



CITY OF NEW YORK **COMMUNITY BOARD 3**
MINUTES OF THE
MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2022
COMMUNITY BOARD VIRTUAL MEETING
VIA WEBEX

In Attendance:

Members Present: Ricardo Agcauli, Leah Asha Allen, Anthony Buissereth, Michael Catlyn, Evelyn Collier, Ernest Deeb, Carroll “Rusty” Fields, Keith Forest, Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Shia Greenfeld, Oma Holloway, Victor Iroh, Jada John, Edna Johnson, Dr. Kerliene Johnson, Azania Maitland, Dovie Matthews, Kenneth Mbonu, Ellen Miller, Jerome Nathaniel, Christine Parker, C. Doris Pinn, Joel Polatsek, Simone Pratt, Robert Providence, Annalee Reid, Karen Rhau, Miari Roberts, Wendy Robinson, Suzette Sheppard, Jamella Swift, Dr. Adesola Tella, Alicia Walton, Douglas Williams

Members Absent/Excused: Monique Antoine, Dr. Kim Best, Marc Abou Faissal, Everett Hughes, Mary Jemison-Head, Keisha Jerryman, Frank LaChapelle, Santina Payton, Shneaquia Purvis, Carolyn Richburg, Abitzel Robinson-Hobson, Robert Smith, Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman, TJ Wilson

Elected Official/Reps: Fabian Rogers – Senator Jabari Brisport, Justin Freeman – Assemblymember Phara Souffrant Forrest, Councilmember Chi Osse, Casie Addison – Councilmember Crystal Hudson, Vanessa Nutter – Councilmember Lincoln Restler, Dr. Zahirah McNatt – Asst. Commissioner/DOHMH

OPENING REMARKS

Opening Remarks was given by Chairperson Anthony Buissereth. He spoke about the tumultuous events taking place in the country with the Supreme Court decision and the tragic hit and run incident that took place on Ralph Avenue on Saturday, June 25th.

In addition, he reminded everyone to check their polling sites and go out and vote on Election Day.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS & GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Councilmember Chi Osse

- Wellness Wednesday will continue throughout the summer and beginning July 6th, it will be held at a NYCHA development.
- The upcoming dates for the Legal Clinic are July 7th and 21st.
- Beginning June 28th, Churches United for Fair Housing (CUFFH) will be in the District office every Tuesday from 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Summer Youth Interns will participate in a 6-week Civics Academy Program
- Summer movie series will continue
- City Council has introduced four mitigation bills and a \$5 million investment to help curb the rat issues in the district and City.

P.O. Christopher Charles

- The last Precinct Council Meeting before the summer break will be held on Wednesday, June 29th, at 7:00 p.m. at Restoration Plaza.
- After July 4th, 24 new officers will be assigned to four precincts: the 77,79, 84, 88 to provide extra police presence.
- The Annual National Night Out will be held on August 2nd, at Restoration Plaza from 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Update from the District Leader Henry Butler

- June 28th is election day, please check your polling site because some might have change because of the redistricting.
- There will be another election on August 23rd. Early voting will begin on August 13th – August 21st.

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

Health & Social Services Committee

Berenice Kernizan, the Department of Health & Mental Hygiene gave a presentation on the Citywide Doula Initiative & Healthy Start Brooklyn

The Doula Initiative goal is to support families in 33 neighborhoods that have been identified by the Trie Task Force. TRIE (The Racial Inclusion and Equity) supports families of low income who qualify for Medicaid, WIC, SNAP and also families that live in NYCHA housing. The Doula support the expecting mother. The Doula provides advocacy in the birth room and gives the mother a birth plan. They also provide labor support and after the birth the mother is provide with resources.

Evidence has shown that with Doula support there have been an increase in infant and maternal outcome. There is an increase in breastfeeding, mother and baby bonding and a decrease in infant mortality. To date they have service 1100 families. Since this program is Citywide, clients can go to any of the following partners and get the services: Caribbean Women’s Health Association, Inc., Northern Manhattan Perinatal Partnership, The Mothership Doula Services, Community Health Center of Richmond, Mama Glow Foundation, Hope & Healing Family Center. The office is located at the Neighborhood Action Health Center, 485 Throop Avenue. For more information, please visit www.nyc.gov/health/doula

SPECIAL UPDATE

Transportation, Sanitation & Environment Committee

Miari Roberts, Committee Chair gave a brief synopsis of the meeting with DOT on the proposed Phase 3 expansion of Citi bike in the district.

Ms. Roberts stated that the committee met with DOT in April and then they presented to the Board. DOT plans to add 31 new stations in the district with a combination of docks in the street and on the sidewalk. The committee went to all the proposed sites and give feedback. The committee is concern with the locations and the close proximity to other sites. They are proposing changes to 24 locations however, DOT responded by agreeing to move/alter two locations: Brevoort Place and Lafayette between Stuyvesant & Malcolm X Blvd. DOT intends to install at the other 22 locations in September.

Ms. Roberts is asking that the Board draft a letter to DOT outlining the following safety concerns, such as how the number of sites and locations were determined, the usage of the bikes, and parking. She would like them to address these concerns before installation.

PUBLIC HEARING

Economic Development Committee

Alcohol Beverage Control License application for Greedi Kitchen LLC d/b/a Greedi Vegan located at 326 Tompkins Avenue (between Gates Avenue and Monroe Street)

Latisha Daring, Owner stated that this is a full-service restaurant. She have been opened since 2018 on Ralph Avenue between Macon and MacDonough Streets and now she is moving to Tompkins Avenue between Gates Avenue & Monroe Street. The restaurant is 100% Vegan. She source her produce from local farms. Most of the employees live and are from the community.

