

## MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD #16 – MAY 28, 2019

### Attendance

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

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

Chairperson Genese Morgan called the public hearing to order at 6:35 p.m., and an invocation was said by Ms. Sarah Hall.

Chairperson Morgan read the public hearing item:

- I. **IN THE MATTER OF** an application submitted by the Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD)
  1. pursuant to Article 16 of the General Municipal Law of New York State for:
    - a) the designation of properties located at 47 New Lots Avenue (Block 3855, Lot 40), 609-615 Osborn Street (Block 3628, Lot 9), 120-122 Liberty Avenue (Block 3693, Lots 22 and 23) as an Urban Development Action Area; and
    - b) an Urban Development Action Area Project for such area; and
  2. pursuant to Section 197-c of the New York City Charter for the disposition of such property to a developer to be selected by HPD;  
  
to facilitate the construction of three residential developments containing an approximate total of 41 affordable dwelling units and commercial space, Borough of Brooklyn, Community District 16.

Ms. Makeda Marshall summarized the project and stated that the properties are all in Community District #16 and the properties at 47 New Lots and 609-615 Osborn Street are in Council District #42 and the properties on Liberty Avenue are in Council District #37.

Mr. Mike McCarthy stated that he is from Alembic Development which, along with J R Residential, were selected to develop the sites.

He stated that the project will be 100% affordable and house a total of 42 units in three new buildings for extremely low- to moderate-income families. Each of the three properties are currently vacant and can be built as-of-right without changes to the current zoning. The buildings will include amenities such as laundry rooms, bike storage, an elevator, and a recreational rear yard. The properties are being developed under the Enterprise Green Community standards and will include plantscape areas. 47 New Lots is the largest of the properties and will also include 2,000 square feet of commercial space.

The project is being financed with HPD subsidies through their NCP program and use tax credits.

Schematic drawings were displayed.

609 Osborn Street will be a 4-story building with 12 units: four studios, five 1-bedroom, and two 2-bedroom. The second site, at 47 New Lots Avenue will be 6-stories with 16 units consisting of five studios, six 1-bedroom, three 2-bedroom (including a super's unit), and three 3-bedroom units. It will also have a ground floor commercial unit. The third property, at 120 Liberty Avenue, will be a 4-story building with 13 units consisting of two studios, seven 1-bedroom, three 2-bedroom, and a 3-bedroom.

The rent charges have not been finalized. They are in discussions with HPD about the rents and are currently looking at fifty percent of the units marketed at 60% of Area Median Income (AMI) and fifty percent at 80% of AMI.

They are seeking to complete the ULURP process by the end of the summer, apply for the tax credits in the fall, and begin construction around this time next year.

Members of the audience questioned how contractors are selected?

Mr. McCarthy stated that once they select a general contractor, the general contractor will be responsible for hiring local contractors.

A questioner stated that he and other attendees of this meeting are small contractors and would like to have a letter of understanding regarding the hiring and training of local contractors for this project.

Someone asked if the units will be Section 8 units?

Mr. McCarthy stated that the units themselves will not be Section 8. However, if a tenant has a Section 8 Voucher they can use it to keep their out of pocket rent cost at no more than 30% of their income.

Someone asked how are tenants selected? She often sees that there is a 50% preference for community residents, but who she sees renting the units are persons from outside the area. She has applied but is on a wait list of 50,000.

Ms. Lin Zeng stated that all the units will be marketed through NYC Housing Connect and there will be a 50% preference for community residents. Selection of tenants will be through a lottery.

Chairperson Morgan stated that the preference is based on the address of the applicant when they apply. We may look upon Brownsville and East New York to be a community, however, they are in distinct community districts. This project is being present to Community Board #16 because the properties are within its boundaries. It will not be presented to Community Board #5. To receive the preference for this project, an applicant must reside within Community District #16. What the Board can do is ask for the results of the lottery and verify that at least 50% of the selections are from addresses within the District and ask for an explanation if they fall short of the 50%.

Someone stated that the developers were contacted to find out if the project is being developed with the health needs of the residents in mind. Have they developed any plans towards that goal?

Mr. McCarthy stated that they are not participating in the Enterprise Community Program. He is interested in the speaker's experience. When they spoke to the Enterprise Community Partnership, it was unclear as to how the impact would be measured. It appeared to him that they

would be on a case by case basis for the buildings and he did not see how it could be measured if they don't have any tenants yet.

