Noyes stated that they do, and the most affected group are older women in their forties followed by younger women in their teens.

Ms. Zalika Headley asked if literature is available regarding the rights of those going to hospitals?

Ms. Kelly Davis, from the Division of Family and Child Health, stated that the city will be launching a set of standards of what you should expect when seeking care at hospitals and it will be something that you can carry with you. This will be taking place on Human Rights Day, December 10, 2018.

District Manager Greene- Walker continued with the Work Group Report.

The Work Group asks that the audience join the Brooklyn Birth Justice Defenders Team and let your voice be heard at their meeting on November 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

Open enrollment for the NY State of Health Insurance is ongoing (November 1, 2018 to January 31, 2019). Please take advantage of the opportunity and also spread the news.

The Health and Human Services and the Public Safety Committees are jointly working on the effectiveness of the QPR (Question, Persuade, and Refer) Suicide Prevention Training.

The Work Group also met with Ms. Suzette Jules-Jack who you heard from earlier.

They also met with Mr. Duane Kinnon, President and CEO of the KG Kinnon Group and The Friends of Brownsville Parks, to discuss his plans to implement a Boys and Girls Club in the Frederick Douglass Academy High School. The Boys and Girls Club will tentatively be launched in September 2019. This club has limitless opportunities for our youth in high school such as employment, youth support groups, leadership development, and a myriad of other options for our youth. Over time, the program will be expanded to include younger children. Currently, it is only for high school students. Mr. Kinnon has asked the Youth Services Planning Committee to partner with the implementation of the Boys and Girls Club Project and participate in its development. As the program design unfolds, the community will be informed.

The Central Brooklyn Economic Development Corporation has open enrollment for the following programs:

- SONYC BIZ Entrepreneurial Programs for student attending middle schools
- Youth Community Ambassador Program for middle/high school students
- GED Program ages 17 and up. Both programs are located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of 444 Thomas S. Boyland Street – telephone number (718) 498-4513

The CAMPUS Afterschool Tech & Arts Program for Middle School Students is open at the Brownsville Collaborative Middle School (BCMS), located at 85 Watkins Street, has open enrollment. To enroll, call (718) 284-4700 for applications

Fathers and Mentors are now meeting. If you are interested in the Fathers and Mentors Program call Mr. William Rochford at (718) 240-3657 or (917) 428-0647, to obtain the date and time of the meetings.

Please feel free to join or attend any of the committees to inform us of your concern and feedback. The next meeting of the Community Resident Work Group will be on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Marie Pierre, Chairperson of the Legislative Committee, reported that on November 20, 2018, the Legislative Committee of the Fiscal Policy Work Group held a teleconference and continued the discussion on voter education and the 2020 census. The Committee looked at a request from the Mayor's office concerning partnering with the Association for a Better New York (ABNY) and Global Strategy Group (GSG) to plan a focus group in Brownsville to discuss the upcoming 2020 Census.

Brownsville was one of the 11 communities in NYC identified by the Department of City Planning as having low response rates to prior census surveys. There will be an effort to learn how residents feel about the upcoming 2020 census, understand needs around technology, research marketing, and how government, philanthropy, community-based organization, and business can better support the local residents in responding to the survey. It has also been noted that there has been significant cut to funding for office location and door knocking, all while transitioning the survey to an online form, and NYC has only budgeted \$4.5 million towards census 2020 compared to much larger budgets around the country, thus making it important to outreach to the community to improve response to the 2020 census. The Committee will be

giving more information in the very near future as they plan to have smaller education sessions on the importance of the 2020 census.

They also briefly discussed voter education efforts. Several of the topics we will address are: impact of voter suppression when we do not vote, redistricting, how our communities suffer when we do not respond to the census, the importance of being involved in choosing our judges, and the importance of choosing district leaders. The Work Group asks that anyone interested in helping with this voter education effort please join the Legislative Committee.

District Manager Greene-Walker, in behalf of Ms. Margaret Brewer, Chairperson of Public Safety Committee, reported that on November 7, 2018, the Committee met to discuss the following:

- Human Trafficking – At a prior meeting the topic was mentioned as a concern, and the committee explored in discussion and decided to bring in Mr. David Weiss of the Brooklyn District Attorney’s office to expound on the details of Human Trafficking as it pertains to our District. On December 6<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Weiss is expected to be at the committee meeting with a customized presentation and to answer any questions you may have on the topic.

- Community Emergency Contact Bank - We will continue to work on this. Volunteers are welcome.

- CERT and Civilian Police Academy -New York City Community Emergency Response Teams (NYC CERT) are groups of dedicated volunteers who help to prepare their neighbors and communities for different types of disasters.

NYC CERT members undergo an 11-week training program that provides basic response skills needed for fire safety, light search and rescue, community disaster support, disaster medical operations, and traffic control. Held at Cadman Plaza.

The Citizens Police Academy is an accelerated civilian training program, established to provide members of the community with a background and understanding of NYPD policies and activities, as well as the structure and limit of police power. The 10-week program replicates and condenses the NYPD recruit training regimen, allowing civilian New Yorkers to gain a finer understanding of skills and abilities that police officers bring to a community partnership. Since its inception in 1993, the program has trained thousands of New Yorkers in the very same concepts and content as taught to NYPD recruits. Held at the NYPD Police Academy.

If you are interested in either trainings, please contact the Community Board office at (718) 385-0323.

The Public Safety Committee meets every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be held on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at 444 Thomas S. Boyland Street, Room 103.

Chairperson Morgan recognized Councilmember Alicka Ampry-Samuel.

