



CITY OF NEW YORK **COMMUNITY BOARD 3**
MINUTES OF THE
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2022
COMMUNITY BOARD VIRTUAL MEETING
VIA WEBEX

In Attendance:

Members Present: Leah Asha Allen, Monique Antoine, Dr. Kim Best, Anthony Buissereth, Evelyn Collier, Taina Evans, Richard Flateau, Sharon Forbes, Keith Forest, Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Nicole Greaves, Shia Greenfeld, Mary Jemison-Head, Oma Holloway, Everett Hughes, Jada John, Edna Johnson, Dr. Kerliene Johnson, Dr. Debra Lamb, Hardy “Joe” Long, Dovie Matthews, Kenneth Mbonu, Ellen Miller, Santina Payton, C. Doris Pinn, Simone Pratt, Robert Providence, Annalee Reid, Karen Rhau, Miari Roberts, Wendy Robinson, Suzette Sheppard, Jamella Swift, Alicia Walton, Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman, Douglas Williams, TJ Wilson

Members Absent/Excused: Babatunde Awoke, Felicia Alexander, Michael Catlyn, Marc Abou Faissal, Carroll “Rusty” Fields, Victor Iroh, Keisha Jerryman, Melissa Plowden-Norman, Christine Parker, Carolyn Richburg, Abitzel Robinson-Hobson

Elected Official/Reps: Senator Jabari Brisport, Senator Julia Salazar, Borough President Antonio Reynoso, Council Member Chi Osse, Council Member Lincoln Restler, Malcolm McDaniel – CAU, Petula Hanley – Assembly Member Stefani Zinerman, Justin Freeman – Assembly Member Phara Souffrant Forrest, Vanessa Nutter – Council Member Lincoln Restler, Rock Hackshaw – Council Member Darlene Mealy, Shelton Jones – District Attorney Eric Gonzalez, Henry Butler – 56th Assembly District Leader

OPENING REMARKS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Chair Anthony Buissereth read the agenda into the record.

He sent condolences to the following members who loss family members: Michael Catlyn, Evelyn Collier and Christine Parker.

He informed that new district lines have been drawn for State, Assembly and Congress: District 7 and 8

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS & GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Hon. Chi Osse

Council member Osse announced that his office Grand Opening will be on Valentine’s Day, February 14th.

- He announced that the City Council Committee on Governmental Affairs & Land Use Divisions will convene a hearing on February 8th, on the licensing process for Open Restaurants. If anyone have concerns or questions, please submit in writing to the Chief of Staff, Naomi Hopkins at nhopkins@council.nyc.gov
- Discretionary Applications will close on February 21st. Please submit applications ASAP and please consider opportunities to partner with other organizations

- Wellness Wednesdays continue and on February 22nd, there will be children-friendly items such as clothing and toys
- He added that he have launched the See-Something-Say-Something-Sanitation edition. If you notice a site in your neighborhood that requires attention (including clogged gutters or icy streets) please utilize this form: bit.ly/ossesanitation
- Board applications are still open
- The Councilman was appointed Chair of Cultural Affairs, Library Committee

Vanessa Nutter – Hon. Lincoln Restler

- The new CB3 Liaison VNutter@council.nyc.gov
- Land Use Director – Arvind Sindhvani, ASindhvani@council.nyc.gov
- Chief of Staff – Mariana Alexander, MAlexander@council.nyc.gov
- There are two upcoming rezoning for 446-448 Park Avenue and 703 Myrtle Avenue
- Taaffe Playground upgrades on the basketball Court will begin shortly

Hon. Jabari Brisport

Senator Brisport informed that there is no end date for virtual meetings.

- Information on the redistricting can be found at www.resdistrictingandyou.org
The State Budget is due on April 1, 2022.

Hon. Julia Salazar

- Senator Salazar informed that her office is distributing COVID-19 at-home test kits and masks. Please contact the office if you would like the tests or PPE to delivered to you.
- New district maps were passed last week which will affect all State Senate, Assembly and Congressional districts in the upcoming June election.
- Senator Salazar is the lead sponsor of the Good Cause Eviction bill, which would protect certain tenants from no-cause evictions.

Hon. Antonio Reynoso

- He will be hosting a Black History celebration at Weeksville
- He will be creating a Gun Violence Task Force in every district
- The Deputy Borough President started on February 7th.
- The Borough President can be reached at Antonio.reynoso@brooklynbp.nyc.gov

Hon. Lincoln Restler

- Council Member Restler addressed the hate crime attack that took place in the district
- He will be hosting a community forum with four of the community boards represented
- There will be a rezoning of the North
- He will be hosting a Job Fair

Petula Hanley – Hon. Stefani Zinerman

- Assembly member Zinerman will host a Brooklyn Mental Health Panel on February 15th, at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom www.bit.ly-BLKHEALTH
- Nominations are open for the Women of Distinction event to be held on March 13, 2022.

