

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD #16 – MAY 24, 2022

Attendance

Lorenzo Andrews (A)
Cynthia Bannister
Eramas Beras-Monticciolo (A)
Margaret Brewer
Dr. Cleopatra Brown
Kaseem Clark-Edwards (A)
Adrainer Coleman
Linda Dorceus
Norman Frazier (A)
Danny Goodine (A)
Chanel Haliburton
Sarah Hall
Balinda Harris (A)
Zalika Headley (A)
Michael Howard (E)
Gabriel Jamison (A)
Leticia Knowles
Dr. Bettie Kollock-Wallace
Charles Ladson, Sr. (A)
Digna Layne (A)
Kelly Lee-McVay
Albion Liburd (A)
Deborah Mack (A)
Yolanda Matthews (A)
John McCadney, Jr.
Andrew McCoy (A)
Melanie Mendonça

Shemene Minter
Genese Morgan
Rose O'Neill (A)
Deidre Olivera
Luz Ortiz (A)
Shelevya Pearson (A)
Marie Pierre
Shaneek Samuel (A)
JoAnn Sexton
Khadijah Smith
Dr. Sonia Smith
Keturah Suggs (E)
Beverly Tatham (A)
Sydone Thompson
Brenda Thompson-Duchene (A)
Christopher Toomer (E)
Rev. Miran Ukaegbu (E)
Deborah Williams
Pat Winston
Jimmi Brevil, Community Assistant
Viola Greene-Walker, District Manager
Malcolm McDaniel for Hon. Eric Adams
Orlando Ross for Hon. Yvette Clarke
Frieda Menos for Hon. Hakeem Jeffries
Andre Robinson for Hon. Nikki Lucas
Carol-Ann Church for Hon. Antonio Reynoso
Rev. Eddie Karim for Hon. Latrice Walker

PUBLIC MEETING HELD VIA WEBEX

Chairperson Genese Morgan called the meeting to order at 7: 05 p.m. followed by an invocation by Mr. John McCadney, Jr.

Inspector Terrell Anderson announced that there will be a Brownsville Safety Alliance event on Mother Gaston Boulevard from Pitkin to Sutter Avenues from May 24th to May 28th, 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Over 30 agencies will be providing resources to community residents.

There have been 20 shootings this year. We are down 5 shootings from this time last year. In terms of the 7 major crimes, we are at a 30% increase. It is mostly being driven by grand larcenies (victims fall prey to scams over the phone and identity theft). There has been an increase in shoplifting from retail stores. There is also an increase in stolen vehicles.

Chairperson Morgan opened the public hearing in the matter of an application to the New York State Liquor Authority to renew a license to sell liquor, wine, beer, and cider at All Night Skates, located at 54 Rockaway Avenue. Ms. Olivia Hu spoke about their operating hours and activities in the community.

The next item was in the matter of an application to the New York State Liquor Authority for a license to sell wine, beer, and cider at September Café at 83 Saratoga Avenue. Mr. Dwayne Dancy spoke about their activities.

The floor was opened for comments on the announcement from the Department of Sanitation that Street Cleaning Regulations will be reinstated to pre-pandemic frequency as posted on the signage beginning July 5, 2022.

Several residents spoke in opposition to alternate side parking regulations on residential streets returning to four-days per week. They requested that the regulations remain two-days per week.

Sheila Glover from Metro Plus Health presented information on their various health plans.

The roll was called. A quorum of Board members was not present.

District Manager Viola Greene-Walker read the District Manager's Report. (A copy of the report is on file in the Community Board Office.)

Ms. Adrainer Coleman read the Equity Planning Work Group Report. (A copy of the report is on file in the Community Board Office.)

Ms. Deborah Williams read the City Services Planning Work Group Report. (A copy of the report is on file in the Community Board Office.)

Ms. Melanie Mendonça read the Community Resident Work Report. (A copy of the report is on file in the Community Board Office.)

Ms. Linda Dorceus reported that the Nominating Committee met on May 16, 2022. (A copy of the report is on file in the Community Board Office.)

Ms. Carol-Ann Church, Director of Community Boards at the Brooklyn Borough President Office, spoke about Borough President Antonio Reynoso's efforts to reduce disparities in maternal mortality between women of color and white women.

Borough President Reynoso is also creating Safety Councils which is a collaboration between clergy, precincts, community boards, block associations, and neighborhood associations, to combat gun violence.

Ms. Frieda Menos, representing the Office of Congressman Hakeem Jeffries, encouraged veterans and others to contact their office for assistance at (718) 237-2211.

Mr. Orlando Ross, representing the Office of Congressman Yvette Clarke, announced that Congressman Clarke presented a check for \$1 million to BMS Family Health Center to create a workforce development and training incentive.

Congressman Clarke and Senator Kristen Gilibrand introduced an AMI bill to address the issue of affordable housing.

Rev. Eddie Karim, representing the Office of Assemblymember Latrice Walker, announced that Assemblymember Walker will host a virtual town hall meeting tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. on Knowing Your Rights When Stopped by a Police Officer. On Thursday at 6:30 p.m., the Assemblymember will be giving a State of the District Address at the Weekville Center.

Mr. Malcolm McDaniel, representing Mayor Eric Adams, announced that updates from the Mayor's Office can be obtained from tinyurl.com/mayorcau2022updates. He can be reached at (347) 942-1692.

Mr. Andre Robinson, representing Assemblymember Nikki Lucas, reported that she sponsored a domestic violence bill which passed. An extension to the S.C.R.I.E. and D.R.I.E. programs was passed. Mr. Robinson provided updates on other legislation on which Assemblymember Lucas is working.

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