What type health related issues does she believe they should be looking at?

The speaker stated there are several health issues that this community falls short on such as asthma, employment, and recreational space.

Mr. McCarthy stated the project will be built under the Enterprise Green Community standards which takes into consideration factors such as noise, ventilation and efficiency of windows. All of the products they will use are safe for the environment. The designs include outdoor spaces for the tenants use which they believe will aid with the mental well-being of tenants.

Chairperson Morgan thanked the presenters for the information they provided and the audience for their questions and participation in tonight's public hearing. She further invited them to take part in the discussions that take place in the committee wherein more time is devoted to the issues before they come to the full Board.

She recognized Congresswoman Yvette Clarke.

Congresswoman Clarke thanked Chairperson Morgan for allowing her to address the Board this evening. She is typically in Washington when the Board meets, however, Congress is in recess allowing her to be here tonight.

She is very concerned and is pushing back on the many egregious policies that the Trump Administration has put forth that hurt our community.

She has re-introduced the Hardest Hit Housing Act of 2018, legislation to provide public housing, foreclosure mitigation, and rental assistance grants through the United States Housing and Urban Development (HUD) agency with supplemental funding for state public housing authorities to ensure Americans have access to affordable housing.

The Hardest Hit Housing Act of 2018 will:

- Allocate \$4 billion a year in supplemental funding to the Public Housing Capital Fund Grant Program for public housing authorities that own or manage more than 10,000 units.
- Supply foreclosure mitigation and assistance grants with \$5 million per year for five years to the 15 states with the highest foreclosure rates
- Authorize rental assistance grants to fund 100,000 incremental housing choice vouchers for housing authorities at a rate of 20,000 units per year over five years.

They are hosting the Congressional Black Caucus in Brooklyn on Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. They will be touring the 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of New York. The subject matter will be three-pronged. 1) A Gentrification Round Table from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Medgar Evers College, 2) A working lunch to discuss the implications of the 2020 Census on the community from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Medgar Evers College, 3) The State of Black America in Brooklyn Town Hall meeting will be held on Friday, May 31, 2019 from 7:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at I.S. 392 at 104 Sutter Avenue, to discuss legislation concerning criminal justice reform.

She will also take the Caucus on a tour of the Weeksville Heritage Center which they are looking for ways to register it as a federally designated landmark.

She looks forward to seeing members of the audience at these events.

She stated that Ms. Mary Bishop is her Director of Constituent Services and is available to assist constituents with issues ranging from veteran's services to social security, immigration to the postal service, and more.

Regarding the Postal Service, they are in talks with the agency regarding their abysmal service. Routes have not been added in over a generation even as the population rises. Postal employees are being overworked. She is looking to have the agency held accountable.

She announced that the Post Office on Saint John's Place will be renamed in honor of Hon. Major Owens on June 28, 2019. She asks that the audience come out and help the Owens family commemorate Congressman Owens' life of service to the community.

Mr. Charles Ladson asked if Congresswoman Clarke is aware of people losing their home with the assistance of some city agencies.

Congresswoman Clarke stated that she is collaborating with Councilmember Alicka Ampry-Samuel on the issue of Third-Party Transfers. She suggested that Mr. Ladson reach out to Councilmember Ampry-Samuel's office for assistance.

Someone stated that she is working but still finds herself in a homeless shelter. When she seeks the help of her counselor, she is told that they do not have anything for her and she should look at moving to New Jersey or the Bronx. Is Congresswoman Clarke doing anything to address the unaffordability of rent.

Congresswoman Clarke stated that the Hardest Hit Housing Act seeks to address this issue.

Ms. Mika Morales of Breaking Ground stated that her organization offers assistance to persons who are homeless and invited the questioner to visit their office.

Someone stated that he heard Congresswoman Clarke state that she helps veterans. Does this include those who were formerly incarcerated?

Congresswoman Clarke stated that if they have done their time, they are entitled to the services.

Chairperson Morgan recognized Captain Craig Edelman, Commanding Officer of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Precinct.

Captain Edelman stated that year-to-date crime is down overall in the Precinct. They have not experienced any gun violence since April 24<sup>th</sup> and had a very safe Memorial Day.

They will be celebrating the 73<sup>rd</sup> Precinct – Brownsville Community Family Day on June 6<sup>th</sup> at the Brownsville Recreation Center, in collaboration with Mr. Jerry Childs of the Brownsville Recreation Center and others in the community. They will be participating in events such as a spelling bee and basketball.