Councilmember Alicka Ampry-Samuel stated that she was recently made aware of circumstances where people are losing their homes to the city through the Department of Housing Preservation and Development’s Third-Party Transfer program. Property owners are, seemingly, arbitrarily deemed absentee landlords, slumlords, or some type of bad actor. Homes are being placed into the program after involuntary repairs are made on the properties.

She believes there is clearly an issue with HPD. The city agency in a bid to get their hands on these properties, told councilmembers there were a certain number of violations by owners that needed a solution. A solution that included the city stepping in to help save and maintain the homes and a non-profit to manage the property.

Some of the information HPD provided to the council seems false in so far as how the city can step in and take these homes. The Council is looking into it now and are seeking answers.

Within the 41<sup>st</sup> Council District, there have been six incidents of this happening. In one case, the property owner had owned his home for 41 years. He worked very hard and the mortgage on his 4-family house was paid off. In speaking to HPD and the homeowner, she ascertained that notices were sent to him, but he didn’t know how to navigate the system to remedy the issue. In

the 11<sup>th</sup>-hour, he went to the Department of Finance's office to try to pay the amounts due and was made to prove he had legitimate access to \$8,000 in cash. Thirty days later HPD still took his property.

This appears to be happening exclusively in communities of color. HPD has informed her that there is nothing that she could do about it, except plan for the future. This is an unacceptable answer. She will continue the fight.

Property owners in her and Councilmember Robert Conergy's districts have obtained legal counsel and are fighting to regain their property. They are joined by Borough President Eric Adams and Public Advocate Leticia James.

HPD has committed to doing door knocks to owners of properties that may be in danger of being seized due to liens. They will provide her with information on what they are doing and the outcomes of their outreach.

She asks that the community reach out to her if they know of seniors who may be at risk of losing their property.

Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> is World AIDS day and there will be a press conference and kickoff event held on the steps of City Hall in collaboration with Watchful Eye, the African-American Clergy, and elected officials.

There has been much in the news regarding the New York City Housing Authority's (NYCHA) consent decree. A federal judge has stated that he will not sign-off on the agreement between NYCHA and federal prosecutors because he does not believe it is strong enough to protect the rights of residents.

Governor Andrew Cuomo had, at one point, stated that he would allocate half a billion dollars to NYCHA and appoint a monitor, but in the wake of the judge not signing the settlement, is now holding off on his commitment. It appears as if the judge wants NYCHA to enter receivership with the Department of Housing and Urban Development stepping in to take control of NYCHA. She does not think that the residents would fare well in that scenario with the current Administration. There will be another hearing held on December 14<sup>th</sup> and she is waiting to see what will happen.

There are a number of pieces of legislation being discussed and she invites everyone to visit her Advisory Board meetings on the third Saturday of each month and give their input.

Someone stated that the front of the Brownsville Multi-Service Center at 444 Thomas S. Boyland Street is in need of resurfacing. Can some funding be allocated for that?

Councilmember Ampry-Samuel stated that the building is managed by the Bed-Stuy Restoration Corporation. She has had several meetings with them to discuss what can be done to make the building and its surrounding area more welcoming. She and Assemblywoman Latrice Walker have decided to utilize capital funds to renovate the space outside while the Human Resources Administration and the Bed-Stuy Restoration Corporation determine the long-term plans for the building.

Mr. Melvin Faulkner, representing the Office of Assemblyman Charles Barron, stated that he is sickened when he hears of people losing their homes because of money issues. He doesn't fight over money but does fight for people's right to keep their homes. A not well-known fact that is not advertised by the banks is a homeowner can extend the length of their mortgages to help make their payments more affordable. He urges owners to demand their rights in the courts.

Ms. Jamila Pringle-Fynes, representing the Mayor's Office of Community Affairs announced that they will be hosting an event entitled: Mission Based Development - Conversations on Affordable Housing, on Tuesday, December 4, 2018, 10:30 a.m. at the Bed-Stuy Restoration Center, located at 1368 Fulton Street, Brooklyn.

This conversation is to help faith leaders navigate the development processes which take place when looking to develop a property. Houses of worship are invited to come have an honest discussion with the expertise of New York City agencies and faith leaders who will share information on the various stages of the development process.



For more information, she can be reached by calling (646) 659-7630 or emailing [jfynes@cityhall.nyc.gov](mailto:jfynes@cityhall.nyc.gov).

Mr. Danil Singh, representing the Office of Senator Roxanne Persaud, stated that constituents in need of assistance can reach her office by calling (718) 649-7653.

Chairperson Morgan recognized Mr. Kevin Morris.

Mr. Morris stated that he is a Community Coordinator with the Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence. They provide free education and services to victims of domestic violence, elder abuse, and human sex-trafficking.

You can walk into any New York City Family Justice Center to receive free and confidential assistance for victims/survivors of intimate partner violence, sex trafficking and elder abuse. All Centers are open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. No appointment is needed. (The Brooklyn Family Justice Center is located at 350 Jay Street and their telephone number is (718) 250-5111.)

Chairperson Morgan announced that Power of 2 invites everyone to join them for some family fun at their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Wonderland event on Saturday December 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Riverdale Middle School, located at 76 Riverdale Avenue at 2:00 p.m. There will be many activities for you and your little ones.

Someone stated that Park Avenue Lumber and Roofing Supplies (Atlantic Avenue between Howard Avenue and Saratoga Avenue) has begun operating between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m. Their trucks are creating a noise nuisance to the surrounding area. She is seeking the assistance of the Community Board to remedy the situation.

Chairperson Morgan asked her to call the Board's office with the details and it will be followed-up.

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