



**MINUTES OF THE
MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2017
COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
BEDFORD STUYVESANT RESTORATION CORP.
1368 FULTON STREET
BROOKLYN, NY 11216**

Attendance:

Members Present: Felicia Alexander, Tywan Anthony, Anthony Buissereth, Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Evelyn Collier, Pastor Gwendolyn Dingle, Taina Evans, Marc Abou-Faissal, Richard Flateau, Keith Forest, Gregory Glasgow, Shia Greenfeld, Mary Jemison-Head, Kimberly Hill, Oma Holloway, Tarris Iriarte, Edna Johnson, Dr. Debra Lamb, Dionicio Liz, Hardy “Joe” Long, Dovie Matthews, Kenneth Mbonu, Paulette Moorehead, Melissa Plowden-Norman, Santana Payton, C. Doris Pinn, Simone Pratt, Karen Rhau, Stacey Ruffin, Suzette Sheppard, Jamella Swift, Douglas Williams

Members Absent: Babatunde Akowe, Dr. Kim Best, Sharon Forbes, Everett Hughes, Danelle Johnson, Dr. Kerliene Johnson, Marion Little, Eldica Murray, Michael McCaw, Kwaku Payton, Shekera Shehid, Lydia Temples, Chinyelu Udoh, Omar Walker, Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman, Shanita Wells, T. J. Wilson

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Ms. Mary Jemison-Head

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON – Richard Flateau

Mr. Flateau read the agenda into the record.

- Get Covered NYC deadline is January 31st. Representatives from the Mayor’s office had a table to help spread the word about low or no cost insurance for the uninsured.
- IMPACCT held a meeting regarding Myrtle Gardens at Myrtle and Kent Avenues. The lot is owned by DEP but there is a proposal to build housing.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS & COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Shelton Jones – Kings County District Attorney Office

The District Attorney’s office is now accepting applications for its High School Internship Program. The program is for mid-winter: February 20th – 23rd and spring: April 2nd – 6th. This is a non-paid internship for juniors and seniors. However, they will get a Metrocard and lunch.

District Attorney Elect Gonzalez would like the public to be aware of scammers during the holiday season. He advised everyone to call the D.A. Action Center at 718-250-2340 with any concerns.

Emily Mateo – Hon. Walter Mosley

Ms. Mateo announced that the 5th Annual Job Fair will be held on January 26th, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at 55 Hanson Place. Please call 718-596-0100 for more information.

Shakti Robbins – Hon. Velmanette Montgomery

Ms. Robbins announced that Governor Cuomo signed the Parole Transparency Bill. The bill requires that the Board of Parole to publish their decisions on a public website.

Olanike Alabi – 57th District Leader

The District Leader will be hosting a Holiday & Toy Drive on December 15th, at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 36 St. James Place, from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Amanda Robinson – Hon. Tremaine Wright

Ms. Robinson reported that the Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot was very successful. 35 people participated and the top three winners received a turkey.

Assembly Member Wright will be hosting a Christmas Dinner on December 22nd, from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. It will be held in her office at 1360 Fulton Street, Suite 417.

Glennis Gomez – Department of Education

Ms. Gomez spoke about Chancellor Farina Initiative to increase diversity in the Specialized High School. She stated that there is a test prep (The Dream Program) for students in the 6th and 7th grades. It is a 22-month program through the Department of Education.

Medina Sadiq – Bedford Stuyvesant Gateway BID

Ms. Sadiq informed the audience that the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene has supplied the BID with ten Big Belly Garbage Bins that are solar powered and they compact the garbage. They will be receiving ten more shortly. The homeless crisis is also very bad and it affects the quality of life.

Oma Holloway – Bridge Street Development Corp.

On December 13th, there will be a Tenant Resource event regarding the new legislation. It will be at 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at 456D Nostrand Avenue.

