

## MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD #16 – OCTOBER 25, 2022

### Attendance

Tiffany Adams (A)	William McKethan (A)
Leotta Baird (A)	Melanie Mendonça
Cynthia Bannister	Shemene Minter (A)
Eramas Beras-Monticciolo (A)	Genese Morgan
Dr. Kevin Bond (A)	Luz Ortiz (A)
Margaret Brewer	Shelevya Pearson (A)
Dr. Cleopatra Brown (A)	Marie Pierre
Adrainer Coleman (A)	JoAnn Sexton
Lesley Cummins	Khadijah Smith (A)
Linda Dorceus (A)	Dr. Sonia Smith (A)
Byron Davis	Niani Taylor (A)
Melvin Faulkner (A)	Sydne Thompson
Ora Goodwin (A)	Brenda Thompson-Duchene (A)
Dionne Grayman	Christopher Toomer (A)
Chanel Haliburton	Rev. Miran Ukaegbu (A)
Balinda Harris (A)	Pkade Viho (A)
Tiarra Haynes (A)	Deborah Williams
Zalika Headley (A)	Pat Winston
Michael Howard	Jimmi Brevil, Community Assistant
Kalima Johnson	Viola Greene-Walker, District Manager
Leticia Knowles	Hon. Monique Chandler-Waterman
Dr. Bettie Kollock-Wallace (E)	Hon. Nikki Lucas
Albion Liburd (E)	Frieda Menos for Hon. Hakeem Jeffries
Deborah Mack (A)	David Burgoa for Hon. Antonio Reynoso
Edith Margarito (A)	Keron Allyne for Hon. Charles Barron

### PUBLIC MEETING HELD AT P.S./I.S. 323, LOCATED 210 CHESTER STREET, BROOKLYN

Chairperson Genese Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. followed by a moment of silence.

### PUBLIC HEARING

The floor was opened for community comments and announcements.

Mr. Bilal Ndongu, community resident, spoke about the importance of having a skateboarding park in the community and resources for skaters. He gives skateboarding clinics in Betsy Head Playground and asks that resources be provided to engage the young people.

Ms. Loretta Smith, community resident, expressed concerns about storage facilities and other developments being built in the community.

Chairperson Morgan stated that the developments are on privately-owned land and the Community Board did not have a say in what is being built on the land.

Ms. Renee Muir from BMS Family Health and Wellness Center, announced that the BMS Dental at Bristol is now open for business. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on November 7<sup>th</sup> at 259 Bristol Street.

They are in the middle of a COVID vaccination campaign which is targeting a pediatric audience. They are seeing an increase influenza rate amongst young people. They are offering \$100 gift card to offset some of their daily needs and to encourage families to take the COVID or flu vaccine.

BMS has been working on food and fitness. They are in the process of opening a BMS Wellness Studio which will offer exercises and a demo kitchen for healthy eating.

### REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Deputy Inspector Mark Vasquez, newly appointed Commanding Officer of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Precinct, was introduced.

He reported that crime is up 12% during the 28-day period. During the week, we were down 7%. Gun violence is declining in the 73<sup>rd</sup> Precinct. Gun arrests are climbing. There has been a decline in the 7 major crimes.

There has been an increase of 1,200 officers in Transit facilities citywide. Additional officers have been assigned to the 7 stations in the district.

Deputy Inspector Vasquez responded to questions from community residents.

Ms. Mendonça called the roll of Board members. A quorum was not present.

Chairperson Morgan opened the floor for capital and expense budget requests for Fiscal Year 2024. She noted that there was a request for park and recreation resources by Mr. Bilal Ndongo.

Mr. Michael Howard, Chairperson of the Personnel, Budget, and Finance Committee, read a report on the Committee's recommendations for Fiscal Year 2024's Capital and Expense budget items (A copy of the report is on file at the Community Board Office).

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

Ms. Deborah Williams, Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Committee, read a report from the City Services Planning Work Group (A copy of the report is on file at the Community Board Office).

A presentation on the Carshare Program was made by Eric Rago of Getaround and Torrey Fishman of Zipcar. Six sites were identified by Getaround and 7 sites by Zipcar where 2 spaces each will be designated for Carshare parking.

Ms. Patricia Winston, Chairperson of the Senior Citizens Affairs Committee, read her report (A copy of the report is on file at the Community Board Office).

Assemblymember Nikki Lucas, Assemblymember Monique Chandler-Waterman, Mr. Keron Allyne who represented Councilmember Charles Barron, and Mr. David Burgoa who represented Borough President Antonio Reynosa gave updates from their offices.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.