

## **MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD #16 – JUNE 25, 2019**

### Attendance

David Alexander	John McCadney, Jr.
Cynthia Bannister (E)	Andre McCoy
Margaret Brewer	Monique Meertens
Dr. Cleopatra Brown	Melanie Mendonca (E)
Kaseem Clark-Edwards (E)	Shemene Minter (A)
Adrainer Coleman	Genese Morgan
Norman Frazier	Deidre Olivera-Douglas (A)
Danny Goodine	Busayo Olupano (A)
Chanel Haliburton	Anita Pierce
Sarah Hall	Marie Pierre
Balinda Harris	Linda Rivera
Zalika Headey	JoAnn Sexton
Michael Howard	Keturah Suggs
Gabriel Jamison	Richard Swinson
Lannetta Jeffers (A)	Rev. Eric Thompson (A)
Carl Joseph (A)	Brenda Thompson-Duchene
Maurice Joyner (A)	Christopher Toomer
Eula Key (E)	Ernestine Turner (E)
Gwendolyn King	Rev. Miran Ukaegbu (E)
Leticia Knowles	Deborah Williams
Dr. Betty Kollock-Wallace (E)	Pat Winston (E)
Charles Ladson, Sr.	Viola D. Greene-Walker, District Manager
Digna Layne	Jimmi Brevil, Community Assistant
Carolyn Lee	Ronald Baez for Hon. Zellnor Myrie
Kelly Lee-McVay *	James Moultrie for Hon. Latrice Walker
Albion Liburd	Cynthia Moices for Hon. Alicka Ampry-Samuel
Deborah Mack	Shelton Jones for Hon. Eric Gonzalez
Yolanda Matthews (E)	

\*Inadvertently marked absent for May 28, 2019 meeting.

### PUBLIC MEETING HELD AT BROWNSVILLE

#### MULTI-SERVICE CENTER, 444 THOMAS S. BOYLAND STREET, BROOKLYN

Chairperson Genese Morgan called the public hearing to order at 7:08 p.m., and an invocation was said by Ms. Sarah Hall.

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 (10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.) 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).

Chairperson Morgan recognized Dr. Torian Easterling.

Dr. Easterling stated that he is the Assistant Commissioner of Brooklyn District Public Health Office Center for Health Equity. This evening, he is here “wearing a different hat” and he is asking the audience to complete a survey regarding how they feel about four areas identified as barriers to health in this community. These areas were identified in a Brookdale Hospital Study conducted by college and high school students living in the communities of Central Brooklyn in 2015. The areas are 1) premature mortality, 2) health and housing, 3) workforce development, and 4) food and fitness.

They are asking the audience to rank the issues in the order that they think the items should be focused upon. If they think that these are not the issues that we should be focused on, there is room on the survey to indicate what should be the focus.

Mr. David Alexander, Chairperson, Youth Services Planning Committee, reported that the Community Resident Planning Work Group met on June 12, 2019 with Mr. Philip Hunte, representative for Black Veterans for Social Justice (BVFSJ), who discussed the various services that they provide to veterans. BVFSJ assist veterans with housing and discharge upgrades, provides outreach to veterans who are incarcerated with the NYC Department of Corrections, provides outreach to St Albans Rehab and Nursing Home, establish businesses, obtain vendors license, GI Bill, and much more.

The Veterans Affairs Committee of Community Board #16, in collaboration with the Veterans Committee of Community Board #3, is in the planning stage for a Veteran's Day Parade on November 9, 2019.

The Community Resident Planning Work Group also met with Mr. James Williams, Executive Director of Day 2 Multi-Purpose Center, located at 2099 Dean Street, who shared with us their volunteer re-entry services for 16- to 24-year-olds while they are currently seeking funds to operate the program.

The Youth Services Planning Committee, in collaboration with Community School District 23, Community Education Council District 23, Opus A.R.I.S.E. Beacon Program, and several community-based organizations, held its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Youth and Family Empowerment Conference on June 1<sup>st</sup> at Kappa V. The event was well attended and informative.