There are also free Legal Clinics in partnership with Brooklyn Legal Services. The next walk-in clinic will be held on December 14th, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Holloway stated that Bridge Street will be hosting a Bed-Stuy Shop, Dine and Crawl on December 16th, from 12:00 Noon – 5:00 p.m. Early registration will give access to a free van to shop on Bedford Avenue, Tompkins Avenue, Malcolm X Blvd and the Small Business Expo on Lafayette Avenue. For more information, visit Bridge Street Development Corp. on their Facebook page.

Marcus Harris – Hon. Eric Adams

Mr. Harris reported that for Thanksgiving over 15,000 pounds of turkeys and vegetables were donated for families in need. Borough President Adams Healthcare Initiative is working to ensure that families have healthier choices.

The Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on December 5th, at 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., at Brooklyn Borough Hall.

On December 14th, free mobile mammograms will be offered for women over 40 years and older at Brooklyn Borough Hall.

Stefani Zinerman – Hon. Robert Cornegy, Jr.

Ms. Zinerman encouraged everyone to pick-up a copies of the Guide to Constituent Services and share with their neighbors. She also informed the audience about the various resources at their office.

There are 20 Safe Stop locations in the community including Interfaith Medical Center and the Brownstoners to help combat cyber bullying and suicide prevention.

On December 22nd, Council Member Cornegy and Assembly Member Wright will host a City and State Holiday Party from 3:00 – 7:00 pm.

Isis McIntosh-Greene – Hon. Latrice Walker

Ms. McIntosh-Greene reported that the Assembly Member hosted two Thanksgiving events: Turkey Giveaway in which over 400 turkeys were distributed and the other was a Senior Thanksgiving Day Dinner at Mt. Ararat Senior Center.

She added that Assembly Member Walker’s office will be offering assistance for the ID NYC on December 18th, from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., it gives access to museums, zoos, \$8.00 movie tickets and sport events.

In addition, the NYS Department of Labor Outreach Team is in the office every Thursday assisting residents with jobs and any concerns about unemployment and training.

Daniel Fisher – 81st Precinct Council

Mr. Fisher informed that over 200 seniors attended the Thanksgiving Dinner. It stated that it was a success.

The next 81st Precinct Council meeting will be December 12th, at the Multi-Service Center, 1958 Fulton Street. It will be a celebratory meeting to honor the past and present commanding officers of the precinct.

On December 16th, the 81st Precinct Council will host their Annual Christmas Concert at Christ Fellowship Church, 7 Sumpter Street, 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children. For tickets, please call the Community Affairs Office, Det. Jenkins or Officer Bland at 718-574-0433.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Karen Cherry – Hon. Erik Dilan, Det. William Jenkins – 81st Precinct, Sharonnie Perry – Interfaith Medical Center

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT – Henry L. Butler

Mr. Butler informed everyone that the January meeting will be held on Monday, January 8th, due to the New Year’s holiday.

He also informed that flyers were left on homes regarding inspections for the Longhorne Beetle is actually legitimate.

He gave a report on noise complaints received by the different community boards. He advised residents to call 311 and then call the community board office. The same for rodent complaints.

I. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

A. Health & Social Service Committee:

Presentation by the non-profit organization “Visions”, which provides services to individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

Edna Johnson, Committee Chair introduced Amy Gordon, Outreach Coordinator

Ms. Gordon stated that

“Visions” provide free services to people who are blind and visually impaired. They offer services in the home and at a Senior Center in Manhattan. The goal is to help people live independently in their home. The Rehabilitation Specialist works with the person for 6-8 weeks.

The Senior Center is accessible to everyone from the five boroughs. The hours are Monday Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., hot meals are provided at 3:00 p.m. They also have a Work Force Development Department that help place individuals who are blind and visually impaired in full-time employment as well as high school students in summer internships. There are also Caregiver Program for seniors. It is a respite program. Brochures were provided.

B. Education & Youth Committee:

Presentation by the organization “Education for Excellence N.Y.”

Oma Holloway, Committee Chair introduced Ciara Walton, Senior Outreach Director

Ms. Walton stated that Education for Excellence NY is a not-for-profit which seeks to have teachers voices are heard in areas of educational policy. They are currently working on school climate which dates back 2014.