He is continuing to encourage the community to make use of the Safe Zones to complete online swap transactions.

A roll call failed to yield a quorum.

Chairperson Morgan recognized Mr. Maurice Crawford from the Brooklyn Legal Defender Services.

Mr. Crawford stated that they operate a community office at 566 Livonia Avenue. They provide free legal services and are open Monday to Friday from 9:00 to 5:00 p.m.

On June 12<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., they will have an ACS: Know Your Rights forum where there will be a lawyer onsite to speak about your rights in regard to the Administration for Children's Services.

They also have attorneys who can help with issues involving special needs children, employment attorney who can assist with issues such workplace discrimination, housing attorneys, and immigration attorneys.

Ms. Margaret Brewer asked if they assist both private and public housing renters?

Mr. Crawford that they serve both.

Someone asked if they have a website?

Mr. Crawford stated that the address is bds.org and suggested that they also visit wehaverights.org.

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

- 1) The Department of Buildings (DOB) hosts Homeowners Night every Tuesday, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at each of their Borough Offices. No appointment is necessary.

The Brooklyn Borough Office is located at 210 Joralemon Street, 8th Floor.

- 2) Brooklyn Community Services is offering free tutoring services at its new Prospect Plaza Community Center location, 1835 Sterling Place. Assistance is available to students in grades 3 to 7 in Math and English Language Arts (ELA) on Monday through Thursday from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For additional information, please contact Diamond Derival at (718) 643-9039- extension 7018 or via email [dderival@wearebcs.org](mailto:dderival@wearebcs.org).

- 3) Fourteen miles of City Beaches are now open with Lifeguards on duty daily (10:00am – 6:00pm) now through Labor Day weekend.
- 4) New York State’s Abandoned Infant Protection Act allows a parent to abandon a newborn baby up to 30 days of age anonymously and without fear of prosecution -- if the baby is abandoned in a safe manner.

For more information regarding the Abandoned Infant Protection Act, call toll free: 1-866-505-SAFE (7233).

Ms. Adrainer Coleman, Chairperson, Land Use, Planning and Zoning Committee, reported that the Equity Planning Work Group met on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 with representatives from the Federation of Organizations who informed us that they will be responding to a Request for Proposals to develop 80 units of affordable housing at East New York Avenue and Strauss Street.

The Equity Planning Work Group also met with developers of Brownsville South which you heard from at tonight's public hearing.

In addition, the Work Group met with partners of All Night Skate, Inc. which is seeking a letter of support from the Community Board for their application to the New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) for a Liquor, Wine, Beer and Cider license to do business at 54 Rockaway Avenue. She asked that the owners of All Nights Skates, Inc. come forward to elaborate on their plans for 54 Rockaway Avenue.

Mr. Ken Belkin stated that he represents All Night Skates, Inc. and is present with two of the partners, Ms. Olivia Hu and Mr. Mitchell McCann. They are seeking to operate a food and drink establishment at 54 Rockaway Avenue. They intend to open in mid-August 2019 and to operate from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. There are not many late-night dining options in the community and they wish to fill that need.

He described the area as being desolate during late night hours and that he believes a business that is open during those hours would be a boon to safety in the area.

Both partners have years of experience in the food and drink industry from waiting and bussing tables to managing. They are also partners in other operations with established New York State Liquor Licenses of which there have never been any complaints.

They also intend to hire from the community and have sample menus for the audience to look at.

Someone asked why do they want to operate at that location?

Mr. McCann stated that he has been involved with an eatery called Little Skips in Bushwick for about a decade and they recently opened a shop at Broadway and Covert Street which is a few blocks away from 54 Rockaway. He has bonded with several of the customers there and they have expressed a desire for a late-night eatery in the area.

Someone asked what days they plan to open until 4:00 a.m.

Mr. McCann stated every day. They want the hours to be consistent so that customers can rely on them.

The questioner stated that there are establishments on Broadway and they don't open late. She expressed concern for increase in crime by opening at that location at those late hours.

Mr. McCann stated that studies have found that the increased foot traffic should serve to lower crime.

Someone stated that he lives in the area and what Mr. Belkin described as being desolate, he considers quiet. A quality that most people want in a residential neighborhood. He does not understand why a business wants to operate at such late hours, particularly in a quiet residential neighborhood.