The goal is to provide a healthy option. The do full-service, dine-in, and take-out as well catering and sponsorship. The restaurant is currently under construction and is scheduled to be opened in the summer.

Questions & Answers

Anthony Buissereth: What are your hours?

Latisha Daring: There previously she served brunch, lunch, and dinner however, she will start providing breakfast, and will open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 9:00 p.m. She will also be open 7 days a week at the new location.

Jamella Swift: What is your capacity?

Latisha Daring: There will be 36 seats inside and an additional 14 seats in the backyard.

Economic Development Committee

Alcohol Beverage Control License application for Veronica Helen Inc. located at 1048 Bedford Avenue between Lafayette Avenue and Clifton Place

Benjamin Korngut, Attorney for the owner Ivan Spence gave the presentation. He stated that this will be a tavern. Ivan Spence is the owner of Brooklyn Public House in Fort Greene, and he would like to replicate that in Bed Stuy. In addition, he has two other locations in Manhattan. He has extensive experience in the business.

He has done extensive outreach in the community. He obtained 25 signatures, three letters from local businesses, he reached out to the Clifton Place Block Association however, they have not issued a letter until a lease is signed. In addition, the precinct has indicted that this is not a problematic location. This location was operated by Black Swan, so the space is already soundproofed.

Ivan Spence stated that he have been in owner operator since 2008. He currently own Brooklyn Public House. There are 56 seats inside and occupancy is for 74 people. The name would most likely be Bedford Avenue Tavern. Mr. Korngut added that they are looking to hire 18 individuals from the community.

Questions & Answers

Anthony Buissereth: What are your hours?

Ivan Spence: On Wednesdays lunch: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m.; Thursdays, Fridays and Saturday brunch and lunch from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 a.m.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nicole Bryan – Brooklyn Public Library

- On June 30th, Goldman Sachs launched its One Million Black Women (OMBW) Initiative and is partnering with the library. To register go to www.bklynlibrary.org
- On July 9th, the library will host a Health Fair
- July 9th is the start of the Summer Meal Program at the branch between the hours of 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Anyone under the age of 17 can get a free meal.
- Macon Branch is a polling site. The branch will be open at 5:00 a.m. until polls closes.
- Mask mandate is still in effect at the library.

Rusty Fields – RHouse

On July 11th, he will be launching a project called RHouse. The goal is to bring together a group of 13 black software engineers to live together in a brownstone in Bed Stuy for four weeks. During the four weeks they will collaborate, create, and then launch start-ups. The start-ups will compete for a \$25,000 investment. The application deadline is July 4th.

Jeremy Welsh-Loveman spoke in opposition of landmarking 441 Willoughby Avenue.

Gabriel Jamison introduced the Black Ownership Project

Lauren Cawdrey and Joanne Joyner-Wells, Willoughby Block Association spoke in favor of landmarking 441 Willoughby Avenue.

Oma Holloway, Bridge Street Development announced that there will be no Open Street on the July 4th weekend.

ROLL CALL

There were 34 members present and 14 absent.

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 6, 2022 MINUTES

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

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

- Chair Buissereth encouraged the members to complete the 2022 Needs Assessment during the summer.
- Since the last meeting he held an orientation with the nine new members to acclimate them to the Board and its function.
- He added that the Board will be trying a new form of voting in the fall to be able to vote in batches.
- He will be contacted committee chairs to informed of the new members of the public who will be joining their committees. Along with the new members committee appointment.

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT

Henry L. Butler reminded everyone that Alternate Side Parking is going back in effect starting July 5th. Recycling will be picked up on the Midnight Tour.

The Board members are on recess during the summer months however, the Board office remains open Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS, UPDATES & RESOLUTIONS

Economic Development Committee

ACTION ON THE PUBLIC HEARING

- I. Request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License by Greedi Kitchen LLC d/b/a Greedi Vegan 326 Tompkins Avenue

Chair Forest stated that the committee voted in favor of giving a letter of support.

VOTE: 29 – In Favor; 1 – Against; 2 – Abstentions

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- II.** Request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License by Veronica Helen Inc., 1048 Bedford Avenue

Chair Forest stated that the committee voted in favor of giving a letter of support.

VOTE: 27 – In Favor; 4 – Against; 3 – Abstentions

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Landmarks & Preservation Committee

Resolutions:

- LPC Application for #22-11766 for 356 Stuyvesant Avenue in the Stuyvesant Heights Historic District

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Ms. Collier stated that the committee recommendation is to NOT SUPPORT the proposed alterations and object to the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness.

VOTE: 31 – In Favor; 1 – Against; 1 – Abstention

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- LPC Application #22-11489 for 73 Bainbridge Street in the Stuyvesant Heights Historic District

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The committee recommendation is to SUPPORT a waiver for the violation on the garage door.

VOTE: 34 – In Favor; 0 – Against; 0 – Abstention

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- Application for LPC Application #2661 for 441 Willoughby Avenue

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The committee recommendation is to SUPPORT the designation of the building as an individual landmark.

VOTE: 28 – In Favor; 2 – Against; 2 – Abstention

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 12, 2022.

Ms. Collier announced that the LPC hearing will be held on July 12th, if anyone would like to testify in support or opposition, the link will be provided.

Keith Forest informed that the Economic Development Committee will be meeting on August 4th, to review a few applications that came in after the last meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Douglas Williams and seconded by Miari Roberts.

Respectfully submitted by,
Beryl Nyack
July 22, 2022