



CITY OF NEW YORK COMMUNITY BOARD 3
MINUTES OF THE
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2020
COMMUNITY BOARD VIRTUAL MEETING

In Attendance:

Members Present: Babatunde Awoke, Felicia Alexander, Tywan Anthony, Dr. Kim Best, Lillian Bowman, Anthony Buissereth, Michael Catlyn, Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Evelyn Collier, Taina Evans, Marc Abou-Faissal, Carroll “Rusty” Fields, Richard Fleteau, Sharon Forbes, 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, Santana Payton, C. Doris Pinn, Simone Pratt, Karen Rhau, Miari Roberts, Wendy Robinson, Stacey Ruffin, Suzette Sheppard, Jamella Swift, Alice Walton, Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman, Douglas Williams, TJ Wilson

Members Absent/Excused: Monique Antoine, Marion Little, Hardy “Joe” Long, Dovie Matthews, Melissa Plowden-Norman, Annalee Reid, Carolyn Richburg

Elected Official/Reps: Karen Cherry – Hon. Erik Dilan, Elizabeth Adams – Hon. Stephen Levin

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON – Richard Fleteau

Chair Fleteau read the agenda into the record.

In his remarks he spoke about the spike in gun violence. There was an assassination in a store on Malcolm X Boulevard and Chauncey Street and there was a 22 years old was killed nine hours later. In addition, there was another shooting in front of 94 Chauncey Street. He stated that a press conference was held with Council Member Cornegy to denounce the gun violence. In addition, a meeting was held with management of the Fulton Houses in conjunction with Deputy Inspector Glynn and Council Member Cornegy to discuss the quality of life issues the building, sanitation and gang related issues.

- On Tuesday, October 13th, Chair Fleteau stated that he gave testimony on deed theft in City Council.
- There have been ongoing meetings with Council Member Cornegy and the Bed-Stuy Gateway BID regarding the opening the Black Lives Matter Mural on Fulton Street.
- There was also a meeting tentatively scheduled with Council Member Levin to discuss a possible re-zoning in Brooklyn North.
- At the last Borough Board Meeting, there was a presentation on textile recycling.
He will be giving a presentation on Local Law 152 at the next Borough Board Meeting.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS & COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Jada John – BALAA, Dwana Smallwood, Lynette Battle – Interim Executive Director Bed Stuy Gateway BID

Deputy Inspector Timothy Skretch – 79th Precinct

D.I Skretch announced that over the last 28 days on the westside of Marcus Garvey, the precinct is experiencing the lowest numbers in crime since March of 2019, gun arrest is up 70% and crime is down 10% in major crime.

He added that the precinct is prepared for tomorrow, Election Day. There will be an officer(s) at every polling site corner. In addition, there were two peaceful protests earlier, one by The December 12 Movement and the second by two sisters who laid down in the middle of the street at Fulton Street and Marcy Avenue disrupting traffic on Black Liberation Day. They were arrested and were issued a desk appearance.

Darryl White – Hon. Leticia James

Attorney General James has setup an Election Hotline to report any election irregularities. Please call 1-800-771-7755 or visit the website at www.ag.ny.gov Mr. White can be reached at 646-668-6474.

Chief Judith Harrison – Brooklyn North

Chief Harrison introduced herself and stated that she is a 23 years veteran of the Police Department. She previously was the Commanding Officer in the Special Victims Units and the Detective Unit. She commanded several precincts in Queens. She took over from Chief Maddrey three months ago.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – Henry L. Butler

Polls open at 6:00 am and closes at 9:00 pm. For any issues, please call 347-765-0826.

The second Town Hall on Local Law 152 will be given on Friday, November 6th, at 6:00 pm.

I. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION**A. Housing & Land Use Committee:**

Chair Richard Flateau gave a presentation on NYC Local Law 152. It is as follows:

[Local Law 152 Presentation final.pptx](#)

[LL 152 - DOB Service Notice.pdf](#)

B. Park, Art & Culture Committee:

Nicole Bryan, Supervisor at the Macon Branch Library Heritage Cultural Center gave an update on the scope of work regarding the Heritage Center. She thanked Assembly Member Tremaine Wright for her generous donation for the renovation of the center. Sheena Miller highlighted the 18 different virtual programs available to the public such as: Reparations workshop, listening sessions, author talk, watch party, Voices United Collaborative Storytelling. There are also some ongoing programs like the Macon Writing Circle, the Macon Page Turners Book Club.

She added that the Macon Branch Library is a polling site, therefore, the lobby service will be closed after the conclusion of voting on Tuesday night and on Wednesday in order to sanitize the building before reopening.

C. Education & Youth Committee:

Dr. Ronald Blake, NYC Technical College and Mary Anne Woody gave a presentation on the result of the Bedford Stuyvesant Heat Survey.