Ms. Hu stated that she agrees that desolate is not the best definition for the area and perhaps underserved is more accurate. There are people for whom these are their regular hours. She has an employee who is a long-time resident of Community District #16 who comes home at those hours and would find it convenient.

Someone stated that he has been in the area and finds that the location chosen is not so inappropriate. It is along a row of garage and only one level.

Someone stated that in her experience, oftentimes persons who open a business but are not from the community end up taking resources from the community and treating the people of the community like dirt. How can the partners guarantee that this will not be the case with their business?

Mr. McCann stated that is in no way how they intend to treat the community. At Little Skip's they have integrated into the community and are well respected by their customers.

Several people expressed concern about the restaurant being open until 4:00 a.m. every day of the week. Someone suggested a compromise of a 12:30 a.m. weekday closing.

Ms. Deborah Williams expressed concern for additional pressure on an already stressful parking situation in the area.

Mr. McCann stated that they expect that most of their clientele will be those coming from the train and on foot.

Someone asked why do they need to open at 54 Rockaway Avenue if they have a location at Broadway and Covert Street so close?

Mr. McCann stated that the Broadway location is a coffee shop where he is a manager. It is owned by the partners of Little Skip's.

Ms. Coleman continued with the report of the Equity Planning Work Group:

At the Community Board meeting on April 23, 2019, we heard from the owner of Soul Foods, LLC at 2258 Atlantic Avenue which is seeking a letter of support from the Community Board for their application to the New York State Liquor Authority for a Liquor, Wine, Beer and Cider license.

Lacking a quorum, the Board was unable to vote on the two (2) SLA applications.

The next meeting of the Work Group will be on June 11, 2019, 6:00 pm at 444 Thomas S. Boyland Street.

Ms. Deborah Williams, Chairperson, Parks and Recreation Committee, reported that the City Services Planning Work Group met on May 9, 2019 with representatives from the Parks Department which presented schematics for the renovation of Osborn Playground.

She called forward representatives from the Parks Department to present the project.

Ms. Kusalle Vachananda stated that she is a landscape architect for the Department of Parks and Recreation (Parks) and is present with several of her colleagues this evening. They have been working on plans for the rehab of Osborn Playground since last November. The playground is located at the rear of Kappa V Middle School (Linden Boulevard, Osborn Street, Rockaway Avenue, and Hegeman Avenue).

Mr. Kevin Bogle, also a landscape architect from Parks, stated that \$2.9 million has been allocated for the redesign of Osborn Playground. They will be upgrading the playground with synthetic turf and track. They will also upgrade security by providing good sight lines and upgraded lighting.

The playground serves the students of Kappa V during the school hours and the general community at other times. In speaking to the community, they have found that Osborn Playground serves somewhat as an auxiliary to the nearby Brownsville Recreation Center. This phase of the project will encompass the southern portion of the playground with the northern portion to be done in later phases.

Photographs of the current conditions and schematic drawings were displayed. Currently, the playground is setup for softball with an asphalt field with painted lines and high fences. Looking toward the school you will see mature trees which they will keep and add more plantings in the final design. The main feature of the redesign will be a multifunction synthetic turf with a surrounding running track. Seating will be provided as well as plantings on the southern and eastern borders. Lighting will be added throughout the park. A water fountain with bottle filler station and water spritzer will be installed.

A catalog of materials to be used was displayed. Mr. Bogle stated that there would be painted games in the area near the school.

Some one asked what type of games would there be?

Mr. Bogle stated that games such as four square, perhaps hopscotch, and others, along with some random curved lines allowing the youth to use their own imaginations to create games.

Mr. John McCadney, Jr. asked if there will be a comfort station?

Mr. Bogle stated that there is a working comfort station on the northern side of the playground.

Mr. McCadney asked if there will be gaming tables?

Mr. Bogle stated that there will not be any at this location.

Someone asked when do they anticipate the project to be completed?

Mr. Bogle stated that he can say at this time. There is a process that normally takes about nine months once they have obtained all the need approvals.

Mr. Charles Ladson asked if there are handball courts?

Mr. Bogle state that the northern portion of the playground has handball courts, but they are not part of this phase.

Mr. Ladson asked if there will be tennis courts?

Mr. Bogle stated that there will not be.

Chairperson Morgan noted that badminton can be played on the soft turf.

Questions were asked about the make up of the synthetic turf?

Mr. Bogle stated that it will have a foam layer beneath it with a water retention system below. The turf is currently being utilized by former professional soccer players as their preferred surface.

