



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

In Attendance:

Members Present: Ricardo Agcauli, Emad Ansari, Monique Antoine, Anthony Buissereth, Michael Catlyn, Evelyn Collier, Yvonne Cummings, Ernest Deeb, Keith Forest, Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Shia Greenfeld, Oma Holloway, Everett Hughes, Edna Johnson, Frank LaChapelle, Azania Maitland, Kenneth Mbonu, Ellen Miller, Jerome Nathaniel, Christine Parker, Santana Payton, C. Doris Pinn, Simone Pratt, Robert Providence, Simone Pratt, Shnequa Purvis, Karen Rhau, Carolyn Richburg, Miari Roberts, Wendy Robinson, Suzette Sheppard, Dr. Adesola Tella, Alicia Walton, Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman, Douglas Williams, TJ Wilson

Members Absent/Excused: Dr. Kim Best, Carroll “Rusty” Fields, Victor Iroh, Mary Jemison-Head, Jada John-Ali, Dr. Kerliene Johnson, Dovie Matthews, Joel Polatsek, Annalee Reid, Abitzel Robinson-Hobson, Jamella Swift,

Elected Official/Reps: Carol Ann Church – Hon. Antonio Reynoso, Robert Moore – Assemblymember Latrice Walker, Kevin Lawrence – Assemblymember Phara Souffrant Forrest, Councilmember Chi Osse, Councilmember Lincoln Restler, Councilmember Crystal Hudson, Casie Addison – Councilmember Crystal Hudson, District Leader Henry Butler

Agencies/CBOs: Damaris Falero – DOB, Nicole Bryan – Macon Branch Library, Susan Knott – Bedford Branch Library

Chair Anthony Buissereth welcomed everyone. He read the agenda into the record and gave brief remarks: He encouraged everyone to go out and vote. He also acknowledged all the veterans in the community and wished everyone an early Happy Thanksgiving

Updates:

- Community Board applications period will open on November 15th through February 14th.
- Constituent Services are offered every Wednesdays at Borough Hall and every Thursdays at Grand Army Plaza Library from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Updates were given by Councilmembers Osse and Restler and Hudson. In addition, representatives from the 55th and 57 Assembly Districts and District Leader Butler
- The Buildings Department will be moving from 210 Joralemon Street to 345 Adams Street on November 21, 2022.

The Civic & Public Safety Committee Chair Monique Antoine introduced Sandra Sanchez, FDNY Assistant Director of Community Affairs who gave an Informational presentation on fire safety. She discussed the Dos and Don'ts in case of a fire such as closing the door behind you when escaping a fire, how to securely store of lithium batteries and utilizing UL rated products.

FDNY has partnered with the Red Cross for the Get Alarm Program. Resident may call 877-REDCROS (733-2767) for free smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms.

The Health & Social Services Committee presented two Public Hearings:

- A. Exponents, Inc. is seeking a letter of support to the NYS Department of Health Overdose Prevention Initiative to operate a mobile van within Bedford-Stuyvesant. Present for the presentation was President & CEO Joe Turner, Executive Vice President, Samantha Lopez, and Director of Programs & Development, Donald Powell.

Exponents, Inc. provides the following services: recovery, education, and training for people with substance abuse by meeting them where they are. The funding they received will allow them to offer services via a mobile van. They are proposing to offer Narcan overdose reversal kit training and distribution, Fentanyl drug testing strips and distribution, access to clean syringes, and HIV testing. The proposed location would be near Throop Avenue and Fulton Street.

- B. Phoenix House of NY/LI is also seeking a letter of support for to the NYS Office of Addiction Services & Supports to operate a Supportive Crisis Stabilization Center within Bedford-Stuyvesant. The presentation was done by Ann-Marie Foster, MPA, FACHE, President & CEO

Phoenix House has nine (9) facilities within Brooklyn, Queens & Long Island. The local center is located at 20 New York Avenue. They are a community recovery center that provide peer driven drug and alcohol support. The proposed Supportive Crisis Stabilization Center will provide 24/7 access to crisis intervention, a center that is designed for families with mental health and help remove barriers.

Roll Call: There was a quorum with 35 members present and 11 absent.

Chair Buissereth gave his report:

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Henry Butler gave his District Manager's Report:

- He attended the re-opening of Herbert Von King cultural Center on October 21st.
- On October 27th, he did a walk-through of the Bed-Stuy Gateway BID with CAU Commissioner Fred Kreizman, CAU Brooklyn North Director, Tony Herbert, the BID Director, Dale Charles, BIS Security Director, Tony Saunders, and Inspector Timothy Skretch to address the homeless encampments, the illegal food vendors, crime, and the overall quality of life.
- Did a walk-through of the Broadway corridor with the NYC department of Transportation Commissioner Ydanis Rodriguez, the District Managers of Community Board 4 and 16 and Councilmembers Chi Osse and Sandy Nurse

Action taken on the Public Hearings:

Exponents request for a letter of support to the NYSDOH Overdose Prevention Initiative to operate a mobile van Vice-Chair, Ivy Gamble-Cobb stated that Exponents offers a wide range of support and the committee's

recommendation is to give a letter of support. A motion was made and seconded

VOTE: 28 – In Favor; 0 – Against; 7 – Abstentions, 0 – Recusal

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Phoenix House of NY/LI request for a letter of support to the NYS OASAS to operate a Supportive Crisis Stabilization Center

Ivy Gamble-Cobb reported that the committee’s recommendation is to give a letter of support. A motion was made and seconded by Douglas Williams.

VOTE: 31 – In Favor; 0 – Against; 4 – Abstentions; 0 – Recusal

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Proposed Amendment to the By-laws – Amending Section X: Duties and Responsibilities of Brooklyn CB3 Members to allow members to attend meetings by videoconference. A motion was made to accept the amendment by Michael Catlyn and seconded by Edna Johnson.

VOTE: 33 – In Favor; 0 – Against; 0 – Abstention; 0 – Recusal

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Committee updates:

- The Transportation, Sanitation & Environment meeting will be held on November 16th.
- The Veterans meeting is subject to change
- The Parks, Arts & Culture Committee will be hosting a “Dog Run 101” event on Saturday, November 5th, owners will be able to learn about licensing,
- Ms. Johnson thanked everyone who participated in the One Brooklyn Hospital Focus Group
- The Economic Development Committee is planning a 15 for \$15 event on January 21st, at BK Residency
- Senior Services is planning a Senior Forum around safety tips for December 1st. More information will follow

A motion to accept the October 3rd minutes was made by Douglas Williams and seconded by Edna Johnson.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made. It was a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Beryl Nyack
November 16, 2022