Ms. Deborah Williams, Chairperson, Parks and Recreation Committee, reported that the City Services Planning Work Group met on June 12, 2019 and heard a presentation by Jen Robertson, Transportation Policy Advisor, NYC Office of Sustainability on a proposal by the New York City Department of Transportation and the Mayor's Office of Sustainability to expand access to public Electric Vehicle charging stations across the 5 boroughs.

New York City is creating two types of charging stations, Level 2 charging and Fast Charging. Level 2 chargers will provide an electric vehicle with full charge in 4-8 hours, depending on the vehicle size. Fast chargers provide an electric vehicle with an 80% charge in about 30 minutes.

They are looking for sites where they can place two Level 2 chargers. Suggested sites are at Brookdale Hospital and along the Belmont Avenue corridor. Another site suggested by a Work Group member is the triangular lot bounded by Eastern Parkway, Thomas Boyland Street and Prospect Place. If you have a suggested site, please forward it to the District Manager.

The Work Group also heard a presentation from the Parks Department on the P.S. 125 Playground. A representative of the Parks Department was called upon to present the schematic for P.S. 125 Playground.

Mr. Chris Syrett stated that he is the Design Director for the Capital Team of the Department of Parks and Recreation and is present with several colleagues.

Mr. Syrett stated that P.S. 125 Playground is a small playground, located at Rockaway Avenue between Blake and Dumont Avenues. Funding was allocated by Councilmember Ampry-Samuel for the rehabilitation of the Playground. The design includes seating areas, upgrades to the drainage system and play equipment. Before and after photographs and schematics of the Playground were displayed along with photographs of design elements to be used. The new playground will consist of two half-court basketball areas, a padded play equipment area, and a

seating area. The playground has a nice canopy of mature trees which they will preserve. They were able to include one light into the budget.

Someone asked what is happening with the building adjacent to the playground?

Chairperson Morgan stated that plans for the building have been evolving. There are no current tenants. The building was an eyesore which has been rehabilitated and is now a visual breath of fresh air. The Board is waiting to hear who will occupy the building.

Someone asked why is only one light being installed?

Mr. Syrett stated that there are existing lights on the wall of the adjacent New York City Housing Authority building which provide some additional lighting to the playground. As they do with most of the park designs they work on, they will be pruning the trees to raise the canopy to provide better sight lines.

Someone asked why not have a full-court basketball area?

Mr. Syrett stated that size limitation precluded having a full-court basketball area.

Dr. Cleopatra Brown asked if they are taking the colors of the courts into consideration?

Mr. Syrett stated that they are. The issue was raised at an earlier meeting and they changed the color from a light blue to green.

Ms. Williams continued with the report stating that the Work Group discussed locations for designated barbecue areas in parks. Suggested locations are Floyd Paterson Field, Callahan Kelly Park, and Ocean Hill Playground. If you have suggestions, please submit them to the District Manager.

The roll was called and a quorum was not present.

Chairperson Morgan requested that the newly appointed members stand and make themselves known. She thanked them for volunteering to be a Board member and looks forward to working with them.

Ms. Margaret Brewer, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee, reported that on June 5, 2019, the Committee met to review the past year and plan for the summer months. She plans to visit as many block activities and family days as possible. The intention is to stay connected and share neighborhood information.

The Public Safety Committee, was able to successfully complete the following:

- Review of CBOs with public safety functions
- Review the processes and outcomes of DV cases
- Create/implement a Senior Safety Network,
- Perform Safe Travel activities
- Review/implement Quality of Life complaints/changes.

Copies of the recent changes to the handling of Quality of Life Complaints are available upon request. The discussion is coming to a meeting near you and you may also arrange a meeting for your group of 10 or more.

The next formal meeting will be held on September 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m., at 444 Thomas S. Boyland Street, Room 103

Ms. Marie Pierre, Chairperson of the Legislative Committee, reported that Community Board#16's 2020 Census Complete Count Committee met on June 18, 2019 with Mr. James Tillmon from the Census Bureau who re-emphasized the purpose of the Complete Count Committee, the structure of the committee, and the means of making it effective so that we can energize our community on the importance of filling out the census form.

The Committee also met with representatives from the Association for a Better New York and participated in a focus group which tested messages to ascertain which will be most effective when educating our community on the importance of filling out the 2020 Census form.

