



**MINUTES OF THE
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2019
COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
BEDFORD STUYVESANT RESTORATION CORP.
1360 FULTON STREET, 5th Floor
BROOKLYN, NY 11216**

In Attendance:

Members Present:

Felicia Alexander, Lillian Bowman, Anthony Buissereth, Michael Catlyn, Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Evelyn Collier, Pastor Gwendolyn Dingle, Taina Evans, Richard Flateau, Sharon Forbes, Keith Forest, Mary Jemison-Head, Abitzel Robinson-Hobson, Everett Hughes, Victor Iroh, Keisha Jerryman, Edna Johnson, Dr. Kerliene Johnson, Dr. Debra Lamb, Lisa Lewis, Hardy “Joe” Long, Dovie Matthews, Ellen Miller, Melissa Plowden-Norman, Santana Payton, C. Doris Pinn, Simone Pratt, Karen Rhau, Carolyn Richburg, Wendy Robinson, Stacey Ruffin, Suzette Sheppard, Jamella Swift, Alice Walton, Douglas Williams, TJ Wilson

Members Absent/Excused: Babatunde Akowe, Tywan Anthony, Monique Antoine, Dr. Kim Best, Vanessa Clark, Marc Abou-Faissal, Gregory Glasgow, Shia Greenfeld, Oma Holloway, Marion Little, Dionicio Liz, Kenneth Mbonu, Chinyelu Udoh, Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman

Elected Officials/Reps:

Hon. Scott Stringer, Shakti Robbins-Cubas – Hon. Velmanette Montgomery, Karen Cherry – Hon. Erik Dilan, Nickolas Perry – Hon. Scott Stringer, Lucien Allen – Hon. Walter Mosley, Isis McIntosh – Hon. Latrice Walker, Maceo Karriem – Hon. Tremaine Wright, Kim Robinson – Hon. Alicka Ampry-Samuel, Taahira Maynard – Hon. Laurie Cumbo, Joseph Grant – Hon. Robert Cornegy, Jr., Det. Conrad Narcisse – 81st Precinct, Pastor Gilman Rose – Hon. Eric Adams, Ben Colombo – Department of Buildings

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON – Richard Flateau

Mr. Flateau read the agenda into the record.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS & COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Brooklyn Public Library

Both Taina Evans and Lameane Isaac announced that they will no longer be the representatives from the Macon Branch and Central Branch libraries due to promotions as Regional Managers.

Medina Sadiq – Bedford Stuyvesant Gateway BID

Ms. Sadiq announced that the holiday lights are installed and that they will be turned on the day before Thanksgiving. There will be licensed holiday ambassadors (security guards) along Fulton Street for the holidays to ensure safe shopping from 2:00 p.m. until the stores close.

Det. Conrad Narcisse – 81st Precinct

The Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner will be held on Tuesday, November 26th, at Cornerstone Baptist Church. The next Precinct Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12th, at 7:00 p.m.

Marcia McGibbon – Brooklyn Public Library/Marcy Branch

The 79th Precinct Build the Block meeting will be held at the library on Thursday, November 7th, at 5:30 p.m. On Friday, November 15th, from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., a representative from the U.S. Census will be on site to sign up workers for the census jobs. Flyers were available for other events.

Leon Reid – Brooklyn Job Corp

The Brooklyn Job Corp offers Career Technical Training to the youth of the community 17-24 years old. Open Houses are held every Wednesday at 8:30 a.m., at 585 DeKalb Avenue. For more information, please call him at 718-844-6324.

Shadoe Tarver – Save Our Streets (SOS)

S.O.S. will be hosting two Thanksgiving Dinners. One on , Thursday, November 21st, at John Wesley United Methodist Church, on Nostrand Avenue and Quincy Street, at 5:30 p.m. and one on Friday, November 22nd, at Beulah Church of the Nazarene on St. John’s Place and Troy Avenue, at 5:30 p.m. For more information, please call 718-773-6886.

Honorable Scott Stringer

Comptroller Stringer spoke about two reports he released on the homeless crisis. He added that 41% of Domestic Violence clients make up the homeless shelter populations. He also spoke about the retail vacancy crisis in the City due to the Amazon effect.

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT – Henry L. Butler

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I. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Economic Development Committee:

Alcohol Beverage Control License application for BK Lobster, 535 Nostrand Avenue between Herkimer Street & Atlantic Avenue.

The owner of BK Lobster was not in attendance for the meeting.

