



CITY OF NEW YORK **COMMUNITY BOARD 3**
MINUTES OF THE
MONDAY, APRIL 4, 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, Sharon Forbes, Keith Forest, Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Nicole Greaves, Shia Greenfeld, Oma Holloway, Everett Hughes, Victor Iroh, Jada John, Edna Johnson, Dr. Kerliene Johnson, Hardy “Joe” Long, Dovie Matthews, Kenneth Mbonu, Ellen Miller, Christine Parker, Santana Payton, C. Doris Pinn, Melissa Plowden-Norman, Simone Pratt, Robert Providence, Karen Rhau, Carolyn Richburg, Miari Roberts, Wendy Robinson, Abitzel Robinson-Hobson, Suzette Sheppard, Jamella Swift, Alicia Walton, Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman, Douglas Williams, TJ Wilson

Members Absent/Excused: Babatunde Awoke, Michael Catlyn, Marc Abou Faissal, Carroll “Rusty” Fields, Richard Fplateau, Mary Jemison-Head, Keisha Jerryman, Annalee Reid

Elected Official/Reps: Council Member Chi Osse, Tony Herbert – CAU, Shelton Jones – District Attorney Eric Gonzalez, Vanessa Nutter – Council Member Lincoln Restler, Kayleen Pena – Senator Julia Salazar, Faman Lakha – Assembly Member Phara Forrest, Robert Moore – Assembly Member Latrice Walker

OPENING REMARKS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Chair Anthony Buissereth stated that applications for public members to join the committees are now available. He will be making appointments next month. He encouraged those who use Twitter to follow the Board @cb3brooklyn

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS & GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Council Member Chi Osse

- Resident can vote online or pick up a paper ballot at the office to have a say in the Participatory Budgeting
- Easter holiday food distribution will be held on April 15th, from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Rat Academy will be held on April 26th, at 6:00 p.m.
- State of the District will be held on April 30th, at 6:00 p.m. at Brooklyn Children’s Museum. Call or email the office to RSVP
- Bike Safety Day will be held on May 14th, with a guided tour to cultural destinations in the district.

D.I. Timothy Skretch – 79th Precinct

- D.I Skretch encouraged everyone to get their block parties applications in early.
- The Precinct Community Council will hosting its Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Von King park on April 9th, from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

D.I William Glynn – 81st Precinct

- Saturday Night Light are held very Saturday at M.S.35, 272 MacDonough Street, and 125 Stuyvesant Avenue from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

I. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

Housing & Land Use Committee

Michael Sadler, Asst. Commissioner for Neighborhood Development & Stabilization from the NYC Dept. of Housing Preservation & Development (HPD)) gave an update on the Bedford-Stuyvesant Housing Plan.

The plan was released in 2020. 20 non-profit organizations participated in the workshops along with 9 City and State agencies and over 200 community residents. 360 surveys helped create the goals to support tenants and homeowners who are struggling and under pressure to sell their homes.

The goal is to reduce illegal housing activities in the neighborhood, to promote safe and healthy housing, to enhance resource delivery to homeowners and tenants and to create new affordable rental and homeownership opportunities. The homeowner help desk was launched to help homeowners with free housing, counseling, financial assistance, and legal services. It was funded by a \$800,000 grant.

The plan is also advocating for Cease and Desist Zone, renovate 700 NYCHA apartments, plan more tenant Clinics with Bedford-Stuyvesant Restoration Corp, Bridge Street Development Corp, HPD, DOB, Brooklyn Legal Services and CAMBA. However, a major part of the plan was to develop affordable housing on City owned land.

A RFP was issued last year for two City owned sites:

Fulton-Howard East was designated in December and the Fulton & Saratoga site will be designed in the spring. The Fulton Howard East/The Norma will be developed by Almat and Bedford-Stuyvesant Restoration Corp. It will be 44 apartment, 11 stories homeownership opportunity with a sale price between 80 – 116 median incomes, \$86,000 – \$125,000 for a family of three. This will be a sustainable building.

The Fulton-Saratoga site will have 200 – 220 affordable apartments with a requirement for 80–100 apartments be affordable for seniors and the ground floor for Fresh market. Future RFPs will be issued for Myrtle-Marcy site, Fulton-Utica site and the Fulton-Howard site which is adjacent to the Bed-Stuy Multi-Service Center and run by CAMBA. There is talks to potentially redeveloped both sites together creating a new Multi-Service Center and more affordable housing

More information about the plan can be found on the website at www.nyc.gov/bedstuy or he can be reached by sadlerm@hpd.nyc.gov

Questions & Answers

Question: Of the three sites, is there a particular order in which they will be developed?