Saad Qureshi, Brooklyn Outreach Director stated that he works with 1,400 educators. They have been working to remove metal detectors, hiring more guidance counselors. They are asking the Mayor and the Chancellor for more funding and for the expansion of the District 18 Pilot. They are also seeking support from the Mayor and the Chancellor, the Community Board, CEC and the Superintendent.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Economic Development Committee:

Alcohol Beverage Control License Application for Spicy People LLC (DBA “Bunny”) located at 449 Nostrand Avenue between Hancock and Halsey Streets

Tywan Anthony, Committee Chair introduced Serine & Funda Belendir, Owners

The owner stated that he is from Hamburg, Germany and his wife is from Istanbul, Turkey. The restaurant will be located where Ms. Dalia’s Café was previously located. They have lived in the community for four years. The food will be a mixture of German and Turkish dishes. Renovation has begun and they plan to open in early February. The hours of operation will be Tuesdays – Thursdays: 5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.; Fridays: 5:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. Saturdays – Sunday brunch: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Questions and Answers

Mary Jemison Head: What is the sitting capacity?

Mr. Belendir: The space is 550 sq. ft. will have a seating capacity of 25.

Oma Holloway: Did you reach out to the block association, civic groups, and neighbors?

Mr. Belendir: We have 25 signatures from neighbors and a few businesses.

Dr. Williamson: What are the prices for the vegetarian dishes?

Funda Belendir: The price range will be between \$8.00 and \$12.00.

Kimberly Hill: Is this your first restaurant?

Mr. Belendir: Yes, I am a journalist and my wife is a designer by profession.

- B.** Alcohol Beverage Control License Application for Sweet Butters LLC, 236 Malcolm X Blvd between Jefferson Avenue and Hancock Street
Tywan Anthony, Committee Chair Russ Woodall, Owner

The owner stated that this will be a bar however, he will be serving food. He and his wife have 18 years of hospitality experience. He has a military background and plans to give back to the community by providing free service on Veteran's and Memorial Days to active and Veterans military personnel. They also plan to do a Diaper Drive.

Mr. Woodall added that the space has a capacity to hold 35 seats. He plans to open at 12:00 Noon. The price range for a drinks will be \$4-10 and food will be \$10.00.

Questions and Answers

Simone Pratt: What type of cuisine will you have?

Russ Woodall: Paninis and burgers

Ivy Gamble-Cobb: What are your hours of operation?

Russ Woodall: 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 a.m. daily

Oma Holloway: Did you get any support from the block association?

Russ Woodall: I have received to two letters of support.

Oma Holloway: There is a petition from 35 residents and a letter from L'Antagoniste and the Wilky.

Questions and Answers

Jamella Swift: At the committee meeting, you stated that you will not have a DJ, the music will be from a jukebox.

Russ Woodall: That's correct, there will be no DJ.

Ivy Gamble-Cobb: Are there residential apartments above you and did you get support from them?

Russ Woodall: There are three residential apartments above, we spoke with the landlord and the plan is to install three layers of soundproofing. I have not received any feedback from the tenants because one was in the process of moving. I plan to move in upstairs.

- C.** Alcohol Beverage Control License Application for Dusk Til Dawn Bar & Lounge Inc. located at 372 Kosciuszko Street between Marcus Garvey Blvd & Lewis Avenue
Tywan Anthony, Committee Chair introduced Marshall Davis, Owner

Mr. Davis stated that he and is partner have been friends for 15 years. They both worked for Poland Springs as Route Salesmen. The goal was to open their own business. They

previously opened a liquor store. There will be trained security, plus six cameras inside and two outside. They will hire seven employees from within the community. There will be finger food.

He received 25 signatures from residents, five letters of supports from other businesses and a letter from the block association. The space is 1000 sq. ft. with a seating capacity for 45-50 people. The hours of operation will be Sunday – Wednesday: 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. and Thursday – Saturday: 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 a.m. They will be hosting a Jazz Night on Sundays and a Comedy Show along with karaoke.

Questions and Answers

Jamella Swift: How many egress do you have? Is it just the entryway?

