



**MINUTES OF THE
MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019
COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
BEDFORD STUYVESANT RESTORATION CORP.
1368 FULTON STREET, Lower Level
BROOKLYN, NY 11216**

Attendance:**Members Present:**

Babatunde Akowe, Felicia Alexander, Monique Antoine, Dr. Kim Best, Anthony Buissereth, Michael Catlyn, Pastor Gwendolyn Dingle, Taina Evans, Marc Abou-Faissal, Richard Flateau, Sharon Forbes, Keith Forest, Gregory Glasgow, Shia Greenfeld, Abitzel Robinson-Hobson, Oma Holloway, Tarris Iriarte, Edna Johnson, Dr. Kerliene Johnson, Dr. Debra Lamb, Marion Little, Hardy “Joe” Long, Dovie Matthews, Kenneth Mbonu, Ellen Miller, Kwaku Payton, Santina Payton, C. Doris Pinn, Simone Pratt, Melissa Plowden-Norman, Carolyn Richburg, Stacey Ruffin, Suzette Sheppard, Chinyelu Udoh, Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman, Douglas Williams

Members Absent/Excused: Tywan Anthony, Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Evelyn Collier, Mary Jemison-Head, Everett Hughes, Dionicio Liz, Eldica Murray, Karen Rhau, Jamella Swift, T. J. Wilson

Elected Officials/Reps:

Candice Julien – Hon. Eric Adams, Stefani Zinerman – Hon. Velmanette Montgomery, Lucien Allen – Hon. Walter Mosley, Karen Cherry – Hon. Erik Dilan, Maceo Karriem – Hon. Tremaine Wright, Jacqueline Wright-Williams – Hon. Robert Cornegy, Shelton Jones – Hon. Eric Gonzalez, Inspector Charles Minch – 79th Precinct, Det. Michelle McLeod – 79th Precinct, Det. Conrad Narcisse – 81st Precinct, Lameane Isaac – Macon Branch Library, Marcia McGibbon – Marcy Branch Library, Dordy Jourdain – Bedford Stuyvesant YMCA, Sharonnie Perry – Interfaith Medical Center, Idris Abdullah – 79th Precinct Community Council, Judge Betty Staton – Brooklyn Legal Services, Faye Moore- Friendship Baptist Church, Judge Margarita Lopez-Torres, Albert Vann

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON – Richard Flateau

Mr. Flateau read the agenda into the record. He reported on some of the meetings he attended:

- Borough Board meeting
- Von King Park project is delayed
- He testified at a hearing at Borough Hall on the crisis facing homeowners regarding foreclosures and the Third Party Transfer Program. He spoke on measures to be taken to avoid property fraud. Mr. Flateau advised residents to register their property with ACRIS, in order to get alerts.
- Meeting with the Van Buren Block Association regarding a water main break
- Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corp held a meeting to discuss future plans for the complex. They hired a renowned Architect.
- Town Hall Meeting with Comptroller Scott Stringer

- Meeting with HPD regarding the Bed-Stuy Housing Initiative at Saratoga Square and the Van Court Project on Myrtle Avenue

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – Henry L. Butler

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I. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

A. Civic & Public Safety Committee:

The American Red Cross was scheduled to make a presentation on Home Fire Safety and Sound the Alarm Campaign however, Ms. Rodriguez was not in attendance.

B. Economic Development Committee:

Northeast Brooklyn Housing Development Corp. (NEBHDCo) gave a presentation on the Van Dyke Project and the workforce development opportunities.

Jeffrey Dunston gave a brief description of the project however, they are mainly seeking workers for the construction jobs. The project consist of 180 housing units with a urgent care and wellness center operated by BMS and daycare center by Friends of Crown Heights.

NEBHDCo role is to provide Development and Workforce Consultants. MEGA Contracting is the contractor on this project. There is a \$24 million WMBE hiring goal with the following Community Boards: 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 16, 17 and 18. There will be 10% Section 3 businesses for residents of Van Dyke, NYCHA.

Stacey Barnes stated that there is a 50% local (CB: 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 16, 17, and 18) hiring goal and a 30% Section 3 hire (Van Dyke residents; NYCHA Brooklyn residents; any NYCHA residents and residents deemed by HUD to be 80% AMI low to 50% very low; 80% minority and women. Anticipated timeline and completion of the project is summer of 2021. The OSHA training has begun and starting in the Spring/Summer. The following jobs will be available: trucking, concrete, plumbing, carpentry, electrical, finish trade (flooring, tile, painting) and landscaping.

Please spread the word. Resumes can be sent to her at sbarnes@nebhdco.org or at 132 Ralph Avenue. Her number is 718-453-9490 Ext. 221.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Transportation, Sanitation, & Environment Committee:

The Department of Transportation gave a presentation based on the results of the Bedford Stuyvesant and Ocean Hill/Brownsville Transportation Survey. The presentation was given by Burns Forsythe, Team Leader.

The study covered several locations over a period of five months and spoke to several hundred people. However, the Board requested traffic safety improvements at the following locations:

- Nostrand and Atlantic Avenues
- Fulton Street -- Tompkins Avenue and Brooklyn Avenue
- Fulton Street -- Marcus Garvey and Albany Avenue
- Myrtle Avenue and Broadway

The main focus is to make the street safer especially for seniors. The survey looked at modes of transportation, traffic safety concerns, zip codes, common destination and demographics. Buses

usage is very high in the district. The result of which found 14 priority corridors and 13 priority intersections. The top reported issues are failure to yield, long wait to cross, speeding, and double parking.

They will continue the conversation with the committee at the next meeting to discuss plans to improve the district.

There was a question and answer session.

III. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements were made by the following people:

Natalie Barret – Making Music NY, Nathan Oliver – Bike New York, Stefan Henry – NY Connects and Valerie Joseph – BCID, Laurie Ayers-Hutchinson, Olivia Fichel – Kings County Tennis League, Laurie Miller, Georgia Murphy

IV. ROLL CALL

There were 36 members present and 10 absent.

V. BY-LAWS REPORT & VOTE

The members of the By-Laws Committee are as follows:

Babatunde Akowe, Taina Evans, Henry Butler, Richard Flateau, and Karen Rhau. Amendments were made to the following:

Section IV: Meeting Notice

Section VI: General Election Process

A. Nominating Committee

B. Voting

Section VII: Special Election

A. Vacancy

B. Special Election Process

Section IX: Committees

Section X: Duties and Responsibilities of Brooklyn Community Board 3 Members

4. *If a member fails to cast a vote on all matters before the Board, then they shall be marked absent by the Secretary*

A motion was made to accept the committee's recommendation by Edna Johnson and seconded by Gregory Glasgow. However, there was a lengthy discussion on this matter. Rev. Dr. Waterman voiced his concern about the new changes that would mark members absent if they leave prior to voting on all items.

A recommendation was made by Dr. Debra Lamb to change #3, by removing the word **ALL** and change the word **ALL** in #4 to **ANY**. It was seconded by Dr. Kerliene Johnson.

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VI. COMMITTEE UPDATES & RESOLUTIONS

There were no committee updates or resolution.

VII. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT – Richard Flateau

Mr. Flateau reminded the members who would like to take the training classes to submit their applications. The deadline is approaching. In addition, committees’ that would like to host a project, the deadline to submit a budget for the event is June 30th.

VIII. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MARCH 4, 2019 MINUTES

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Gregory Glasgow and seconded by Felicia Alexander.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Beryl Nyack
April 11, 2019

Reviewed and edited by:
Stacey Ruffin, Executive Secretary
April 12, 2019 @ 10:20 am