



**MINUTES OF THE
MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2019
COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
BEDFORD STUYVESANT RESTORATION CORP.
1958 FULTON STREET
BROOKLYN, NY 11216**

Attendance:

Members Present:

Babatunde Akowe, Felicia Alexander, Tywan Anthony, Dr. Kim Best, Anthony Buissereth, Michael Catlyn, Vanessa Clark, Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Evelyn Collier, Pastor Gwendolyn Dingle, Richard Flateau, Sharon Forbes, Keith Forest, Mary Jemison-Head, Abitzel Robinson-Hobson, Everett Hughes, Victor Iroh, Keisha Jerryman, Dr. Kerliene Johnson, Dr. Debra Lamb, Kenneth Mbonu, Ellen Miller, Santina Payton, Simone Pratt, C. Doris Pinn, Karen Rhau, Carolyn Richburg, Stacey Ruffin, Suzette Sheppard, Alice Walton

Members Absent/Excused: Lillian Bowman, Taina Evans, Marc Abou-Faissal, Gregory Glasgow, Shia Greenfeld, Oma Holloway, Edna Johnson, Lisa Lewis, Marion Little, Dionicio Liz, Hardy "Joe" Long, Dovie Matthews, Melissa Plowden-Norman, Wendy Robinson, Jamella Swift, Chinyelu Udoh, Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman, Douglas Williams, TJ Wilson

Elected Officials/Reps: Candice Julien – Hon. Eric Adams, Lucien Allen – Hon. Walter Mosley, Kim Robinson – Hon. Alicka Ampry-Samuel, Shelton Jones – Hon. Eric Gonzalez

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON – Richard Flateau

Mr. Flateau informed the residents that this is the last meeting before the summer recess. The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 9th.

He asked for a moment of silence in memory of Dr. Geronimo Williamson who passed away.

Mr. Flateau gave a brief update on the meetings he attended:

- At the Borough Board meeting the topic of discussion was from the Attorney General's office and NYC Mesh, a low cost internet service.
- He commended Marion Little and TJ Wilson, Chairs of the Parks, Arts & Culture Committee and Oma Holloway and Monique Antoine, Chairs of the Education & Youth Committee for the work they did on the forums.
- He also congratulated Stacey Ruffin on her graduation from an in-depth training at the at the NYC Citizen's Policy Academy program in May.

Mr. Flateau introduced the new members of the Board: Lillian Bowman Vanessa Clark, Victor Iroh, Keisha Jerryman, Lisa Lewis, Wendy Robinson and Alice Walton.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS & COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Hon. Tremaine Wright

Assembly Member Wright gave an update on items that were passed in the last session such as:

- The MWBE Program was extended (Article 15A). Some technical support were added to improve the certification process.
- Climate Control Bill was passed. Plastic bags were banned.
- Bail Reform
- Greenlight Bill (undocumented people can get driver's license)
- Marijuana is not legal however, if anyone is caught with two ounces or less, they will receive a violation, more than two ounces will result in an arrest. Less than two ounces is considered personal use however, less than an ounce will be a \$50.00 fine and more than an ounce but less than two ounces will be a \$200.00 fine. Failure to pay a violation will result in a warrant being issued.

The Assembly Member added that she will be hosting a Town Hall in the fall.

Dr. Kim Best – 79th Precinct community Council

The last precinct council meeting before the summer will be held on Wednesday, June 26th, at Brooklyn Job Corp., 585 DeKalb Avenue, at 7:00 p.m.

National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 6th, at Restoration Plaza. In addition, the 77th and 79th Precinct will host Harmony Day on Thursday, July 18th. More information will follow shortly.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – Henry L. Butler

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I. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

A. Transportation, Sanitation, & Environment Committee:

NYC Department of Transportation gave a presentation on their Electric Vehicle Charging Program.

Felicia Tennah and Susan McSherry, NYC DOT gave the presentation. DOT in partnership with Con Edison will provide 100 curbside charging stations throughout the City. This is part of the City's plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and address climate changes. There will be three locations in Bed-Stuy: 1) Fulton Street (near Restoration Plaza); 2) Marcus Garvey and Broadway (near Woodhull Hospital); 3) Boys & Girls High School (near Fulton Park).

There are 50 chargers, 100 ports, 100 parking spaces throughout the five boroughs. Installation will begin in the fall. Notification will be done in July for feasible sites and a final notification in September. Four parking spaces will be utilized in Community District 3. The pilot program will be for three years.

For more information visit, www.nyc.gov/charge. This is a public feedback portal.

Questions and Answers

Dr. Lamb: In regards to the site near Boys & Girls High School, will there be any disruption by Con Edison to the playground accessibility?

