



CITY OF NEW YORK **COMMUNITY BOARD 3**
MINUTES OF THE
MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2022
COMMUNITY BOARD VIRTUAL MEETING
VIA WEBEX

In Attendance:

Members Present: Ricardo Agcauli, Emad Ansari, Anthony Buissereth, Michael Catlyn, Evelyn Collier, Yvonne Cummings, Ernest Deeb, Carroll “Rusty” Fields, Keith Forest, Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Shia Greenfeld, Oma Holloway, Everett Hughes, Jada John-Ali, Edna Johnson, Dr. Kerliene Johnson, Frank LaChapelle, Dovie Matthews, Kenneth Mbonu, Ellen Miller, Jerome Nathaniel, Christine Parker, Santana Payton, C. Doris Pinn, Simone Pratt, Robert Providence, Shneaqua Purvis, Annalee Reid, Miari Roberts, Wendy Robinson, Suzette Sheppard, Dr. Adesola Tella, Alicia Walton, Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman, Douglas Williams, TJ Wilson

Members Absent/Excused: Monique Antoine, Dr. Kim Best, Victor Iroh, Mary Jemison-Head, Azania Maitland, Joel Polatsek, Karen Rhau, Carolyn Richburg, Abitzel Robinson-Hobson, Jamella Swift

Elected Official/Reps: Carol Ann Church – Hon. Antonio Reynoso, Robert Moore – Assemblymember Latrice Walker, Assembly member Stefani Zinerman, Councilmember Chi Osse, Vanessa Nutter – Councilmember Lincoln Restler, Casie Addison – Councilmember Crystal Hudson, Shelton Jones – District Attorney Office, Karen Cherry – Mayor’s Office, District Leader Henry Butler

Agencies/CBOs: Damaris Falero – DOB, Nicole Bryan – Macon Branch Library, P.O. Christopher Charles – 79th Precinct, Det. Conrad Narcisse – 81st Precinct, Judge Betty Staton – Brooklyn Legal Services, Sharonnie Perry – OBH, Gregory Anderson – Bridge Street Development Corp., Marlon Rice – Bedford- Stuyvesant Restoration Corp.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair Anthony Buissereth. He read the agenda into the record and gave his remarks. He reminded everyone that it is the 67th Anniversary of the Montgomery March. In addition, he advised everyone to continue to stay safe by getting their vaccines, boosters and wearing masks, because currently there is a triple-demic (COVID, RSV and the flu) taking place with rising numbers.

Updates:

- The Buildings Department is now located at 345 Adams Street, 3rd floor. After hours continues every Tuesday from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Community Board applications period began on November 15th and will end on February 14th.
- Borough Hall tree lighting will be held on Thursday, December 8th, at 5:00 p.m.
- There will be a Gun Buy Back at Cornerstone Baptist Church on December 17th. \$500 will be giving for each operable firearm
- There will be several Toy Giveaways in the district:

- ❖ Councilmember Osse will host a tree lighting and Toy Drive on Wednesday, December 7th, from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., at Brower Park
- ❖ On December 10th, the VIDA office will host a Toy Drive from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Drop off at 399 Tompkins Avenue between Jefferson & Hancock Streets
- ❖ On December 10th, Bedford-Stuyvesant Restoration will host the Annual RFK Holiday Party from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., at 1368 Fulton Street
- ❖ On December 17th, the 79th Precinct will host a Toy Giveaway in front the precinct from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

- Booster shots are distributed every Saturday from 7:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. at Interfaith Medical Center

An Informational presentation was given by Monique Porter, Site Director at the NYPD Community Center, 127 Pennsylvania Avenue at Liberty Avenue. Ms. Porter gave a list of programs that is being offered at the center such as soccer, martial arts, robotics and coding, boxing, aviation which is taught by Inspector Winston Faison and is open to Middle and high school students. There is a music studio, fitness center, a cheerleading, step team, and double Dutch. There is a leadership program for both girls and men, a college and career program. Saturday Night Lights is also offered at the site.

The center is open 7 days a week: Monday to Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.. The mornings are reserved for seniors from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Sundays the hours are 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The center is open to all Brooklynites.

A Public Hearing was held to provide homeowners with information on the Historic District Council and their work to support communities who are pursuing historic preservation. Frampton Tolbert, Executive Director explained that the Council is an Independent non-profit advocacy organization that advocates for historic neighborhoods. The Council holds public meetings to assist with the landmark’s designation process. They have walking tours and have celebrated six neighborhoods so far.

Community Announcements:

Ray Ramos introduced himself and the Inspire Sport Camps program which caters to children in grades 4 – 11. It is a Christian away-camp. For more information, call 646-285-8764, visit www.inspiresportscamp.com or ray@inspiresportscamps@gmail.com

There were several complaints by residents regarding the installation of Citi bikes on Macon Street between Patchen & Ralph Avenues and Herkimer Street between New York and Nostrand Avenues. Residents felt that the bikes should have been placed on the sidewalk instead of the street. Dr. Lashley and Edwin Diaz spoke on behalf of their neighbor on Herkimer Street who is being impacted because bikes are directly in front his gate and is unable to get to his Access-A-Ride

The Board Chair and District Manger informed everyone that a letter was sent to DOT requesting that 29 of the 31 locations they proposed be moved to the sidewalk, however, only two of the locations were taken into consideration.

Roll Call: There was a quorum with 36 members present and 10 absent.

Chairperson Report:

- The Emergency Order was extended by Mayor Adams until December 21, 2022. All meetings will remain remote
- Ellen Miller and Wendy Robinson have been appointed to the Economic Development Committee

- The Board office will be closed in observance of Christmas and New Year's Days on December 25th and January 2nd
- The next Board meeting will be held on January 9, 2023
- The NYC Fellows are finalizing their project scope and will share their report at an upcoming Executive Committee meeting

District Manager Report:

- Applications are being accepted for 1921 Atlantic Avenue. The deadline is January 4, 2023
- There will a Job Fair at Woodhull Hospital on December 13th, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- MTA released a Draft Brooklyn Bus Redesign that would include the following routes: B15, B38 B43 B44 and B46. The public feedback for Brooklyn will be held on January 17, 2023.
- MTA would like customers to submit a survey: <https://new.mta.info/mta-customers-research>

Committee Updates:

- The Parks, Arts, & Culture Committee will meet on January 4, 2023
- Keith Forest invited everyone to join the committee on January 21, 2023 for the 15 for \$15 at BK Residency
- Landmarks & Preservation Committee will be meeting on Friday, January 6, 2023 due to the holiday

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Edna Johnson and seconded by Douglas Williams. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Edna Johnson and seconded by Douglas Williams. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Beryl Nyack
December 12, 2022