Michael Sadler: Myrtle-Marcy is the least complicated site of the three, so it is ready to go. We are open to feedbacks.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

Economic Development Committee

A. Alcohol Beverage Control License application for Moonglow Hall Inc., located at 372 Tompkins Avenue

Anthony L. Caraballo represented the applicant Eon Coxall who is also the owner of the property. This will be catering event space with 10 tables, 40 seats and 11 seats at the bar. The capacity is for 74 people. The hours of operation will be Monday – Thursday 12:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m., Friday – Saturday: 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. Alcohol Beverage Control License application for Cheri’s Bed Stuy LLC located at 216 Malcolm X Blvd.

Questions were asked and answered.

B. Alcohol Beverage Control License application for Cheri’s Bed-Stuy LLC located at 216 Malcolm X Blvd between Jefferson & Putnam Avenues

The presentation was given by Torri ???, the owner of the business. She stated that she has been in business for three years providing healthy food options, soul food, and vegan options. There will be 11 tables, and 8 tables in the backyard. The capacity is 74.

The hours of operation will be Wednesday – Thursday: 12:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and Friday – Saturday until 10:00 p.m.

Questions were asked and answered

III. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & PUBLIC COMMENTS

Oma Holloway – Bridge Street Development Corp.

In regard to the Tompkins and Lewis Avenues Open Street, updates will be posted on our website and on social media pages as was requested.

In partnership with DOT and the Tompkins Avenue Merchant Association, Tompkins Avenue will host a car free Earth Day on April 23rd.

On April 30th, the Bed-Stuy Alliance of Block & Tenants Association will host Flower Bed Stuy.

The deadline to apply for Summer Youth Employment is April 26th, Bridge Street will provide 1100 slots for young people between the ages of 14-24, at \$15 an hour, 25 hours per week for six weeks.

Nicole Bryan – Brooklyn Public Library

The library is open for more indoor programming

Shneaqua “Coco” Purvis informed about her anti-gun violence program

Ronald Jean-Gilles, Wild Garden. He is applying to the State for a cannabis license. ron@thewildgardenbk.com

Robert McCool, Neighbors Helping Neighbors, provide homeowner counseling agency. For more information contact homeownership@fifthavenue.org or 718-237-2017 Ext.118

Scarlett Clark request for a trash can in the park near the dog run and concerns about dogs run around without leashes.

IV. ROLL CALL

There were 38 members present and 8 absent.

V. ACTION ON THE PUBLIC HEARING

A. Moonglow Hall Inc. request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License

Chair Forest stated that the committee voted to support the application. A motion was made to accept the recommendation.

Vote: 29 – For; 4- Against; 4 – Abstentions, 1 – Recusal

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B. Cheri's Bed-Stuy LLC request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License

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Vote: 30 – For; 5 – Against; 3 - Abstentions

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C. MTA is seeking a Letter of Support for Federal funding to make Classon Avenue Subway Station ADA accessible.

Chair Buissereth made a motion to give a letter of support for Federal funding.

Vote: The vote was unanimous.

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VI. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Anthony Buissereth

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 2, 2022

VII. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – Henry L. Butler

- Attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the renovation of Saratoga Playground
- Did a walk-through of the Herbert Von King Cultural Center with NYC Parks Commissioner, Susan Donoghue and Borough Commissioner, Martin Maher. The center will be open to the public this summer.
- Co-hosted a meeting with the District Managers of Community Boards 4 and 16, and MTA, DOT, City, State and Federal elected officials, to discuss the Broadway roadbed and corridor
- Attended the Decatur Street and the Hancock Street Block Association meetings as a guest speaker
- Attended a press conference with Attorney General James and Brooklyn Community Foundation to announce the allocation of \$2.2 million for the Treatment & Harm Reduction Programs to which CB3 1st Vice-Chair Ivy Gamble-Cobb is Director

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS, UPDATES & RESOLUTIONS

Monique Antoine announced that the Education & Youth Committee will be hosting a Youth Arts Crawl for students grades 3-12. Flyer will be sent shortly

Dr. Kim Best announced that the Seniors Committee will be hosting a luncheon on June 30th.

IX. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MARCH 7, 2022 MINUTES

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Douglas Williams and seconded by Evelyn Collier.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 2, 2022.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Douglas Williams and seconded by Christine Parker. The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Beryl Nyack
April 18, 2022