



**MINUTES OF THE  
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020  
COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING  
BEDFORD-STUYVESANT RESTORATION CORP.  
1368 FULTON STREET, Lower Level  
BROOKLYN, NY 11216**

**In Attendance:**

**Members Present:** Babatunde Akowe, Felicia Alexander, Tywan Anthony, Lillian Bowman, Anthony Buissereth, Michael Catlyn, Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Evelyn Collier, Pastor Gwendolyn Dingle, Taina Evans, Marc Abou-Faissal, Richard Flateau, Sharon Forbes, Keith Forest, Mary Jemison-Head, Abitzel Robinson-Hobson, Oma Holloway, Keisha Jerryman, Edna Johnson, Dr. Kerliene Johnson, Dr. Debra Lamb, Lisa Lewis, Dovie Matthews, Ellen Miller, Kenneth Mbonu, Melissa Plowden-Norman, Santina Payton, C. Doris Pinn, Simone Pratt, Karen Rhau, Carolyn Richburg, Wendy Robinson, Stacey Ruffin, Suzette Sheppard, Jamella Swift, Alice Walton, Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman

**Members Absent/Excused:** Monique Antoine, Dr. Kim Best, Vanessa Clark, Gregory Glasgow, Shia Greenfeld, Everett Hughes, Victor Iroh, Marion Little, Dionicio Liz, Hardy “Joe” Long, Chinyelu Udoh, Douglas Williams, TJ Wilson

**Elected Officials/Reps:** Hon. Alicka Ampry-Samuel, Jigreel Jalloh – Hon. Jumaane Williams, Nickolas Perry – Hon. Scott Stringer, Lucien Allen – Hon. Walter Mosley, Maceo Karriem – Hon. Tremaine Wright, Taahira Maynard – Hon. Laurie Cumbo, Jacqueline Wright-Williams – Hon. Robert Cornegy, Jr., Christopher Augusto LeBron – Hon. Alicka Ampry-Samuel, Shelton Jones – Hon. Eric Gonzalez, Karen Cherry – Hon. Erik Dilan, Isis McIntosh – Hon. Latrice Walker, Olanike Alabi – 57<sup>th</sup> Assembly District Leader

**REMARKS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON – Richard Flateau**

Mr. Flateau introduced the new Executive Officers. His remarks was based on the meetings he attended at the Brooklyn Borough Board meeting on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. There were three presentations by the Solid Waste Advisory Board who discussed the organics recycling which was suspended in Brooklyn, the NYC Civic Engagement Commission and Popular Bank.

He read the agenda into the record and announced that representatives from the Census Bureau were on hand to sign up candidates who are interested in working on the census.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF ELECTED OFFICIALS & COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

Sharonnie Perry – One Brooklyn Health; Daniel Fisher – 81<sup>st</sup> Precinct Community Council; Leon Reid – Brooklyn Job Corp., Sonia Atherly – New Executive Director Bedford-Stuyvesant YMCA; Stefani Zinerman – NAACP; Ali Issa – New Economy Project; Deputy Inspector Timothy Skretch introduced himself as the new Commanding Officer of the 79<sup>th</sup> Precinct; Captain William Glynn also introduced himself as the new Commanding Officer of the 81<sup>st</sup> Precinct.

## **Hon Alicka Ampry-Samuel**

Council Member Samuel announced that on Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, Attorney General James and other elected officials will launch a Door Knocking Campaign in the neighborhoods of Bedford-Stuyvesant, Crown Heights and East Flatbush. The campaign is to provide homeowners with resources on how to protect their homes from scammers and those who are at risk of having their homes stolen.

In addition, she stated that she introduced a bill to prevent hotels from becoming shelters. They are currently working on this in the Council.

## **DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – Henry L. Butler**

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### **I. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION**

#### **A. Senior Service Committee:**

Josephine Brown, Executive Director and Megan Christ, Caregiver Social Worker at the New York Memory Center gave a brief presentation on the services they provide to the community. Some of the programs are: The Lotus Club, the Memory Life Services and the Evening Respite program. The program helps meet the needs of people living with Alzheimer's and dementia.

There are different types of programs that helps maintain memory, increase memory, decrease isolation and decrease depression. The program is not age specific. The Lotus Club provides escorted round-trip transportation, computer cognitive training classes, and the Extended Evening Respite includes: transportation, respite time for caregivers from 2:00 – 7:00 p.m.