They will be tabling at the Summer Stage events on June 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Betsy Head Park to educate our community on the importance of filling out the 2020 Census form.

The Legislative Committee, in collaboration with the Atlantic Plaza Towers Community Relations Committee, sponsored a judicial forum on June 22, 2019 at 216 Rockaway Avenue where they heard from candidates who are vying for Surrogate and Civil Court judges in today's Primary Election.

The Committee plans to sponsor more forums to educate community residents about the various political offices and why it's important to vote.

They thank those who worked on the Fiscal and Policy Work Group, especially on the Legislative Committee. A very active political year lies ahead and community members are encourage to get involved.

Mr. Albion Liburd, Chairperson of the Economic Development Committee, reported that the Equity Planning Work Group met on June 11, 2019 with developers of The Bridge Rockaway who updated us on their proposal to construct 174 units of affordable housing for formerly homeless individuals, seniors who are frail/disabled and at risk of homelessness, and the general population at 803 Rockaway Avenue and 416 Thatford Avenue. The development will also include light manufacturing space for rent by local community businesses.

This project is expected to be certified for ULURP in September 2019 and the Community Board will schedule a public hearing.

The developers of Edwin's Place, which is a 126 unit building under construction on Livonia Avenue between Howard Avenue and Grafton Street, is requesting a letter in support of their application to the New York City Department of Buildings for an "After Hour Variance Permit" to allow work from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays through December 30, 2019 to accelerate construction at the project.

The Federation of Organization is requesting a letter of support for their application in response to a Request for Proposals from the State of New York to develop 80 units of supportive housing for formerly incarcerated and seniors at East New York Avenue and Strauss Street.

The Work Group also reviewed a renewal application for a wine, beer, and cider license for Villa Castillo Restaurant, located at 1474 Pitkin Avenue.

Anita Pierce of Eleven 3 Seven 5 is planning a Career Advancement Event on September 12, 2019 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at 444 Thomas S. Boyland Street.

Chairperson Morgan recognized Ms. Cynthia Moices, representing the Office of Councilmember Alicka Ampry-Samuel.

Ms. Moices reported that Councilmember Ampry-Samuel met with members of the Police Department to go over safety concerns for the Family Day events to take place in the community.

Councilmember Ampry-Samuel also sponsored a job fair at 444 Thomas S. Boyland Street last week. The fair was well attended and led to some of the 80+ attendees to be hired on the spot.

Having achieved a quorum, a motion was made by Mr. David Alexander, seconded by Ms. Linda Rivera, and carried to accept the minutes of the May 28, 2019 Board meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. David Alexander, seconded by Ms. Linda Rivera, and carried to accept tonight's District Manager's Report.

A motion was made by Ms. Linda Rivera, seconded by Mr. David Alexander, and carried to accept the May 28, 2019 report of the Equity Planning Work Group.

In a roll call vote of 16 – in favor, 4 – against, and 6 - abstentions, members of the Board elected to support ULURP Application #190373HAK, the subject of a Public Hearing held on May 28, 2019, to facilitate the construction of three residential developments containing an

approximate total of 41 affordable dwelling units and commercial space at 47 New Lots Avenue, 609-615 Osborn Street, and 120-122 Liberty Avenue.

Ms. Marie Pierre, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, reported that at last month's Board meeting the Committee recommended the following persons to fill the Executive Officer positions for June 2019 to June 2020.

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

Unfortunately, a quorum was not present at the May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting to vote. She asked for a motion to accept the recommendations of the Nominating Committee.

District Manager Greene-Walker noted for the record, that the floor was opened for further nominations during the May 28, 2019 General Board meeting and there were none.

In a roll call vote of 26 – in favor, 0 – against, and 0 - abstentions, members of the Board elected to accept the recommendations by the Nominating Committee of persons to serve as Executive Officers of the Board from June 1, 2019 to June 1, 2020.

Chairperson Morgan thanked the membership for allowing her to continue as the Board's Chairperson.

A motion was made by Ms. Linda Rivera, seconded by Ms. Sarah Hall, and carried to accept the March 26, 2019 report of the City Services Planning Work Group.

