



**MINUTES OF THE
MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 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, Monique Antoine, Dr. Kim Best, Anthony Buissereth, Michael Catlyn, Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Evelyn Collier, Pastor Gwendolyn Dingle, Taina Evans, Richard Flateau, Keith Forest, Shia Greenfeld, Dennis George, Gregory Glasgow, Mary Jemison-Head, Abitzel Robinson-Hobson, Oma Holloway, Everett Hughes, Tarris Iriarte, Edna Johnson, Dr. Kerliene Johnson, Dr. Debra Lamb, Marion Little, Hardy “Joe” Long, Dovie Matthews, Kenneth Mbonu, Ellen Miller, Kwaku Payton, Santana Payton, Simone Pratt, Carolyn Richburg, Stacey Ruffin, Suzette Sheppard, Jamella Swift, Chinyelu Udoh, Omar Walker, Shanita Wells, Douglas Williams, T. J. Wilson

Members Absent/Excused: Marc Abou-Faissal, Sharon Forbes, Dionicio Liz, Eldica Murray, Melissa Plowden-Norman, C. Doris Pinn, Karen Rhau, Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman

Elected Officials/Reps:

Hon. Velmanette Montgomery, Hon. Laurie Cumbo, Hon. Alicka Ampry-Samuel, Jamila Fynes – Mayor’s Office, Candace Julien – Borough President Eric Adams, Shelton Jones – District Attorney Eric Gonzalez, Joseph Grant – Council Member Robert Cornegy, Lucien Allen – Assembly Member Walter Mosley, Maceo Karriem – Assembly Member Tremaine Wright, Karen Cherry – Assembly Member Erik Dilan, Nickolas Perry – Comptroller Scott Stringer

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Pastor Gwendolyn Dingle.

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON – Richard Flateau

Mr. Flateau gave a report on some of the meetings he attended. He then read the agenda into record.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Deputy Inspector Charles Minch and P.O. Christopher Charles – 79th Precinct; Lameane Isaac – Brooklyn Public Library; Daniel Fisher – 81 Precinct Community Council; Idris Abdullah – 79th Precinct Community Council; Dordy Jourdain – YMCA

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT – Henry L. Butler

[DM January Report.pdf](#)

I. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

A. Senior Committee:

Julie M. Lauer, LMSW, Director of Mobility Management, *at the* Jewish Community Council gave a presentation on the services that are provided to seniors 60 years and over through their Senior Citizen Transportation Program. They offer individual trips and group trips to doctor appointments, the movies, shopping, etc. for free. They also offer workshops. For more information, please contact her at J.lauer@jcc.org

B. Civic & Public Safety Committee:

A presentation was given by Rohmel Shuler, Assistant Director of the Crisis Management System at Man Up Inc., on their Crisis Management System. The program operates within the 81st Precinct area (Marcus Garvey Blvd to Broadway and Kosciusko to Hart Streets) Mr. Shuler stated that there are 22 sites within the five boroughs in high crime areas. They also do mentorship in schools.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Housing & Land Use Committee:

IN THE MATTER OF an application submitted by the Department of Housing and Preservation Development (HPD):

1. Pursuant to article 16 of the General Municipal Law of New York State for:
 - a) The designation of properties located at 17-23 Prescott Place, 18-22 Bancroft Place and 1911-1923 Atlantic Avenue 9 Block 1557 Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 23, 1,2,3,4,23,26,28,31,32,33,34,35,36,37,38) as an Urban Development Action Area; and
 - b) An Urban Development Action Area Project for such area; and
2. Pursuant to Section 197-c of the New York City Charter for the disposition of properties located Block 1557, Lots 3,4,23,26,28,31,32,33,34,35,36,37 to a developer to be selected by HPD;

To facilitate a mixed-use development containing approximately 235 affordable housing units, commercial and community facility space, Borough of Brooklyn, Community District 3.

Dennis George, Committee 1st Vice Chair introduced Lin Zeng, HPD

Lin Zeng gave a presentation on the project for the disposition of City owned properties. This is part of the Saratoga Square Urban Renewal Plan to allow for residential and commercial use. The lots will be developed into a 14-story mixed-use building with 235 affordable units, 15,012 sq. ft. of commercial space for a supermarket, 7,953 sq. ft. of community space, OKO Farms Aquaponics farm, and an Art Gallery.

Brooklyn Neighborhood Services will move their office to this location and will provide training workshops in construction. It will provide 44 parking spaces below ground. The building will have 14 stories on the Atlantic Avenue side, nine stories in the middle and six stories in the back. It will be built to Enterprise Green Communities with Variable Refrigerant Flow System, energy star appliances, green roof, and a water monitoring system to detect leaks. This project will be 100 percent affordable. ACMH will provide supportive services to the tenants who are people that have been chronically homeless or mentally ill. The developers Dawanna Williams, DABAR Development Partners and Thomas Campbell, Thorobird Companies LLC are both MWBE's. They gave details on their plans for the project development.

