

# MINUTES OF THE MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2022 COMMUNITY BOARD VIRTUAL MEETING VIA WEBEX

In Attendance:

Members Present: Ricardo Agcauili, Monique Antoine, Dr. Kim Best, Anthony Buissereth, Michael

Catlyn, Evelyn Collier, Ernest Deeb, Carroll "Rusty" Fields, Keith Forest, Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Oma Holloway, Everett Hughes, Jada John, Edna Johnson, Dr. Kerliene Johnson, Frank LaChapelle, Azania Maitland, Kenneth Mbonu, Ellen Miller, Jerome Nathaniel, Christine Parker, Santina Payton, C. Doris Pinn, Robert Providence, Karen Rhau, Carolyn Richburg, Miari Roberts, Wendy Robinson, Abitzel Robinson-Hobson, Suzette Sheppard, Robert Smith, Dr. Adesola Tella,

Douglas Williams, TJ Wilson

Members Absent/Excused: Leah Asha Allen, Marc Abou Faissal, Shia Greenfeld, Mary Jemison-Head, Victor

Iroh, Keisha Jerryman, Dovie Matthews, Joel Polatsek, Simone Pratt, Shneaqua Purvis, Annalee Reid, Jamella Swift, Alicia Walton, Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman

Elected Official/Reps: Councilmember Chi Osse, Shelton Jones – District Attorney Eric Gonzalez,

Councilmember Lincoln Restler, Justin Freeman – Assemblymember Phara Souffrant Forrest, Brittany Monique Walker – Assemblymember Stefani Zinerman,

Robert Moore – Assemblymember Latrice Walker

#### OPENING REMARKS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Chair Anthony Buissereth announced that the Borough President has made 24 appointments: 15 were reappointment and 9 are new. He welcomed the new board members: Ricardo Agcauili, Ernest Deeb, Frank LaChapelle, Azania Maitland, Jerome Nathaniel, Joel Polatsek, Shneaqua Purvis, Robert Smith and Dr. Adesola Tella.

He also said farewell and thank you to the following board members for their service: Babatunde Akowe, Felicia Alexander, Taina Evans, Richard Flateau, Sharon Forbes, Nicole Greaves, Hardy "Joe" Long, and Melissa Plowden Norman

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS & GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

# P. O. Christopher Charles – 79<sup>th</sup> Precinct

There will be Community Meeting on Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m., at Restoration to address some concerns with the weekly TAMA Open Street event.

#### Det. Conrad Narcisse – 81st Precinct

There was a homicide on June  $4^{th}$ , on Decatur Street, a 53-year-old male was shot. In addition, the cannabis and oil shops on Broadway are being robbed.

The Precinct Council meeting will be held via Zoom on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

#### Hon. Chi Osse

- Wellness Wednesdays will continue through the summer
- An attorney is available twice a month through the summer. Please call the office to set up an appointment for civil matters.
- NYS Dept of State Cease-and-Desist Zone for Brooklyn wish host a Public Hearing at Borough Hall on June 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.
- In conjunction with Borough Hall, we are instituting a Safety Alliance to open communication between stakeholders and leaders regarding gun violence in our community
- Summer movie series at Von King, Brower Park and Restoration Plaza.

# **Sheldon Jones - Kings County District Attorney Office**

- Gun Buy Back was a success, 68 guns were collected.
- The District Attorney in partnership with Assemblywoman Latrice Walker, Brooklyn NAACP and the Office of Cannabis Management will host a "Know Your Rights" Town Hall on Cannabis on Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. at Universal Temple Church of God at 1403 Eastern Parkway

#### Hon. Lincoln Restler

- He visited Myrtle Village Green on Open Garden Day on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. It was nice to see that 11 years later is still a vibrant garden.
- He added that City Council issue several bills focusing on the abuse and misuse of placards. The bill will revoke thousands of City placards from government employees and will sponsor and approach to have a citizens enforcement model.

#### Justin Freeman - Assembly Member Phara Souffrant Forrest

The Assembly passed two of Assemblymember Forrest bills: A8604 and A9290.