A motion was made by Mr. David Alexander, seconded by Ms. Linda Rivera, and carried to accept the March 26, 2019 report of the Public Safety Committee.

A motion was made by Ms. Adrainer Coleman, seconded by Mr. Norman Frazier, and carried to accept the March 26, 2019 report of the Fiscal and Policy Work Group.

A motion was made by Mr. David Alexander, seconded by Ms. Linda Rivera, and carried to accept the March 26, 2019 report of the Equity Planning Work Group.

A motion was made by Mr. David Alexander, seconded by Ms. Linda Rivera, and carried to accept the March 26, 2019 report of the Community Resident Work Group.

A motion was made by Mr. David Alexander, seconded by Ms. Adrainer Coleman, and carried to accept the April 23, 2019 report of the City Services Planning Work Group.

A motion was made by Ms. Linda Rivera, seconded by Mr. David Alexander, and carried to accept the April 23, 2019 report of the Public Safety Committee.

A motion was made by Ms. Adrainer Coleman, seconded by Ms. Linda Rivera, and carried to accept the April 23, 2019 report of the Fiscal and Policy Work Group Report to include a resolution to work in partnership with the NYC Black Leadership Advisory Coalition for Census 2020.

A motion was made by Mr. David Alexander, seconded by Ms. Linda Rivera, and carried to accept the April 23, 2019 report of the Equity Planning Work Group Report. The report included a recommendation for liquor license application at 2258 Atlantic Avenue.

A motion was made by Mr. David Alexander, seconded by Ms. Linda Rivera, and carried to accept the April 23, 2019 report of the Community Resident Planning Work Group Report.

In a roll call vote of 0 – in favor, 27 – against, and 2 - abstentions, members of the Board elected to not support a request by Substance Abuse Provider Services for a letter of support to establish a satellite office in Ocean Hill-Brownsville to provide substance abuse services.

In a roll call vote of 20 – in favor, 3 – against, and 4 - abstentions, members of the Board elected to support an application to the NYS Liquor Authority by Soul Foods, LLC at 2258 Atlantic Avenue for a liquor, wine, beer, and cider license.

A motion was made by Ms. Deborah Mack, seconded by Ms. Adrainer Coleman, and carried to accept the May 28, 2019 report of the City Services Planning Work Group.

In a roll call vote of 27 – in favor, 0 – against, and 1 - abstention, members of the Board elected to approve the schematic plans presented by the Department of Parks and Recreation for Osborn Playground, located at Osborn Street and Linden Boulevard.

Chairperson Morgan stated that at the May 28, 2019 Board meeting a proposal was made by the NYC Department of Transportation for a traffic safety project at the intersection of Howard Avenue, Pitkin Avenue, and East New York Avenue.

DOT is proposing to:

1. Install a large painted curb extension on the northwest corner of Pitkin Avenue at Howard Avenue,
2. Install a large painted curb extension into Howard Avenue between Pitkin Avenue and East New York Avenue which requires banning the right turn from eastbound Pitkin Avenue onto westbound East New York Avenue (very low volumes of vehicles make this movement)
3. Install a painted median tip extension on the north leg of Howard Avenue.
4. Install a large painted curb extension to normalize the intersection of westbound East New York Avenue to Pitkin Avenue and Grafton Street
5. Install new lane markings on Howard Avenue from Eastern Parkway to Sutter Avenue.

Most of the painted curb extensions proposed in 2019 will allow DOT to test the feasibility of the new design before it is made permanent by the capital project. A vote is required on the proposal.

In a roll call vote of 23 – in favor, 3 – against, and 2 - abstentions, members of the Board elected to approve the proposal that was made by the NYC Department of Transportation for a traffic safety project at the intersection of Howard Avenue, Pitkin Avenue, and East New York Avenue.

A motion was made by Ms. Linda Rivera, seconded by Mr. David Alexander, and carried to accept the May 28, 2019 report of the Public Safety Committee Report.

A motion was made by Mr. David Alexander, seconded by Ms. Adrainer Coleman, and carried to accept the May 28, 2019 report of the Fiscal and Policy Work Group Report.