Chairperson Morgan thanked the audience for their questions and the presenters for their information.

Ms. Williams continued reporting that the Work Group also heard a presentation from Arts in the Park which is working with the Marion Street Park Block Association to install art on six pillars at the Marion Hopkinson Playground.

The City Services Work Group also reviewed the survey results of all parks and playgrounds in Community District #16 that was prepared by Emily Oppenheimer, a Community Planning Fellow at the Fund for the City of New York. A copy of the survey is on file at the Community Board office.

The Department of Design and Construction, in partnership with the Department of Transportation, has informed us that they have begun the preliminary design work to create a permanent plaza on Osborn Street. The work includes the design of a new pedestrian plaza improvements including the reconstruction of the dead-end block of Osborn Street and the intersection of Belmont Avenue and Osborn Street with curb and sidewalk extensions and re-alignments, installation of pedestrian ramps, pavement markings, street lights, pavement reconstruction, and other street amenities to meet current design standards.

The Work Group is also seeking to locate a designated BBQ area in one of the District's parks.

The next meeting of the City Services Planning Work Group will be on Thursday, June 13, 2019, 6:00 pm at 444 Thomas S. Boyland Street.

Mr. David Alexander, Chairperson, Youth Services Planning Committee, reported that the Community Resident Planning Work Group met on May 8, 2019. The Veterans Affairs Committee discussed plans to honor veterans in the community at a Pre-Memorial Day Celebration on May 20th at Volunteers of America SRO. We honored 12 veterans with citations from Sen. Velmanette Montgomery, Assemblymember Latrice Walker, Councilmembers Alicka Ampry-Samuel and Rafael Espinal.

The Veterans Affairs Committee presents the following resolution to the Board on the Real Property Tax Exemption for Cold War Veterans.

Dr. Cleopatra Brown, Chairperson of the Veterans Affairs Committee, read the resolution:

**WHEREAS**, it is the responsibility of the Veterans Affairs Committee to work collaboratively on issues and projects in the District to advocate for the needs of Community District 16's veteran population, and

**WHEREAS**, Community District 16 is indebted to our Cold War veterans, whether they served in open hostilities or during the term of the "Cold War" for the sacrifices they made on behalf of their community residents as well as the entire country, and

**WHEREAS**, it is understood that Cold War veterans are people, male and female, who served on active duty in the United States Armed Forces during the time period from September 2, 1945 to December 26, 1991, and were discharged or released therefrom under honorable conditions, and

**WHEREAS**, according to NYC Department of Finance, the only veterans who qualify for Real Property Tax Exemptions are those who served during the following conflicts: WWI, WWII, Korean War, Vietnam War, Gulf War, Iraq and Afghanistan. These conflicts exclude the Cold War veterans. According to statistics generated by Congressional leaders Hakeem Jeffries and Yvette Clarke, over 40,000 plus veterans live in Brooklyn; 16,000-20,000 reside in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brownsville, Ocean Hill, and East New York. The highest concentrations of veterans reside in Community Districts 3 and 16, and

**WHEREAS**, the New York State (NYS) Real Property Tax Law Section 458-b authorizes the adoption of a local law to provide tax exemption from real property taxation for qualified residential real property owned by Cold War veterans, the spouse of a Cold War veteran, or the un-remarried surviving spouse of the deceased Cold War veteran, and

**WHEREAS**, such property shall be the primary residence for the Cold War veteran or the un-remarried surviving spouse of a Cold War veteran; unless the Cold War veteran or un-remarried surviving spouse is absent from the property due to medical reasons or institutionalization for up to five years, and

**WHEREAS**, the S5659A/A6510 amends Section 458-b of the real property tax law to allow the exemption to continue for as long as the homeowner remains a qualifying owner, without regard to such ten-year limitation set forth in Section 458-b of the real property Tax Law of the State of New York, and



**WHEREAS**, Cold War veterans who are qualified property owners or an otherwise qualified owner shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of 25% of the assessed value of such property, and

**WHEREAS**, Cold War veterans who receive compensation rating from the United States Veterans Affairs or from the United States Department of Defense because of a service-connected disability, qualifying residential real property shall receive an additional exemption which is equal to one-half of their Veterans Administration service-connected disability rating, multiplied by the assessed value of the property, and

**WHEREAS**, the exemption shall continue in full force and effect for all appropriate subsequent tax years and the owner or owners of the property shall not be required to reapply each year. Applicants shall be required to reapply on or before the appropriated taxable status date if the percentage of disability increases or decreases or may reapply if other changes have occurred which affect qualification for an increased or decreased amount of exemption, and

**THEREFORE**, the Veterans Affairs Committee calls upon the Brooklyn Borough Board to recognize Cold War veterans and support legislation that will amend the NYC Department of Finance Real Property Tax Exemption to include the Cold War veterans.