Marshall Davis: Yes, just the entryway.

Ivy Gamble Cobb: Since you work in the Bronx, who will be handling the day to day operations?

Marshall Davis: My partner

Simone Pratt: There is a residential above, do you plan to soundproof?

Marshall Davis: Yes, we plan to soundproof the ceiling and double sound proof the entrance door.

Hardy “Joe” Long: What was on the site before?

Marshall Davis: It was a storage facility which was turned into a residential and commercial space.

D. Alcohol Beverage Control License Application for Georgetown Sports Bar, 1086 Fulton Street corner of Claver Place

Tywan Anthony, Committee Chair introduced Philmore Pile, Owner

Mr. Pile stated that he has lived at the location since 1998 to present. He plans to open a sport bar to create employment and provide a place where to eat, drink, entertain and be entertained. He will be serving burgers, sandwiches, spaghetti, smoothies and other non-alcoholic beverages. He will have security on site. The building will be sound-proofed. The capacity will be 74 people.

Questions and Answers

Ivy Gamble-Cobb: What are your operating hours?

Philmore Pile: The operating hours will be Mondays – Saturday 3:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.; Sundays: 4:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

Bernice Moses: the Block Association President who met with Mr. Pile stated that he will soundproof the building. She supports him as a business owner in the community.

III. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Camryn Hellwarth – Sprouts Cooking Club

Sprout Cooking Club is a non-profit that runs hands-on healthy cooking classes for children. They partner with local restaurants and the children learn to cook alongside professional chefs. December working classes will be starting. Scholarships are available. Postcards were available with more information.

Melissa Plowden-Norman

There will be a Holiday Hoopla on December 9th, from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. and on December 30th, there will be a Youth Holiday Mixer from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m., at Studio 10, 566 Nostrand Avenue. Flyers were available.

IV. ROLL CALL

There were 32 members present and 17 absent.

V. COMMITTEE UPDATES & RESOLUTIONS

Evelyn Collier – Landmarks & Preservation

Certificate of Appropriateness: LPC #18-7366 for 231 Hancock Street corner of Marcy Avenue
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C. Doris Pinn – Housing & Land Use

In the matter of BSA Special Permit Application #2017-149BZ for 510 Quincy Street/651-671 Gates Avenue.

Ms. Pinn stated that the applicant is proposing to build a seven-story building, 112 affordable units with 28 parking spaces on the existing parking lot.

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VI. ACTION ON THE PUBLIC HEARING

A. Spicy People LLC (DBA “Bunny”) request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License

The committee recommendation is to issue a letter of **SUPPORT**. A motion was made by Jamella Swift and seconded by Edna Johnson.

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B. Sweet Butters LLC request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License

The committee recommendation is to issue a letter of **NON-SUPPORT** due to the hours and the fact that they do not have support from the block association. A motion was made by Felicia Alexander and seconded by Hardy “Joe” Long.

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- C. Dusk Til Dawn Bar & Lounge Inc. request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License

The committee recommendation is to issue a letter of **SUPPORT**. A motion was made and seconded.

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- D. Georgetown Sports Bar request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License

The committee recommendation is to issue a letter of **SUPPORT**. A motion was made by Douglas Williams and seconded by Evelyn Collier.

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VII. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Richard Flateau

❖ Election of Community Board 3 Officers

Ivy Gamble-Cobb gave a report on the nominations. Nominations were made from the floor for 2nd Vice Chair: Kimberly Hill & Tywan Anthony. There were a total of 32 votes.

Officers:	Nominations	Elected
Chair:	Richard Flateau	Richard Flateau – 32
1st Vice Chair:	Oma Holloway	Oma Holloway – 32
2nd Vice Chair:	Kimberly Hill Tywan Anthony	Kimberly Hill – 7 Tywan Anthony – 24
Secretary:	Stacey Ruffin	Stacey Ruffin – 32
Treasurer:	C. Doris Pinn	C. Doris Pinn – 32

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,
Beryl Nyack and Stacey Ruffin
December 18, 2017