A motion was made by Ms. Linda Rivera, seconded by Mr. David Alexander, and carried to accept the May 28, 2019 report of the Community Resident Planning Work Group to include a resolution by the Veterans Affairs Committee.

In a roll call vote of 28 – in favor, 0 – against, and 0 - abstentions, members of the Board elected to approve a resolution by the Veterans Affairs Committee in support of Cold War veterans who are seeking a Real Property Tax Exemption.

A motion was made by Mr. David Alexander, seconded by Ms. Linda Rivera, and carried to accept the May 28, 2019 report of the Equity Planning Work Group Report to include a liquor license application for 54 Rockaway Avenue.

In a roll call vote of 0 – in favor, 24 – against, and 4 - abstentions, members of the Board elected to not support an application by All Night Skate, Inc. at 54 Rockaway Avenue for a liquor, beer, wine, and cider license.

A motion was made by Mr. David Alexander, seconded by Ms. Adrainer Coleman, and carried to accept the City Services Planning Work Group report of June 25, 2019 to include a recommendation on P.S. 125 Playground schematic.

In a roll call vote of 28 – in favor, 0 – against, and 0 - abstentions, members of the Board elected to approve the schematic design presented by the Department of Parks and Recreation for the rehabilitation of P.S. 125 Playground.

A motion was made by Ms. Adrainer Coleman, seconded by Ms. Linda Rivera, and carried to accept the June 25, 2019 report of the Equity Planning Work Group Report to include an application for a liquor license application at 1474 Pitkin Avenue.

In a roll call vote of 20 – in favor, 4 – against, and 4 - abstentions, members of the Board elected to support a renewal application for a wine, beer, and cider license for Villa Castillo Restaurant, located at 1474 Pitkin Avenue.

A motion was made by Ms. Adrainer Coleman, seconded by Ms. Linda Rivera, and carried to accept the June 25, 2019 report of the Community Resident Planning Work Group Report.

In behalf Mr. David Alexander, Chairperson of the Youth Services Planning Committee, Chairperson Morgan thanked all those who participated in the Committee's Youth Conference which was held on June 1, 2019 at Kappa V Middle School. The event was well supported by several community organizations and well attended by students from area schools.

A motion was made by Ms. Linda Rivera, seconded by Ms. Adrainer Coleman, and carried to accept the June 25, 2019 report of the Public Safety Committee.

A motion was made by Ms. Linda Rivera, seconded by Ms. Adrainer Coleman, and carried to accept the June 25, 2019 report of the Legislative Committee.

In tonight's Equity Planning Work Group report, there two requests which require a vote.

In a roll call vote of 3 – in favor, 13 – against, and 8 - abstentions, members of the Board elected to not support a request by the Federation of Organization for a letter of support for their application in response to a Request for Proposals from the State of New York to develop 80 units of supportive housing for formerly incarcerated persons and seniors at East New York Avenue and Strauss Street.

In a roll call vote of 18 – in favor, 4 – against, and 5 - abstentions, members of the Board elected to support a request by the developers of Edwin's Place, which is a 126 unit building under construction on Livonia Avenue between Howard Avenue and Grafton Street, for a letter in support of their application to the New York City Department of Buildings for an "After Hour Variance Permit" to allow work from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays through December 30, 2019 to accelerate construction at the project.

Chairperson Morgan recognized Mr. Shelton Jones, representing the Office of Kings County District Attorney Eric Gonzalez.

Mr. Jones stated that last year, 24 individuals were arrested for trafficking weapons and 217 firearms that were destined for the streets of Brooklyn were confiscated. He is pleased to announce that the 24<sup>th</sup> individual was convicted and sentenced to 15 years in prison. What is exceptional about this crime is that of the 24 arrested, 22 of the convicted individuals are residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia. State lines did not stop the District Attorney Gonzalez' office from bringing them to justice.

They were also able to convict a drunk driver who killed a skater at Mother Gaston Boulevard and Glenmore Avenue, as well as the unborn child of the occupant of a car he struck while fleeing the first crime scene. He will serve up to 15 years in jail for the crimes.

Additionally, District Attorney Gonzalez will host his annual Pride Month Celebration tomorrow, June 26 at 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., at Brooklyn Law School, 250 Joralemon Street.

