



**MINUTES OF THE  
MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2019  
COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING  
BEDFORD STUYVESANT RESTORATION CORP.  
1368 FULTON STREET, Lower Level  
BROOKLYN, NY 11216**

**Attendance:**

**Members Present:**

Babatunde Akowe, Felicia Alexander, Tywan Anthony, Dr. Kim Best, Anthony Buissereth, Michael Catlyn, Pastor Gwendolyn Dingle, Marc Abou-Faissal, Richard Fleteau, Keith Forest, Mary Jemison-Head, Abitzel Robinson-Hobson, Oma Holloway, Everett Hughes, Edna Johnson, Dr. Kerliene Johnson, Dr. Debra Lamb, Hardy "Joe" Long, Ellen Miller, Santina Payton, Melissa Plowden-Norman, Karen Rhau, Carolyn Richburg, Stacey Ruffin, Suzette Sheppard, Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman

**Members Absent/Excused:** Monique Antoine, Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Evelyn Collier, Taina Evans, Sharon Forbes, Gregory Glasgow, Shia Greenfeld, Tarris Iriarte, Marion Little, Dionicio Liz, Dovie Matthews, Kenneth Mbonu, Eldica Murray, Kwaku Payton, C. Doris Pinn, Simone Pratt, Jamella Swift, Chinyelu Udoh, Douglas Williams, T. J. Wilson

**Elected Officials/Reps:** Stefani Zinerman – Hon. Velmanette Montgomery, Nickolas Perry – Comptroller Scott Stringer, Rev. Eddie Karim – Hon. Latrice Walker, Lucien Allen – Hon. Walter Mosley, Karen Cherry – Hon. Erik Dilan, Maceo Karriem – Hon. Tremaine Wright, Joseph Grant – Hon. Robert Cornegy, Cynthia Moices – Hon. Alicka Ampry-Samuel

**REMARKS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON – Richard Fleteau**

Mr. Fleteau read the agenda into the record. He also gave an update on the meetings he attended regarding:

- ❖ Van Court Project and the Saratoga Square Urban Renewal
- ❖ Conference on the impact of gentrification on urban churches
- ❖ Borough Board discussed Census jobs which are paying \$25 per hour
- ❖ One-NYC and the plan for the increasing population
- ❖ Bed Stuy Works Alliance Meeting

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

Deputy Inspector Charles Minch – 79<sup>th</sup> Precinct, P. O. Christopher Charles – 79<sup>th</sup> Precinct, Detective Tanesha Facey – 81<sup>st</sup> Precinct, Dr. Kim Best – 79<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council, Daniel Fisher – 81<sup>st</sup> Precinct Community Council, Medina Sadiq – Bedford Stuyvesant Gateway BID, Susan Knott – Bedford Adult Learning Center, Oma Holloway – Bridge Street Development Corp., Overseer Monestime – VP, 79<sup>th</sup> Precinct Clergy Council

**Honorable Ruben Diaz, Jr.**

Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. spoke about the housing and affordability issues specifically when it comes to rent stabilized units. He explained the difference between “legal rent” and “preferential rent” and gave his recommendations for resolving the following issues:

1. Keep preferential rent at the legal rent
2. Landlords should be penalized for harassing the tenants
3. Landlords should get a tax break

## **DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT – Henry L. Butler**

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Mr. Butler introduced Karryl Alman from Con Edison. She explained that, Con Edison has a program that is offering FREE energy efficient LED light bulbs to residents of 1-4 family homes in parts of Brooklyn and Queens. Con-Ed will change all the old bulbs in your home and will replace the standard, candelabra, and globe LED bulbs. These new bulbs last up to 12 years and they do not break. There is a one-year warranty with Con-Ed and a five-year warranty with the manufacturer.

Con-Ed also have a Referral Program. For every home that you refer and the job is completed, you will receive a \$25.00 Amazon gift card. To schedule an appointment, please call her at 646-643-3325. She added that all employees are required to show their ID.

### **I. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION**

#### **A. Civic & Public Safety Committee:**

Lurie Daniel-Favors and Camille Adolphe, from the Center for Law and Social Justice at Medgar Evers College, gave a very informative presentation on how to prepare for the 2020 Census. Ms. Favors stated that they are trying to reach the hard to count communities in order to get full representation. Central Brooklyn is hard to count. She explained how the census impacts our communities in terms of funding, and political representation.