Questions were asked by Council Member Samuel, board members and the community.

B. Economic Development Committee:

Alcohol Beverage Control License Application for Marek Gregorski, 990 Broadway between Vernon & Willoughby Avenues

Tywan Anthony, Committee Chair introduced Marek Gregorski, Owners and his representative Anthony Caraballo. He stated that the location was previously licensed. This is a bar/restaurant. Mr. Caraballo stated that the applicant already has liquor licenses at three other locations in Brooklyn. The hours of operation will be 5:00 p.m. – 4:00 a.m.

Questions were asked by the members and the public.

C. Economic Development Committee:

Alcohol Beverage Control License Application for Hungry Tiger Inc., 380A Marcus Garvey Blvd between Jefferson and Hancock Streets.

Evan Thomas, Owner and Representative Bob Callahan give a presentation on Hungry Tigers Inc. Mr. Callahan stated that the location was previously “Everyday Coffee Shop” which Mr. Thomas operated but the shop closed. This business will be a small cocktail lounge with 5 tables and 16 seats and a bar with 12 seats. The hours of operation will be 7 days a week from 5:00 p.m. – 4:00 a.m. There is no kitchen but he will offer a light menu.

Questions were asked by the members and the public.

D. Economic Development Committee:

Alcohol Beverage Control License Application for Keight O Eight LLC, DBA (Tatanka Tea and Tincture Bar) 557 Classon Avenue between Fulton Street & Lefferts Place.

Tywan Anthony stated that this item will be tabled because the applicant did not provide the required documents on time.

III. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community announcements were made by the following people: Simmone Simpson – Brooklyn Job Corp., Kicy Motley – Movement of Black Youth Abroad and James Tillman – Census 2020.

IV. ROLL CALL

There were 41 members present and 8 absent.

V. COMMITTEE UPDATES & RESOLUTIONS

Evelyn Collier – Landmarks

- a) Ms. Collier read the resolution for the LPC Application #19-31556 to construct a new building at 281 Jefferson Avenue.

[Resolution for 281 Jefferson Ave.pdf](#)

She stated that the committee voted unanimously to **Not Support** the application.

A motion was made to accept the committee’s recommendation by Taina Evans and seconded by Gregory Glasgow.

[Vote for 281 Jefferson Avenue.pdf](#)

- b) Resolution for 246 Monroe Street to build a 3rd floor rear yard building extension.
[Resolution for 246 Monroe St.pdf](#)

The committee voted unanimously to **Support** the application. A motion was made to accept the committee's recommendation by Douglas Williams and seconded by Everett Hughes.
[Vote for 246 Monroe Street.pdf](#)

Ms. Collier informed everyone that there will be a LPC hearing to address the application for 524-536 Halsey Street (Brown & Brown) at One Centre Street, on Tuesday, January 8th, at 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

The By-Laws, Economic Development, Health & Social Services, Parks and Transportation, Sanitation & Environment Committees' all gave an update on their committee meetings.

VI. ACTION ON THE PUBLIC HEARING

- A. HPD is seeking a letter of support Pursuant to Article 16 of the General Municipal Law of New York State, and Pursuant to Section 197-c of the New York City Charter for the disposition of properties.

The committee recommended giving a letter of support. A motion was made to accept the committee's recommendation by Anthony Buissereth and seconded by Tarris Iriarte.
[Vote for HPD-1921 Atlantic Avenue.pdf](#)

- B. Marek Gregorski requests a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License. The committee recommended giving a letter of support. A motion was made to accept the committee's recommendation by Santina Payton and seconded by Gregory Glasgow.
[Vote for Marek Gregorski.pdf](#)

- C. Hungry Tiger requests a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License. The committee recommended giving a letter of support. A motion was made to accept the committee's recommendation by Douglas Williams and seconded by Gregory Glasgow.
[Vote for Hungry Tigers.pdf](#)

- D. Keight O Eight LLC, DBA (Tatanka Tea and Tincture Bar) requests a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License.

- E. Tywan Anthony stated that this item is tabled because the applicant did not provide the required documents on time.

VII. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Richard Flateau

Mr. Flateau informed the Board that Omar Walker has submitted his resignation to the Board. He thanked him for his services.

In addition, he stated that there is supplemental funding for board members to take classes.

VIII. ACCEPTANCE OF THE DECEMBER 3, 2018 MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes and it was accepted unanimously.

I X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Beryl Nyack
January 17, 2019

Reviewed and edited by:
Stacey Ruffin, Executive Secretary
January 18, 2019 @ 5:02 pm