Anyone who would like to contact their Action Center may call (718) 250-2340 and he can be reached by calling (718) 250-3146.

Mr. Ronald Baez, representing the Office of Senator Zellnor Myrie announced that they now have a District Office, located at 1077 Nostrand Avenue and the telephone number is (718) 284-4700. The hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Fridays. They will continue to meet with constituents at the Office of Councilmember Alicka Ampry-Samuel on Mondays and Wednesdays by appointment.

Legislatively, the Senate passed historic New York tenant rights protections laws, the “Green Light Bill” was passed allowing undocumented immigrants to be eligible to obtain driver’s licenses, and the nation’s most aggressive climate change legislation was passed.

Mr. Baez announced that Senator Myrie is sponsoring a Lien Sale Outreach Session on Thursday, June 27, 2019, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at St. Francis de Sales School for the Deaf, located at 260 Eastern Parkway. During the event, you will be able to speak to a DOF, DEP, or HPD representative about your tax, water, or emergency repair lien and 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.

Senator Myrie will host a Brownsville Block Party, in collaboration with the Department of Health, on Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 259 Bristol Street. Free health screenings will be available during the event.

Mr. James Moultrie, representing the Office of Assemblywoman Latrice Walker, announced that the community can and should come out to Assemblywoman Walker’s Monthly Advisory Board meeting held on the third Saturday of each month to voice their concerns about the community.

On July 20, 2019, Assemblywoman Walker will host a rain barrel give-away at the Bed-Stuy Campaign Against Hunger garden at Fulton Street and Saratoga Avenue. The event will start at 10:00 a.m. and will last until they are out of barrels.

Chairperson Morgan recognized Mr. Duane Frankson of Berean Community and Family Life Center who stated that the Center is located at 118 Rochester Avenue and they are inviting the audience to participate in a two-day, free leadership workshop on August 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Applications must be received by July 11<sup>th</sup>.

Chairperson Morgan recognized Ms. Emily Sherrod from City Parks Foundation who announced that Summer Stage events will take place at Betsy Head Park beginning Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the free musical performances.

Beginning next week, there will be free track and field programs at Betsy Head Park and free tennis lessons at Lincoln Terrace Park. Registration is required. You may register at their website ([cityparksfoundation.org](http://cityparksfoundation.org)) or call (718) 760-6999.

Ms. Brenda Duchene of Isabahlia Ladies of Elegance, who operates a farmers’ market at 514 Rockaway Avenue, stated that the market will open on Friday. They have received requests for it to be open on Saturdays which they will do. They also operate out of the garden at Livonia Avenue between Junius Street and Powell Street on Saturdays.

Chairperson Morgan asked if Ms. Duchene will operate her summer camp this year?

Ms. Duchene stated that she will. The camp operates out of 514 Rockaway Avenue and is designed for youth aged 6-years to 14-years who have an interest in gardening and culinary arts. The youth are taught about locally grown produce and how to eat healthfully. They learn how to prepare the food that they grow at the Brownsville Culinary School.

Chairperson Morgan encouraged everyone to support the markets.

Someone asked if the Board has ever considered having all its members sit together to assist the audience in knowing who they are? Secondly, what is the status of the request to repair the dilapidated walkway in front of 444 Thomas S. Boyland Street?

Chairperson Morgan stated that regarding having members sit in a designated area, it was tried but was unsuccessful.

Regarding the walkway and sidewalks in front of the building, Assemblywoman Latrice Walker and Councilmember Alicka Ampry-Samuel have reached out to the managers of the building, the Bedford-Stuyvesant Restoration Corp., to discuss the issue and have allocated funding for repairs. In the meanwhile, she encourages persons with issues regarding the maintenance of the building write and call its management.



Someone stated that there is a sign on a vacant lot on Rockaway Avenue which says that the land belongs to us and to speak to the Community Board about it. What is going on with the property?

Chairperson Morgan stated that as City-owned land, it does belong to the public. The property is included in the Brownsville Plan which can be found online and is also available at the Community Board's office. A developer has been selected to develop the land and should be presenting their ideas for the property to the Board this coming fall.

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