Ms. Adolphe added that there are changes to this census in that, it will be available digitally, as well as the traditional written form and phone survey. In addition, people of African descent will be able to identify racially as well as ethnically. She asked everyone to join the New York City Black Leadership Advisory Coalition for Census 2020 and to get involved with the Center for Law and Social Justice Census Project.

#### **B. Civic & Public Safety Committee:**

John Waldman, Director, Government & Community Relations was not in attendance to discuss the American Red Cross “Home Fire Safety and Sound the Alarm Campaign”

#### **C. Civic & Public Safety Committee:**

Jahi Rose, Community Liaison, Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) gave a presentation on citizens’ rights when they feel police misconduct has occurred.

The CCRB is a City agency independent of the NYC Police Department. Their responsibility is to investigate, mediate and in some cases prosecute misconduct. Complaints can be filed based on the following acronym:

F – Force – that is unnecessary and excessive

A – Abuse – Abuse of authority

D – Discourtesy

O – Offensive language

In order to file a complaint, call 311 and it will be forwarded to the CCRB. He explained in detail the steps that follows the process after making a complaint.

## **II. PUBLIC HEARING**

### **A. Capital & Expense Budget Committee:**

Anthony Buissereth, Committee Chair gave a presentation on the agencies responses to the Board's Capital and Expense Budget Request from the Mayor's Preliminary Budget

He gave a brief synopsis of the budget process. The Board submitted 23 Capital requests, nine were funded, 11 were referred to other sources and five required further study. 25 expense requests were made however, only nine were funded, five referred to another source, five needed further study, and two were not funded.

Questions were asked and answered.

## **III. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Announcements were made by the following people:

Allison Shillingford on assisting 7<sup>th</sup> Graders in preparing for the Specialized High School Test, Joycelyn Taylor on MWBE, Shonda Burch on a petition, and Faye Moore on a free Mental Health Certification at Friendship Baptist Church.

## **IV. ROLL CALL**

There were 26 members present and 20 absent.

## **V. COMMITTEE UPDATES & RESOLUTIONS**

### **Henry Butler – Housing Land Use**

The committee will be meeting on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. There will be a presentation on DeKalb Commons, City owned lots near Sugar Hill Restaurant, the proposed development for Sumner Houses and a presentation by St. Mark's Church who is applying for a RFP for the lot located at Fulton Street between Ralph and Howard Avenues.

### **Oma Holloway – Education & Youth**

On March 28<sup>th</sup>, there will be a workshop in partnership with Digital Girl, Inc. for parents and students on social media, at 5:30 p.m.

Nominations for the Best of Bed-Stuy will begin on March 18<sup>th</sup>, and it will end on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Stacey Ruffin – Civic & Public Safety**

The committee will not be meeting on its regular schedule day in April and May. Instead of the first Tuesday, it will meet on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:00 p.m., in the Board office.

### **Karen Rhau – By-Laws**

A report was given on some of the changes being made to the by-laws such as meeting notices, standing committee, voting, and special election, and committee voting. A vote to adapt the changes will be held at the April meeting.

### **RESOLUTION:**

#### **Anthony Buissereth – Landmarks**

Mr. Buissereth presented the resolution for Application #19-32410 at 324 Macon Street.

[..\Resolution for 324 Macon Street.pdf](#)

The committee gave a recommendation **to support** the construction of a new four-story building with the following stipulations:

- ✓ Enlarge the bay window design or eliminate altogether.
- ✓ Modify the front entry door, stoop, and ramp to the satisfaction of LPC.

A motion was made to accept the recommendation by Edna Johnson and seconded by Felicia Alexander.

[..\Vote for 324 Macon Street.pdf](#)

**VI. ACTION ON THE PUBLIC HEARING**

A motion to accept the budget was made by Dr. Kerliene Johnson and seconded by Edna Johnson. A vote was taken on the Capital and Expense Budget. The result was unanimous.

**VII. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Richard Flateau**

Mr. Flateau stated that the Board received a letter of resignation from Shanita Wells due to personal reasons.

He reminded members about training classes. He also reminded Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs to submit their request for any events/projects they would like to host. Funds are limited and deadlines are approaching.

We are in the process of completing an audit of the Board's Sexual Harassment Policy. A report will be given at the next meeting.

**VIII. ACCEPTANCE OF THE FEBRUARY 4, 2019 MINUTES**

A motion was made to accept the minutes by Edna Johnson and seconded by Dr. Debra Lamb.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Beryl Nyack  
Assistant District Manager  
March 13, 2019

Reviewed and edited by:  
Stacey Ruffin, Executive Secretary  
March 15, 2019 @ 12:45 pm