- ✓ A8604 will assist young parents on Medicaid who were previously excluded from eligibility for non-invasive prenatal testing.
- ✓ A9290 would require long term care facilities to report ethnicity data as a way to show accountability
- ✓ The Department of Consumer & Worker Protection will be hosting a Delivery Worker Public Hearing on June 15<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 p.m. − 4:00 p.m.
- ✓ Families of college students who receives PELL are eligible for \$30.00 discount on their internet bill. The student can also get a \$100 discount when purchasing a new computer.

#### Brittney Monique Walker – Assemblymember Stefanie Zinerman

- Resolution to fly the African Liberation flag on June 18<sup>th</sup>, from the State Houses
- Re- Imagine the Armory on Marcus Garvey. Visit the website to get the survey submit your suggestions

# **Damaris Falero – Department of Buildings**

DOB Customer Service Night resumes on Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, at the Brooklyn Borough Office, 201 Joralemon Street, 8<sup>th</sup> floor, and every Tuesday thereafter, from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

#### Jahi Rose – CCRB

The CCRB now has the authority to investigates bias policing, and sexual misconduct/harassment. They are engaging different ways to outreach, for example, CCRB Courtside, CCRB Block by Block and also partnering with local barber shops, hair salon, and nail salon. Please contact him at <a href="mailto:jrose@ccrb.nyc.gov">jrose@ccrb.nyc.gov</a> or 917-208-9320 for more information or to partner at events.

#### Hon. Darlene Mealy

- Advisory Board Meeting will be held on June 18th, at 400 Rockaway Avenue
- She announced a missing person of a young lady from the 75<sup>th</sup> Precinct
- Co-naming of Linden Blvd & East 56<sup>th</sup> Street in honor of Kade Lewin on Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>.

# Henry Butler – 56th Assembly District Leader

- The final Maps for Congress and State Senate were released on May 21st.
- August 23<sup>rd</sup> is the Primary Election for the Congressional and State Senate seats. Early voting will begin August 13<sup>th</sup> to August 21<sup>st</sup>.
- June 28<sup>th</sup> is the Primary Election for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, NYS Attorney General, NYS State Comptroller, NYS Assembly, and State Committee/District Leader. Early voting is from June 18<sup>th</sup> to June 26<sup>th</sup>.
- District 56<sup>th</sup> early voting sites are I.S. 33 (70 Tompkins Avenue), I.S. 324 (800 Gates Avenue), and St. John's Recreation Center (1251 Prospect Place).
- If anyone would like to work as a poll worker on election day, or for early voting, please reach out to State Committeewoman & District Leader Kenesha Traynham Cooper or myself.
- District Leader Cooper and I held a Community Safety Meeting last Thursday with the Commanders from the 79<sup>th</sup> precinct, 81<sup>st</sup> precinct, and PSA3. You can view the meeting on my Facebook page, or I can email the recorded link to you

#### INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

#### A. Economic Development Committee

Emilio Gonzalez, Assistant Community Officer gave a presentation on LISC NYC offerings for small businesses. LISC works with Small Business Services (SBS)

LISC NYC consist of three pillars that inform all the programmatic and lending efforts: Radical Healing, Inclusive Economic Transformation and Sustainable Wealth Generation. \$23.6 million was invested in affordable housing units (533). They are committed \$10 million to support MWBEs

The program served 55 businesses in Community District 3. They have partnered with organizations like Bridge Street Development Corp. and Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corp.

For more information on this service, please contact him at egonzalez@lisc.org

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

#### A. Economic Development Committee

Alcohol Beverage Control License application for Lamell Armor d/b/a BK Residency located at 344 Malcolm X Blvd (between Bainbridge and Chauncey Streets)

The owner, Lamell Armor dba BK Residency stated that he is from the neighborhood and wanted to do something in the community where he grew up. This will be a Southern Asian Fusion menu such as breakfast platter, chicken and waffles, pancakes. There will also be wings, chicken sandwiches, burger, and sliders. 95% of the staff is from Bed-Stuy. The hours of operation will be Monday to Friday 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. The Chef is Jamaican and Panamanian.

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

Alcohol Beverage Control License application for Anmwey Eatery located at 185 Howard Avenue between Bainbridge Street and Chauncey

Rose Plaisime, Co-Owner stated that she have been open since 2019. She has prior food hospitality experience as an Assistant Manager at Papa John's and Domino Pizza. They will have a full menu serving Caribbean food with an emphasis on Haitian cuisine.