Dr. Blake stated that heat has a severe impact on health. He added that over the last two years, they have been using satellites and drones and handheld instruments to study the

land surface temperature in the Bed-Stuy community. They shared their preliminary findings

Ms. Woody reported that the Urban Heat Island is exacerbated by climate change and its effects on urban communities. It occurs due to the way that cities are set up. Cities are constructed of concrete and other man-made materials that are going to absorb heat and increased air pollution, lack of vegetation and not a lot of greenery. The team collected land surface temperature data using a variety of methods.

The Community survey consisted of six themes:

- 1) Demographic characteristics
- 2) Transportation and access to resources
- 3) Experiences with past heat waves
- 4) COVID-19 and how residents have been impacted
- 5) Beliefs and risk perceptions and knowledge of climate change, heat waves and other urban heat island effect
- 6) Community improvement

There were approximately 190 respondents. Some of the questions were based on health effects in particular physical health impacts. 80% of the respondents answered that they have experienced physical health impacts. A large majority have experienced discomfort, heat exhaustion, fainting and dizziness. Additionally, they surveyed about mental health impacts and over 60% of respondents answered that they have experienced mental health impacts due to extreme heat. Drinking water was the top precaution that is being taken, dressing for summer and staying out of the sun was also common precautions that are being taken.

On the impacts of COVID-19 respondents reported less use of public transportation due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, to less access to green space, economic impact and less access to cooling centers and use of air conditioning.

In regards to beliefs and risk perception, knowledge about climate change and heat waves, an overwhelming majority of respondents replied that they do have a risk perception of heat waves and they hardly believe in climate change and there were several for response answers asking for increased climate change education and anti-wave impacts awareness for the community.

They have integrated this into a community engagement tool and interactive maps and would like this information to be added to high school curriculums to get students involved in science and how heat impact their daily lives.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Economic Development Committee:

Popular Bank who is seeking a letter of support to be designated as a Community Banking District was unable to attend the meeting due to a shift in leadership. The item was tabled.

B. Health & Social Service Committee:

Monique Chandler-Waterman, Brooklyn Borough Outreach Director for Test & Trace Corps. gave an update on NYC Health & Hospitals COVID-19 Test & Trace Program

Ms. Chandler-Waterman stated that although Bed-Stuy is not a hot zone. Residents can check their zones by going to www.nyc.gov/covidzone. For testing sites view www.nyc.gov/covidtest. If you don't have access to the internet, please call 311.

For additional information, she can be reached at 646-847-5327 or by email at watermam@nychcc.org

There is also Micro Testing sites where a Health + Hospitals staff members will come and perform testing. They have home testing kits and they are looking to partner with organizations.

****Remember to wear a mask, wash your hands and social distance.**

Questions & Answers

Chair Plateau: Is Health + Hospitals only performing diagnostic testing or are they doing anti-bodies also?

Have you fully staffed your contract races?

Monique Chandler-Waterman: Some sites are doing both, on the website it will tell you what type of testing is performed at each location.

I believe they are still hiring.

Gregory Glasgow: Are there any rapid testing sites?

Monique Chandler-Waterman: Yes, some sites are 15 minutes.

III. ROLL CALL

There were 43 members present and seven absent.

IV. COMMITTEE UPDATES & RESOLUTIONS

Gregory Glasgow announced that the committee will be meeting on Tuesday, November 10th, a representative from the MTA will be in attendance.

C. Doris Pinn informed that the Housing & Land Use Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, November 18th, at 6:30 p.m. It is a preliminary meeting to discuss the site of the former CABS building on Dekalb and Nostrand Avenues.

Stacey Ruffin informed that the Civic & Public Safety Committee will be meeting on Friday, November 13th, at 6:00 p.m.

Douglas Williams informed that on Saturday, November 7th, there will be a Virtual Appreciation Resource Fair in honor of Veterans. The committee will not be meeting this month.

Edna Johnson announced the Health & Social Services committee will a meeting on Monday, November 16th, at 6:30 p.m.

Evelyn Collier announced that the Landmarks & Preservation Committee will be meeting on Monday, November 9th. There will be a representative from Historic District Council to discuss organizing new districts.

Dr. Kim Best announced that the Seniors will be meeting on Thursday, November 19th, at 6:00 p.m.

TJ Wilson announced that the Parks Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, November 4th, at 6:30 p.m. In addition, she informed the members that she and Anthony Buissereth submitted the budget requests.

Oma Holloway announced that the Education & Youth Committee will be discussing the various issues at 26 schools such as the lack technology, there are a lot of students who still do not have laptops, remote access and PPEs.

V. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – RICHARD FLATEAU

Mr. Flateau informed the new members of their assigned committees: Christine Parker is assigned to Economic Development Committee, Miari Roberts is assigned to the Education & Youth Committee, Annalee Reid is assigned to the Health & Social Services Committee and Carroll “Rusty” Fields is assigned to the Education & Youth Committee.

VI. ACCEPTANCE OF THE OCTOBER 5, 2020 MINUTES

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

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by TJ Wilson and seconded by Gregory Glasgow the meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Beryl Nyack
November 20, 2020

Reviewed and edited by,
Stacey Ruffin, Executive Secretary
December 2, 2020