



CITY OF NEW YORK **COMMUNITY BOARD 3**
MINUTES OF THE
MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024
COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
1368 FULTON STREET, 1ST FLOOR MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
BROOKLYN, NY 11216

In Attendance:

Members Present: Alex Abarbanel-Grossman, Ricardo Agcauli, Monique Antoine, Dr. Kim Best, Santana Brown-Payton, Anthony Buissereth, Tiffanie Burt, Michael Catlyn, Evelyn Collier, Yvonne Cummings, Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Carroll “Rusty” Fields, Keith Forest, Nicole Greaves, Ahsan Habib, Letty Hawthorne, Oma Holloway, Dr. Jada John-Ali, Edna Johnson, Dr. Kerliene Johnson, Dovie Matthews, Kenneth Mbonu, Maliyka Muhammad, Aboubacar Okeke-Diagne, Christine Parker, C. Doris Pinn, Melissa Plowden-Norman, Carolyn Richburg, Miari Roberts, Wendy Robinson, Abitzel Robinson-Hobson, Suzette Sheppard, Dr. Gail Singleton-Taylor, Samuel Stern, Dr. Adesola Tella, Alicia Walton, Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman, Douglas Williams

Members Absent/Excused: Aline Estefam, Rabbi Joel Friedman, Shia Greenfeld, Frank LaChapelle, Jerome Nathaniel, Shneaqua “Coco” Purvis, Joel Polatsek, Karen Rhau, TJ Wilson

Elected Official/Reps: Carol-Ann Church – Borough President Antonio Reynoso, Mark Leary – Councilmember Darlene Mealy, David Kahn – Public Advocate Office, Hercules Reid – CAU

City Agencies/CBOs: D.I. Lito Gill – 79th Precinct, Det. Christopher Charles – 79th Precinct, D. I. Khandakar Abdullah – 81st Precinct, Det. Conrad Narcisse – 81st Precinct

Chair Anthony Buissereth convened the meeting. He read the agenda into the record. 29 members were present at the first roll call and 18 absent.

Community announcements were made by Transportation Alternative, Cecil Henry and Oma Holloway, Faith Moore, and Deon Jones

An informational presentation was given by Kenneth Ebie, Small Business Services, BeNYC Program on some of the services provided to assist entrepreneurs.

BeNYC (Black Entrepreneurs NYC) was created to equity of opportunity by advancing Black entrepreneurship and closing the racial wealth gap.

The BeNYC program helps with:

- ✓ How to access capital (grants etc.) through Funds finder at www.nyc.gov/sbs
- ✓ Free legal services for businesses
- ✓ Shop Black NYC
- ✓ Build wealth through City contracts
- ✓ MWBE contracts Escalator Program

For more information, please contact him at kebie@sbs.nyc.gov or www.nyc.gov/benyc

A presentation was made by Lalit Clarkson, Public Sector Regional Director for the Committee of Interns & Residents/SEIU. He was accompanied by Dr. Mostafa Balboul, NYC Health & Hospital/Woodhull. They were seeking support from the Board to help with the contract negotiations with NYC Health & Hospitals. The doctors at this hospital are paid less than their counterparts.

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Kathleen Corradi, Rat Czar gave a brief update on NYC Rodent Mitigation.

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There were 37 members present and 10 members absent.

Chair's Report:

The chair, Anthony Buissereth reported that the Board is looking to have another shred event on May 18th. He thanked Board member Oma Holloway for her service as this was her last meeting serving on the board after several years.

District Office Report:

I attended the Fort Greene Council Inc., Black History Month celebration at the Maria Lawton Older Adult Club on February 29th. It was a wonderful celebration with all the other centers in Brooklyn.

Committee Reports:

- The Transportation, Sanitation & Environmental Committee will be meeting on March 12th with the representative from MTA to get an update on OMNI.
- The Health & Social Service Committee will host a Narcan Training on April 20th from 11:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- The Housing Land Use Committee will present the Atlantic Avenue Mixed-Use Plan (AAMUP) at its meeting on March 13th.

Committee Updates & Resolutions:

- ✓ The Economic Development Committee will meet on March 7th.
- ✓ The Park, Arts & Culture Committee will meet at Von King on March 6th, at 6:00 p.m.

Keith Forest stated that the committee voted to support Blossom's Soul Food. A motion was made by Yvonne Cummings and seconded by Letty Hawthorne. However, the motion did not carry. The board voted it down.

VOTE: 16 – Yes; 6 – Objections; 14 – Abstentions

Evelyn Collier read the resolution for 272 Macon Street. A motion was made by Evelyn Collier and seconded by Edna Johnson to accept the committee recommendation.

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VOTE: 32 – Yes; 2 – Objections; 13 – Abstentions

A motion was made to support the interns at Woodhull and seconded by Ricardo Agcauli. The vote was approved with two abstentions.

VOTE: 35 – Yes; 0 – Objection; 2 – Abstentions

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

Motion to adjourned was made by Edna Johnson and seconded by Dr. Adesola Tella.

Respectfully submitted by,
Beryl Nyack
March 25, 2024