The hours of operation will be Monday to Thursday 10:00 a.m. -9:00 p.m.; Friday 10:00 a.m. -10:00 p.m. She will hire two staff members. There will be two cameras installed. There will be 10 seats, 1 bathroom, and 8 seats at the bar. The space is a total of 900 sq. ft. including the basement. The venue will be open for artist and other Pop-up.

#### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & PUBLIC COMMENTS**

#### Nicole Bryan – BPL Macon Branch

- Summer Reading Program Kicked-off last Saturday
- Mask Mandate has resumed in the branch.
- On June 7<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Regional Outdoor event at Betsy Head Playground in Brownsville
- Macon will participate in regional event. 11:00 am-2:00 p.m.
- On Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, will mark 1 year of the launch of the Black American Library Card/Juneteenth Celebration. The celebration will be held from 12:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.
- Free at-home Covid test are available at the Information Desk at the Macon Branch
- Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> Health Fair.

#### Oma Holloway – Bridge Street Development Corp.

- She thanked the community for their support of the kickoff of SOLA Saturday on Lewis Avenue.
- There will be a meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup> to get community input about Open Streets
- Grand Opening of Brown Sugar Creamery
- 1100 worksites will be provided for Summer Youth, anyone interested in being a worksite and hosting and intern, please contact Oma. The program starts on July 6<sup>th</sup>, \$15.00 an hour for 25 hours per week.

## **Faye Moore – Friendship Baptist Church**

Mt. Sinai Hospital will offer free prostate screening on June 11<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., in front the church at 92 Herkimer Street.

Phoenix House will also offer training on Narcan. For mor information, please call 718-638-2094 or womenministry@experiencefbc.org

#### Jada John – BALAA

BALAA is a youth based, art centered, non-profit that works with young people. They have an Empire Marching Band, after school program, summer camp, an all-girls program, and a boys mentoring program

#### **ROLL CALL**

There were 34 members present and 14 members absent.

#### **ACTION ON THE PUBLIC HEARING**

# A. Lamell Armor d/b/a BK Residency request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License

Chair Forest stated that the committee recommended giving a letter of support. A motion was made and

seconded by Edna Johnson.

# **VOTE:** 31 – In Favor; 1 – Against; 1 – Abstention ... Vote for Lamell Armor.pdf

# B. Anmwey Eatery request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License

Chair Forest stated that the committee recommended giving a letter of support. A motion was made and seconded by Douglas Williams.

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

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## CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT - Anthony Buissereth

- Open Meetings Law
  - The law allows boards to continue virtual meetings until July 2022. On the City and State level the Emergency Declaration remains due to the uprise in the COVID numbers.
- Committee Calendar Changes
  - Health & Social Services will meet on Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. due to the holiday The Executive Committee will meet on Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.
- Upcoming Elections
  - This election is for State officers: Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Comptroller, Attorney General, and Assembly. Early voting starts on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> June 26<sup>th</sup>. Primary Day will be June 28<sup>th</sup>.

# DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – Henry L. Butler

• On June 8<sup>th</sup>, I will Graduate will host "Be Prepared" from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at Restoration

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS, UPDATES & RESOLUTIONS**

#### **Keith Forest**

The Economic Development Committee will be hosting a Cannabis Town Hall on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, in Restoration

#### Dr. Kim Best

The Senior Committee will be hosting a Luncheon on June 16<sup>th</sup>, under the tent from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

# **Monique Antoine**

Youth in the grades 3 to 12 can participate in the Art Crawl. Please submit an original art form which will be on displayed in businesses on Tompkins Avenue. Winners will be announced by June 18<sup>th</sup>.

# **Evelyn Collier – Landmarks & Preservation Committee**

#### Resolution for 274 Malcolm X Blvd

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Ms Collier read the resolution and stated that the committee does NOT SUPPORT this project. A motion was

made to accept the recommendation.

# **VOTE:** 32 – In Favor; 0 – Against; 1 – Abstention

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# **ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAY 2, 2022 MINUTES**

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Douglas Williams and seconded by Santina Payton.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 27, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was mas made and seconded by Edna Johnson. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by, Beryl Nyack June 22, 2022