Justin Freeman – Hon. Phara Souffrant Forrest

- The office held a mask distribution at Ebberts fields and Lafayette Gardens
- The office will offer Free Tax Prep
- The Assembly member will host a Job Fair on February 23, 2022

Rock Hackshaw – Hon. Darlene Mealy

- Council member Mealy will host a food distribution on February 9th, at 10:00 a.m.
- She is the Chair of the Sub-Committee for Senior Centers and Food Insecurities

Det. Conrad Narcisse reported a homicide of an 18 year old male on Greene Avenue on February 6th.

P.O Christopher Charles reported the collapse of a building on Nostrand Avenue which was under construction. In addition, there were two incidents on Stockton Place & Marcy Avenue and Marcy & Myrtle Avenues

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT

Henry L. Butler read a letter from HPD regarding Harassment. He also share the committee calendar with everyone.

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

Health & Social Services Committee

Mr. Gregory Calliste, Chief Executive Officer at Woodhull Hospital gave an update on what has been happening at Woodhull Medical Center.

He stated that the COVID numbers have declined. There were only 100 patients admitted to the hospital with COVID. The testing clinic is open Monday to Saturday between the hours 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., at least 100 tests are being performed daily. The Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson vaccine are also available.

Normal visitation have resume however, visitors must be vaccinated or have a negative test result to enter. There is a seasonal surge. The behavioral site is stable, and the psych section is full.

LaRay Brown, One Brooklyn added that the numbers are down at Interfaith Medical Center also. On January 1st, there were 96 patients admitted with COVID and on February 7th, the number was 29. 66 staff members were out sick however, currently it is down to 3 staff members.

PUBLIC HEARING

Economic Development Committee

Alcohol Beverage Control License Application for Crab Du Jour of Fulton BK LLC located at 1285 Fulton Street & Nostrand Avenue.

Yufang Chen (Stefanie), owner made the presentation. Her legal representative, Enida Lee was also in attendance. She stated that the business have been opened for over a year. The hours of operation will be Sunday to Thursday: 11:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m., Friday to Saturday 11:00 a.m. 11:00 p.m. There will be soft music, fresh seafood, The capacity is 80-100 people.

Questions & Answers

Jamella Swift: Will you hire from the community?

Yufang Chen: Yes

Santina Payton: How many staff will you hire

Yufang Chen: 3-4 bartenders and 6-7 waitresses depending on day.

Oma Holloway: How are you addressing safety now that you are introducing alcohol?

There were several questions about diversity hiring from the community and concern about security.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gregory Anderson – Bridge Street Development informed that Bridge Street will be hosting a budget hearing with Hope Knight, the Acting Commission for Economic Development and the President of Empire State Development Corp, on February 14th.

Nicole Bryan – Macon Branch Library

District Leader Henry Butler stated that the new lines now covers on the North, Throop Avenue to Broadway and includes 303 Vernon, Roosevelt Houses and Courtyard; on the Northeast, Broadway to Pulaski street; on the South, it encompasses Jefferson to Ralph Avenues and includes Brevoort Houses; on the West encompasses Nostrand from Flushing Avenue to Bergen Street.

Free Testing at Interfaith on the corner of Troy and Atlantic Avenues

Tiffany Mathias, Phoenix Center for Youth Development will provide life skills for youth between the ages of 14-21 years.

Yaseen Allah, Brooklyn Sluggers announced that registration is open for youth between the ages of 4-13 years

ROLL CALL

There were 37 members present and 11 members absent.

ACTION ON THE PUBLIC HEARING

Crab Du Jour of Fulton BK LLC request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License.

Keith Forest informed that the committee's recommendation is to give a letter support. A motion was made to accept the committee's recommendation by Douglas Williams and seconded by Miari Roberts.

Vote: 17 – For; 18 – Against; 2 – Abstentions

[Vote for Crab Du Jour.pdf](#)

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Anthony Buissereth

- Community Board applications are due before 5 pm on Friday, March 4, 2022. Applications can be found at www.brooklyn-usa.org
- Appointments
 - Civic & Public Safety: Karen Rhau
 - Economic Development: Keith Forest
 - Education & Youth Services: Monique Antoine
 - Health & Social Services: Edna Johnson
 - Housing & Land Use: C. Doris Pinn
 - Landmarks & Preservation: Evelyn Collier
 - Parks, Arts & Culture: TJ Wilson
 - Senior Services Committee: Dr. Kim Best & Tiana Evans
 - Transportation, Sanitation & Environment: Miari Roberts
 - Veterans Services: Douglas Williams
 - Budget Coordinators: Rusty Fields & TJ Wilson

COMMITTEE REPORTS, UPDATES & RESOLUTIONS

Monique Antoine informed that the **Education & Youth Committee** will be meeting with Superintendent to discuss the State of Education and District 16.

Miari Roberts informed that the **Transportation, Sanitation & Environment Committee** will be meeting with DOT for an update on the garage and Con Ed will update on the Electric Vehicles Charging Stations.

Karen Rhau informed that the **Civic & Public Safety Committee** will host a fire safety Training at the March meeting with Sandra Sanchez

ACCEPTANCE OF THE JANUARY 3, 2022 MINUTES

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Douglas Williams and seconded by Miari Roberts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 7, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Richard Flateau and seconded by Edna Johnson. The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Beryl Nyack
February 22, 2022