

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD #16 – SEPTEMBER 22, 2020

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Albion Liburd (A)
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Andrew McCoy (A)
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Busayo Olupano (A)
Ariel Perry-DeCamp (A)
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Shaneek Samuel (A)
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Christopher Toomer
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Rev. Miran Ukaegbu
Deborah Williams
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Viola D. Greene-Walker, DM
Jimmi Brevil, Community Assistant
Malcolm McDaniel for Hon. Eric Adams
Frieda Menos for Hon. Hakeem Jeffries

PUBLIC MEETING HELD VIA WEBEX

Chairperson Genese Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Mr. Kyle Katherman from the Brownsville Multi-Service Family Health Center (“BMS”) presented on the roadmap for testing in Brownsville and East New York. BMS is offering free walk-in testing for the community, Monday thru Saturday. Walk in or schedule an appointment by calling (888) 364-3065. You can call (718) 345-5000, Ext. 6602 to schedule testing for groups of 25 or more.

Of 3,792 patients tested, 449 tested positive. Brownsville’s antibody positivity rate is 37%. A positive antibody test does not mean you are immune from infection.

Deputy Inspector Terrell Anderson, Commanding Officer of the 73rd Precinct, provided a report of his first three months. Deputy Inspector Anderson stated that he would be taking a different approach and remains open to meeting and hearing from the community. He announced that Build the Block meetings have resumed and dates can be found by visiting the website: www1.nyc.gov/site/nypd/bureaus/patrol/find-your-meeting.page and entering an address.

Secretary Zalika Headley took attendance and a quorum was reached.

Chairperson Genese Morgan informed attendees that National Grid would not appear for its previously scheduled presentation, citing litigation as cause for the cancellation. The company sent an email notice. Chairperson Morgan read the letter aloud for attendees. Following the reading of the notice, Ms. Celina Trowell, who has led opposition to National Grid’s work in the community, shared background information on National Grid’s work on the North Brooklyn Pipeline.

Deborah Williams, Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Committee, reported that the City Services Work Group met via WebEx on September 10, 2020. A copy of the report is on file in the Community Board Office.

Mr. David Alexander, Chairperson of the Youth Services Planning Committee, reported that the Community Resident Planning Work Group met via WebEx on September 9, 2020. A copy of the report is on file in the Community Board Office.

Ms. Adrainer Coleman, Chairperson of the Land Use, Planning, and Zoning Committee, reported that the Equity Planning Work Group met on September 8, 2020 via WebEx. A copy of the report is on file in the Community Board Office.

A motion was made by Ms. Linda Rivera, seconded by Rev. Dr. Miran Ukaegbu, and carried to accept the Work Group reports.

Ms. Frieda Menos, representing the Office of Congressman Hakeem Jeffries, provided information on: 1) US Service application period - deadline December 4, 2020; 2) Census 2020; and 3) contacting elected officials to resolve issues with unemployment, IRS payments and/or stimulus payments.

Mr. Malcolm McDaniel, representing the Office of Borough President Eric Adams, provided information on: (1) reserving Borough Hall for events; and (2) Census 2020.

Sharon Pope-Marshall, representative from BikeNY, provided information on the company's ride on October 1, 2020.

The floor was opened for community concerns.

Community members voiced concerns about sanitation and noise. Chairperson Morgan informed community members that the Board would follow up.

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