Mr. David Alexander continued reporting that on May 9<sup>th</sup>, he and District Manager Viola Greene-Walker went on a tour of the Crossroads Juvenile Detention Center which currently houses 47 teens. While at Crossroads, pending adjudication of their cases, the teens attend school on site with Board of Education teachers. They also participate in afterschool programs. During the summer, the youth are employed on site in a Summer Youth Employment Program.

At their May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, they discussed the last phase of the Youth and Empowerment Conference which will be held on Saturday, June 1st from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm at Kappa V, located at 985 Rockaway Avenue.

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. The meetings are held at 1784 Park Place.

The Senior Citizens Affairs Committee continues to plan for its annual Breast Cancer Awareness Walk on October 16, 2019.

At the February 26, 2019 Community Board meeting, the Community Residents Planning Work Group reported that the Substance Abuse Provider Services (SAPS) is seeking a letter of support from the Community Board to open an office in Ocean Hill-Brownsville. They presently provide services in Coney Island and downtown Brooklyn. SAPS offers a non-medical approach utilizing counseling and/or therapy for those experiencing substance abuse.

The next meeting of the Community resident Planning Work Group will be on Wednesday, June 12, 2019, 6:00 pm at 444 Thomas S. Boyland Street.

Ms. Marie Pierre, Chairperson, Legislative Committee, reported that the Fiscal and Policy Work Group met on May 21, 2019 via teleconference and continued to discuss how to increase responses to the 2020 census. The Committee will continue outreach to community leaders to become members of Community District #16 Complete Count Committee which will have a

series of forums leading up to census day in April 2020 to educate the community as to why everyone should be counted.

They also discussed two bills to amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York. One bill will create a task force on removing abandoned vehicles from City streets and the other bill will establish a task force to inspect dwellings suspected of being three quarter houses where 10 or more unrelated adults are living. The task force will offer assistance to these individuals to relocate to permanent housing.

The Legislative Committee will be collaborating with the Senior Citizens Affairs Committee to host a judges' forum prior to Primary Day on June 25<sup>th</sup>. The tentative date of the forum is June 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Community Room at 216 Rockaway Avenue.

At our April 23, 2019 Community Board meeting, we presented a resolution for adoption on census outreach. A quorum was not present at that meeting and is not present this evening, therefore the resolution is again tabled.

The next meeting of the Fiscal and Equity Work Group will be on June 18; 2019, 6:00 pm at 444 Thomas S. Boyland Street.

Ms. Margaret Brewer, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee, reported that on May 1, 2019, the Committee met to organize and discuss the Safe Travel events that were held on May 11<sup>th</sup> at the Brownsville Recreation Center and on May 25<sup>th</sup> at Betsy Head Park where reflector tape was affixed to bicycles, canes, wheelchairs, etcetera.

The event was held to raise awareness in safely sharing the streets between pedestrians and vehicles.

It was a feel-good event, where she was able meet with the community and have a light moment while doing a good deed.

For the upcoming months of July and August she plans to meet with the Block Associations to communicate the new changes in our "Quality of Life" complaint handling, and Block Party Permits, as well as to better aquatint them with the functions of the Community Board.

The next Public Safety meeting will be held on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m., here in room 103.

Ms. Marie Pierre, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, reported that the Members of the Nominating Committee met on May 13, 2019 and May 24, 2019 to discuss names of Board members to fill the Executive Officer positions for the period from June 1, 2019 to June 1, 2019.

The Committee submits the following recommendations for your consideration:

Chairperson – Genese Morgan  
1st Vice Chairperson – Adrainer K. Coleman  
2nd Vice Chairperson – David Alexander  
Secretary – Rev. Dr. Miran Ukaegbu  
Treasurer – Sarah Hall  
Parliamentarian – Margaret Brewer

The floor was opened for further nominations for the positions of Chairperson, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairperson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian.

There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed, and the Secretary cast a vote to accept the slate.

