

**MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD # 16
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024 PUBLIC MEETING
MT. OLLIE BAPTIST CHURCH
1698 ST. MARKS AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY**

Attendance

Donna Allen-Arnold	Ivi Lewis
Renee Archer (E)	Albion Liburd (E)
Mark Arthur (A)	Tiffany Martin-Lobban (E)
Rhotochia Atkins Jones (A)	Sabrina Massey
Cynthia Bannister (A)	Celeste Mathis (E)
Rev. Dwayne Barnes	Elizabeth Mcilwain
Latonya Baskerville (A)	Gail McLeod (E)
Kevin Bond (E)	Melanie Mendonca
Margaret Brewer	Tyra Mendonca (E)
Dr. Cleopatra Brown	Genese Morgan
Monica Cassaberry (A)	Franklyn Patterson
Adrainer Coleman	Marie Pierre
Sahara Contaste (A)	Joann Sexton
Byron Davis	Tijuana Shropshire
La Cherokee Dickens	Kamille Stewart (E)
Kashmere Fraser (A)	Niani Taylor
Uriel Griffin	Sydone Thompson
Chanel Haliburton	Christopher Toomer
Karlana Hamblin (A)	Rev. Miran Ukaegbu
Zalika Headley (E)	Jere Upsher (A)
Michael Howard	Deborah Williams
Shanti Jimenez	Kencina Nicole Williams
Joan Johnson	Patricia Winston
Tiffany Jones (E)	Hawa Barry, Community Assistant
Pamela Junior (Baptiste)	Rev. Eddie Karim for Hon. Latrice Walker

HYBRID PUBLIC MEETING HELD IN-PERSON @ MOUNT OLLIE BAPTIST CHURCH & VIA WEBEX

Chairperson Genese Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m., welcomed the attendees, and gave the invocation. Public comments and announcements followed.

A community member from the organization “We the People for the People” announced a petition to open the first farmers market/supermarket in the area. Discussion on quality-of-life issues such as potholes and a vacant lot at Howard Avenue and Bergen Street.

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Mr. Willie Scott, vice president of public affairs and diversity officer, Sherry Tucker, chief executive officer, and Karen Gorman with WellLife Network gave a presentation on the proposed supportive and affordable housing project at 141 Osborn Street. The project includes 145 permanent affordable apartments, with 87 supportive units for individuals with mental health disabilities and 58 affordable units for working families.

The development will feature amenities such as a recreation room, playground, exercise room, and laundry facilities on each floor. The project aims to provide job opportunities, prioritize local residents for affordable units, and enhance the neighborhood with sustainable and community-focused design. Board members and community members raised concerns about economic development, job opportunities, and affordability of the housing units. Discussion on the need for local hiring and investment in the community. Questions about set-asides for veterans and the inclusion of formerly homeless individuals in the supportive units.

There was a roll call of Board members. A quorum of 29 were present.

Ms. Adrainer Coleman, Chairperson, read the report for the Equity Planning Work Group. A copy of the report is on file in the Board's office.

Ms. Gretchen Susie, deputy director for Brooklyn Communities Collaborative, an anchor collaborative comprised of several institutions in Brooklyn. The three One Brooklyn Health Hospitals- Brookdale, Interfaith, Kingsborough, Maimonides Medical Center, 1199, Kings County, Hospital, the Brooklyn Public Library, and about a hundred CDOs included. She requested support as they will be applying for the EDC workforce planning grant. Discussion ensued on the proposal to conduct workforce planning for a community-owned virtual power plant in Brooklyn neighborhoods. The project aims to support local workforce development and create job opportunities in the green energy sector.

Motion to accept the Equity Planning Work Group report. First by Ms. Deborah Williams and second by Ms. Patricia Winston. No abstentions, motion carried.

Ms. Deborah Williams, Chairperson, read the report of the City Services Planning Work Group. A copy of the report is on file in the Board's office.

Motion to accept the City Services Work Group report. First by Ms. Adrainer Coleman and second by Ms. Cleopatra Brown. No abstentions, motion carried.

Ms. Melanie Mendonca, Chairperson, read the report for the Community Resident Work Group. A copy of the report is on file in the Board's office.

Motion to accept the Community Resident Work Group report. First by Tijuana Shropshire and second by Mr. Kevin Bond . No abstentions, motion carried.

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Ms. Pamela Junior-Baptiste, Chairperson, read the report for the Fiscal and Policy Work Group. A copy of the report is on file in the Board's office.

Motion to accept the Fiscal and Policy Work Group report. First by Ms. Kencia Nicole Williams and second by Mr. Christopher Toomer. No abstentions, motion carried.

Motion to provide a letter of support for the virtual power plant RFP. First by Ms. Patricia Winston and second by Ms. Pamela Junior-Baptiste. No abstentions, motion carried.

Motion to provide a letter of support for the 141 Osborn Street Project with stipulations. First by inaudible and second by Ms. Joan Johnson. No abstentions, motion carried.

Reverend Eddie Karim with the Office of Assemblywoman Latrice Walker stated that toys were available for local organizations. He also remarked on the holiday toy giveaway held on the previous Saturday, where approximately 1,200 children attended.

Chairperson Morgan provided closing remarks and holiday greetings.

There being no further business to discuss, to chair adjourn the meeting at 9:32 p.m.