B. Economic Development Committee:

Alcohol Beverage Control License application for Thai Me, 918 Broadway between Myrtle & Stockton

Keith Forest, *Committee Chair introduced John Vasconez, Owner*

Mr. Vasconez gave a brief background into his business ventures. He stated that the location is 15,000 sq. ft. There will be 48 seats, 8 at the bar. The entrance will be on Broadway and Myrtle Avenue. The hours of operation will be 7 days a week from 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. Presently the business is 60% delivery however, he would like to focus on dining now. He added that he has hosted events for the 81st Precinct Community Council.

Questions were asked and answered.

II. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Princess Diaz and Edward Diaz discussed issues with their sidewalk on Herkimer Street between New York and Nostrand Avenues. Dr. Lashley also had complains. They were advised to speak with the District Manager.

III. ROLL CALL

There were 36 members present and 14 absent.

IV. COMMITTEE UPDATES & RESOLUTIONS

Felicia Alexander – Transportation, Sanitation & Environment

The next meeting will be held on November 12th, at 6:30 p.m. Topics of discussion will be MTA cuts on the B44, study of the intersection of Ralph Avenue and Fulton Street and enforcement of illegal dumping.

Doris Pinn – Housing & Land Use

There is a date change to the Bed-Stuy Initiative Workshop scheduled for this month and next month. Notices will be sent out.

TJ Wilson – Parks, Arts & Culture

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 6th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board office. The Ebony Society of Parks is seeking submission for artwork.

Evelyn Collier – Landmarks & Preservation

On Thursday, November 7th, the committee will be hosting a Stuyvesant Heights Historic District Homeowner Tax Credit Seminar. It will be held at M.S.35, at 6:30 p.m. The next committee meeting will be held on Monday, November 18th, at 6:30 p.m.

Stacey Ruffin – Civic & Public Safety

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 5th, at 3:00 p.m. instead of the regular time of 6:00 p.m., in the Board office.

Ivy Gamble-Cobb – Health & Social Services

The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 18th, at 6:30 p.m., in the Board office.

Karen Rhau – Nominating Committee

Karen Rhau gave a report and stated that the committee met on Wednesday, October 30th. The following is the slate:

Chair – Richard Flateau

1st Vice Chair – Anthony Buissereth and Felicia Alexander

2nd Vice Chair – Simone Pratt

Treasurer – C. Doris Pinn

Secretary – Stacey Ruffin

Nominations can be taken from the floor at the December meeting before the vote.

V. ACTION ON THE PUBLIC HEARING

A. BK Lobster request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License

Keith Forest reported on the committee's recommendation to give a letter of **NON-SUPPORT** due to non-attendance. A motion to accept the recommendation was made by Douglas Williams and seconded by Edna Johnson.

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B. Thai Me request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License

Keith Forest reported on the committee's recommendation to give a letter of **SUPPORT**. A motion was made by Douglas Williams and seconded by Edna Johnson.

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VI. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Richard Flateau

❖ **Nominating Committee Report**

Felicia Alexander proposed amendments to the following sections of the CB3 By-Laws:

Section VI: General Election Process

A. Nominating Committee:

1. During Brooklyn CB3's regular monthly business meeting in October, the first order of business shall be the formation of a Nominating Committee consisting of seven (7) Brooklyn CB3 members.

C. Term of Office:

2. The tenure of all elected officers of Brooklyn CB3 shall be no more than *four consecutive one-year* terms, except by a majority vote of the seated quorum of Brooklyn CB3 members.

Proposed Amendment:

1. During Brooklyn CB3's regular monthly business meeting in October *of an election year*, the first order of business shall be the formation of a Nominating Committee consisting of seven (7) Brooklyn CB3 members.
2. The tenure of all elected officers of Brooklyn CB3 shall be no more than *two consecutive two-year terms*, except by a majority vote of the seated quorum of Brooklyn CB3 members.

VII. ACCEPTANCE OF THE OCTOBER 7, 2019 MINUTES

Chair Flateau asked for an amendment to the October minutes. He stated that it should reflect, that the Board voted unanimously rather than by a show of hands. A motion to accept the amended minutes was made by Edna Johnson and seconded by Michael Catlyn.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

C. Doris Pinn made a motion to close the meeting for the Executive Session and it was seconded by Mary Jemison Head. The 3% Cost of Living increase is effective October 24, 2019. The vote was requested by Borough Hall. This will apply to the District Manager and the Assistant District Manager. A motion was made by Lisa Lewis and seconded by Douglas Williams. The Board voted unanimously. The motion to re-open the meeting was made by Douglas Williams and seconded by Evelyn Collier.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Beryl Nyack
November 15, 2019
Reviewed and Edited by
Stacey Ruffin, Executive Secretary
November 19, 2019