



CITY OF NEW YORK **COMMUNITY BOARD 3**
MINUTES OF THE
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020
COMMUNITY BOARD VIRTUAL MEETING

Members Present:

Babatunde Awoke, Felicia Alexander, Tywan Anthony, Monique Antoine, Anthony Buissereth, Michael Catlyn, Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Evelyn Collier, Taina Evans, Marc Abou-Faissal, Carroll “Rusty” Fields, Richard Flateau, Keith Forest, Gregory Glasgow, Shia Greenfeld, Mary Jemison-Head, Abitzel Robinson-Hobson, Oma Holloway, Everett Hughes, Victor Iroh, Keisha Jerryman, Edna Johnson, Dr. Kerliene Johnson, Dr. Debra Lamb, Lisa Lewis, Ellen Miller, Kenneth Mbonu, Christine Parker, Santina Payton, C. Doris Pinn, Simone Pratt, Annalee Reid, Karen Rhau, Carolyn Richburg, Miari Roberts, Wendy Robinson, Stacey Ruffin, Jamella Swift, Alice Walton, Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman, Douglas Williams, TJ Wilson

Members Absent/Excused: Dr. Kim Best, Lillian Bowman, Sharon Forbes, Marion Little, Hardy “Joe” Long, Dovie Matthews, Melissa Plowden-Norman, Suzette Sheppard

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON – Richard Flateau

Chair Flateau read the agenda into the record.

He added that there were several issues during the summer: an increase in crime, quality of life issues, and the uptick with fireworks. He sent letters to both 79th and 81st precinct commanders regarding the fireworks. He added that the District Attorney held a Gun Buyback in East New York.

Several Board committees’ held events over the summer such as school giveaways and Town Halls.

Mr. Flateau announced a Public Hearing on Wednesday, September 16th, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm to discuss the budget.

He also informed of the passing of Rhonda Lewis former CEO of Bridge Street Development Corp.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS & COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Jamila Fynes – Mayor’s Office, Naomi Hopkins – Hon. Alicka Ampry-Samuel, Stefani Zinerman, Jabari Brisport, Gregory Anderson – Bridge Street Development Corp.,

Shelton Jones announced that 33 firearms were collected at the Gun Buyback event in East New York. He also announced the passing of Assistant District Attorney Sarah Pitts who lost her life while bicycling. Mr. Jones also announced that the Action Center is open, the number is 718-250-2340. He can be reached at 718-250-3146.

Gregory Anderson announced that Bridge Street Development Corp. is co-partnering with Small Business Services and LISC on two initiatives to offer grants for \$10,000 to Women Minority Business Enterprise

(MWBE). The application period is open from September 14th to October 2nd, for any business within the confines of Bedford Avenue to Malcolm X Boulevard and Dekalb Avenue to Fulton Street.

The second, Small Business Services Commercial Revitalization within the same areas. For more information visit www.bsdcorp.org

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – Henry L. Butler

The District Manager provided information on the COVID-19 Tenant and Landlord Rules. He also informed that there will be a Public Hearing on Wednesday, September 16th, regarding the budget. He informed that the Board's budget was already cut by \$8,000.

The deadline to register to vote is Friday, October 9th. Early voting will begin October 24th to November 1st, at M.S.33, St. John's Recreation and Saratoga Village Center within the 56th Assembly District.

Mr. Butler informed that there are openings for Poll Workers during Early Voting for 11 days at \$250 per day.

In addition, he asked for volunteers for the census phone bank on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

I. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

A. Health & Social Service Committee:

LaRay Brown, President & CEO of Interfaith Hospital/One Brooklyn Health System gave an update on the Housing project scheduled to be built on the parking lot on Herkimer Street. This will be a 3,000 unit of housing.

All units will be designated for seniors; with 30 units being affordable at 40% - 60% AMI. Herkimer Gardens will be developed by a not-for-profit agency. In the coming weeks, parking stackers will be utilized and managed by a not-for-profit. The project is scheduled to begin in November and will last for 22 months. 6,000 square feet will be designated for the community space.

At the hospital, they will repurpose the Pediatrics Unit. Only 10 beds were being used at Interfaith and 10 beds at Brookdale. The service is under-utilized therefore, they will consolidate it with Brookdale because there is an intensive care unit there. She will also be renovating the Emergency Room Department.

A few questions were asked and answered by board members concerning the development project

II. PUBLIC HEARING

A. CB3 Census Committee:

Community Board 3 hosted a Public Hearing on Census 2020. Shelley Worrell, Census Specialist, Caribbean Partnerships.

In terms of numbers, New York State so far is at 60 two-point 3% in responding New York City is 59.3% and Brooklyn is at 56.2%. She emphasized that black men under the age of 30 are undercounted, along with children under the age of five. It is imperative that New York get counted. NYC lost four congressional seats in the last census. Programs such as

SNAP, Section 8, Head Start and the lunch programs in schools, transportation, and infrastructure are all affected by the census. Marcy Houses has the highest participant rate at 59%.

There are several ways to complete the census -- you can call in, go online at www.my2020census.gov or mail back the form that was mailed. The deadline to complete the census is Wednesday, September 30th.

III. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Oma Holloway announced, Outfit Redevelopment Corp. informed that Main Street will be offering note pads to be used for census work to block and tenant's associations that are registered with the Alliance.

A question was asked regarding where residents can take their ballots. Residents can take their ballots to the polling sites, the post office or the Board of Elections located at 345 Adams Street. Ibrahim Toure, Bed-Stuy Community Patrol. For more information visit Itoure101@gmail.com.

Lisa Lewis announced the Jack & Jill of America, Brooklyn Chapter program for mother with children ages 2-19 years old.

IV. ROLL CALL

There were 42 members presents and 8 absent.

V. COMMITTEE UPDATES & RESOLUTIONS

- The **Landmarks** Committee will be meeting on Monday, September 21st.
- The **Transportation, Sanitation & Environment** Committee meeting will be Tuesday, October 13th, at 6:30 p.m. Topic of discussion will be on traffic mitigation in sanitation budget cuts and the rat problem in the community.
- The **Civic & Public Safety** Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 6th, at 6:00 p.m. with the Commanding Officers of the 79th and 81st Precincts.
- The **Parks, Arts & Culture** Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 7th, at 6:30 p.m.
- The **Budget** Committee requested that all committees submit their budget requests by Thursday, October 15th, for submission.

VI. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Richard Flateau

Chair Flateau thanked Abby Robinson-Hobson and TJ Wilson for their work on planning the Board Retreat. The retreat will be held on Saturday, September 19th, at 9:00 a.m. under the tent. There will be a professional photographer there, so come photo ready.

There will be a new member virtual orientation shortly. New members are required to select a primary and secondary committee. Assignments will made shortly. The next Executive meeting will be Tuesday, September 22nd, and the next public meeting will be held on Monday, October 5th, at 7:00 p.m.

VII. ACCEPTANCE OF THE JUNE 22, 2020 MINUTES

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Douglas Williams and seconded by Christine Parker.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Douglas Williams and seconded by Santana Payton.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Beryl Nyack
September 29, 2020

Reviewed and edited by:
Stacey Ruffin
Executive Secretary
October 3, 2020