Chairperson Morgan recognized Mr. Matthew D'Onofrio, representing the Office of Senator Roxanne Persaud.

Mr. D'Onofrio announced Senator Persaud's "Conversations" series' which will give constituents an opportunity to speak to Senator Persaud about issues concerning the district. The first date is June 1<sup>st</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at New Hope Family Worship Center (817 Livonia Avenue). The second date is June 29<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd Services (876 Schenck Avenue).

In partnership with the American-Italian Cancer Foundation, Senator Persaud is hosting a No-Cost Mammogram Bus at the District Office. On July 17, if you are a woman between age 40 and 79 who lives in New York City and has not had a mammogram in the past year, come in for a No-cost Mammogram and Clinical Breast Exam Eligibility. For an appointment, call the Senator's Office (718) 649-7653 or the American-Italian Cancer Foundation (877) 628-9090.

Lastly, Senator Persaud's Annual Family Fun Day will take place at Canarsie Park on Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Melvin Faulkner, representing the Office of Assemblyman Charles Barron, announced that applications for 137 units of housing are being accepted through June 17<sup>th</sup>. He also cautioned the audience to ensure that the deed to their property remain in their name. Properties that have liens on them are in jeopardy of being sold without your knowledge. Take care that your property does not have any liens against it.

There will be a 25-car motorcade through Canarsie, Brownsville, and East New York on June 19<sup>th</sup>, pertaining to the census. This to bring awareness of the of immigration status question that the President has requested be placed on the 2020 Census. The question is designed to help him fulfill his desire to limit non-whites from immigrating to the United States. They are looking to have elected officials at every level participate in the event.

Mr. James Moultrie, representing the Office of Assemblywoman Latrice Walker, announced that Assemblywoman Walker hosts her Monthly Advisory Board Meeting on the third Saturday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Their office can be reached by calling (718) 342 -1256.

Mr. Godfre Bayalama, representing the Office of Senator Zellnor Myrie, reported that rent laws in New York City will expire in 17 days. Senator Myrie is working hard to see that the laws are extended and strengthened.

Senator Myrie, in collaboration with his colleagues in the Assembly, will host a housing workshop on Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Senator Myrie alongside Assemblymembers Walter T. Mosley and Diana Richardson will host a screening and panel discussion this weekend on the new Netflix miniseries, "When They See Us," created by director Ava DuVernay, which tells the story of the Central Park Five.

Following the screening, Senator Myrie will moderate a discussion on criminal justice reform with: Professor Bryan Price of Medgar Evers College, Deron Johnston of the Brownsville Community Justice Center, and Rebecca Brown of the Innocence Project.

The event is slated for 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Saturday, June 1, at Medgar Evers College.

On Thursday, June 27, 2019, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Senator Myrie, NYC Department of Finance (DOF), NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), and NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) will host a Lien Sale Outreach Session at the Saint Francis de Sales School for the Deaf, located at 260 Eastern Parkway.

They invite you to come speak to a DOF, DEP, or HPD representative about your tax, water, or emergency repair lien(s). Discuss your options for preventing the sale of your lien and avoid future lien sales. Financial counselors will be available to help you make informed decisions.

Ms. Joy Simmons, representing the Office of Councilmember Inez Barron, reported that a senior was stabbed and killed at the Carter G. Woodson Houses over the weekend. They are looking into the killing to see if it may be related to another killing that took place there several years ago that remains unsolved.

As was relayed by Mr. Faulkner, there will be a motorcade to bring awareness to the 2020 Census. They also want people of color to be aware of the way the questions are worded. Some are worded in a way to separate ethnic peoples by not having describe themselves as being Black. This is being done to reduce representation and funding by lowering the number of people that group as being Black.

She reiterated the need to be vigilant with deeds as there has already been instances here in Brownsville where HPD has been found complicit in the sale of homes through the lien process.

They will host their Juneteenth event on June 14<sup>th</sup> at P.S. 13, located at Pennsylvania Avenue and Livonia Avenue and the theme will be Reparations.

Chairperson Morgan recognized Mr. Raul Rothblatt who stated that he is representing the family of the late Major Owens who are seeking to have Eastern Parkway renamed in his memory. He is seeking to hear from the community any thoughts, both good and bad, that they may have on the subject. He can be reached by calling (646) 498-6093.

Chairperson Morgan reminded the audience that there are elections taking place on June 25<sup>th</sup> and encourages all who able to vote do so.

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