### **II. PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **A. Economic Development Committee:**

Alcohol Beverage Control License Application for Beau Hospitality located at 1567 Fulton Street corner of Albany Avenue

Emmanuel Tropnasse, owner of the establishment stated that this will be a social bar and eatery operating under the dba Ritual BK. He will also offer a venue for other events/gatherings. The hours of operation will be Sundays – Wednesdays: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.; Thursdays – Saturdays: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 a.m. The capacity is 220 people. There are three exits on the main floor and two exits on the basement level. There are two conference rooms on the lower level. This is a 3,100 sq. ft. space.

There will be ten positions for 30 employees at the initial opening. Resumes can be forwarded to him. They will be serving brunch and cocktails.

Questions were asked and answered by various residents and board members who were concerned about the crime and illegal activities in the vicinity and the fact that there are three other establishments operating within a few feet from each other.

#### **B. Economic Development Committee:**

Alcohol Beverage Control License Application for Macosa LLC, 310 Tompkins Avenue (bet Quincy Street & Gates Avenue)

Emanuele Attala and Salvatore Gandolfo, owners were present to make the presentation.

Mr. Attala stated that he has 15 years of experience. He is a chef and he own several other restaurants in Manhattan (Malatesta). This will be a family style restaurant and they will be serving authentic Italian cuisine. The hours of operation will be 5:00 – 10:00 p.m. weekdays; and 5:00 p.m. – Midnight on Fridays and Saturdays, brunch will be served 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

He added that he also met with the Tompkins Avenue Merchant Association (TAMA). The capacity for the space is 35-40 people.

Questions were asked and answered.

### III. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Izoria Fields**, a real estate agent from Compass. She informed the audience that on Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. Compass will be hosting a Wealth Creation Seminar on how to build wealth through real estate. Flyers were available.

**Deborah Newburg, Dunn Development** announced that she has an Early Childhood Center space available at 1825 Atlantic and Buffalo Avenues that is over 6,000 sq. ft. It has five classrooms, a kitchen and office. For more information, please contact her at 718-388-9407, ext. 16.

**Rusty & River Fields** announced that they will be launching a pre-school called Avalon Prep.

**Jamila McGill, Co-owner at Brooklyn Tea** is located on 524 Nostrand Avenue between Fulton & Macon Streets.

### IV. ROLL CALL

There were 37 members present and 13 absent.

### V. COMMITTEE UPDATES & RESOLUTIONS

The Civic & Public Safety Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, in the Board office at 6:00 p.m.

The Housing & Land Use Committee will be meeting on Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 1360 Fulton Street, 5<sup>th</sup> floor.

The Health & Social Services Committee will be meeting on Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. and on February 20<sup>th</sup>, they will be meeting at 1360 Fulton Street, 5<sup>th</sup> floor.

The Transportation, Sanitation & Environment Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. DOT will be on the agenda.

### VI. ACTION ON THE PUBLIC HEARING

#### A. Beau Hospitality request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License

Tywan Anthony stated that the committee voted and recommends giving a letter of support. A motion was made to accept the recommendation by Edna Johnson and seconded by Babatunde Akowe.

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- B.** Macosa LLC request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License. Tywan Anthony stated that the committee voted and recommends giving a letter of support. A motion was made to accept the committee's recommendation by Edna Johnson and seconded by Evelyn Collier.

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**VI. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Richard Flateau**

Mr. Flateau stated that he will be reviewing (along with the Board Executive Secretary, Stacey Ruffin) attendance in January and the Board will vote on removals next month. Board members are required to attend their assigned committee meetings and letters will be sent

Abbi Robinson- Hobson and Michael Catlyn will be working on a Board Retreat which will focus on team building.

In addition, he reminded the board members whose term will be expiring in March to go to the Borough President website or look for the mail regarding their renewal.

Mr. Flateau informed board members that the deadline to submit their request for the training and education courses is Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>.

**VII. ACCEPTANCE OF THE DECEMBER 2, 2019 MINUTES**

A motion to accept the minutes was made and unanimously passed.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Beryl Nyack  
January 21, 2020

Reviewed and Edited by  
Stacey Ruffin, Executive Secretary  
January 22, 2020 @ 10:56 pm