Brian Ross, Con Edison: There is no need for underground cable. They will run service from a manhole. The service box in is the street at the curb.

B. Economic Development Committee:

Building Skills NY was unable to attend the meeting however, Tywan Anthony stated that they provide training for the OSHA-30 and help the local communities find construction jobs.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Housing & Land Use Committee:

IN THE MATTER OF an application submitted by 1247, M&F Management pursuant to Section 197-c and 200 of the New York City Charter for the grant of a special permit pursuant to Section 74-86 of the Zoning Resolution to reduce the required distance from the edge of an accessory outdoor swimming pool to any zoning lot line, in connection with a proposed 10-story residential building on property located at 1247 Atlantic Avenue (Block 1867, Lot 88), in a C4-5D District, Borough of Brooklyn, Community District 3.

C. Doris Pinn, Committee Chair introduced Yidel Furth, Representative 1247 M&F Management

Alexander Blakely, Architect for the 10-story Mixed-Use building at 1247 Atlantic Avenue. In March 2018, they submitted an amendment to include a pool in the backyard. It was approved but in August 2018 it was objected because they did not get special approval from City Planning. Special approval is needed because the pool is less than 100 feet from the property line. The pool is 13 feet by 35 feet. It is less than the 100 feet requirement.

They have to show City Planning that the present pool has no detrimental impact visually or acoustically to the community. The fence that surrounds the pool is an eight feet high wood fence. There will be no visual impact. There are 44 studio units with commercial spacing on the ground floor. The pool will be open late from June to early September during the hours of 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Questions were asked and answered.

B. Economic Development Committee:

Alcohol Beverage Control License Application for Chipotle Mexican Grill, 774 Broadway & Marcus Garvey Blvd

No one was present to make a presentation.

C. Economic Development Committee:

Alcohol Beverage Control License Application for Dusk till Dawn, 193 Marcus Garvey Blvd between Kosciuszko Street & Lafayette Avenue request to serve Alcoholic Beverages until 4:00 a.m.

Tywan Anthony, Committee Chair introduced Khalid Louis, Owner

Khalid Louis stated that the last call will be at 3:00 a.m. however, they will not be closing every day at 4:00 a.m.

Questions were asked and answered.

D. Economic Development Committee:

Alcohol Beverage Control License Application for Southern Comfort, 377 Marcus Garvey Blvd between Jefferson Avenue & Hancock Street
Tywan Anthony, Committee Chair introduced Shawanna & Kirk McDonald, Owners

Tywan Anthony informed the residents that Southern Comfort was approved by the Board two years ago, however, this is a new application.

Ms. McDonald gave a family and business history and stated that they are currently food vendors. The hours of operation will be Tuesdays to Wednesdays 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.; Thursdays to Saturdays 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 a.m.; Sundays 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., closed on Mondays.

There will be security when the restaurant is open late. They will be utilizing the employment center at Restoration when an opening date has been set.

They are community-oriented and active in their church. They will be hosting a Mummy, Daddy and Me Midday Munch on the first Wednesday of the month. The Daddy and Me Do Tea will bi-monthly and a summertime dinner and a movie. They will partner with Bravi Ragazzi and Heavenly Crust in the Armory.

The menu will be mainly Southern and Caribbean cuisine. Fridays and Saturdays will be a seafood inspired menu. Sundays will be a traditional menu.

There were no questions on this application.

III. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Duane Franklin announced that Berean Community & Family Center, 118 Rochester Avenue will be hosting a two-day Leadership Challenge Workshop on Wednesday, August 14th and Thursday, August 15th, from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Kathy Murphy invited everyone to the Quincy Street Block Association between Patchen & Ralph Avenues stoop and bake sale. It will be held on Saturday, July 13th, from 11:00a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Jordan Reisman, Democratic Socialist of America spoke about Medicare for All Act of 2019.

IV. ROLL CALL

There were 30 members present and 19 absent.

V. BY-LAWS REPORT & VOTE

Karen Rhau gave report on the amended by-laws. She stated that the committee recommended that the revised by-laws include the highlighted amendments. Copies were given to the board members. Board members responsibility will be omitted.

A motion was made to accept the recommendation by Babatunde Akowe and seconded by Dr. Debra Lamb.

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VI. COMMITTEE UPDATES & RESOLUTIONS

There were no committee updates and resolutions.

VII. ACTION ON THE PUBLIC HEARING

- A.** 1247 M&F Management seeking a letter of support for a special permit pursuant to Section 74-86 of the Zoning Resolution to reduce the required distance from the edge of an accessory outdoor swimming pool to any zoning lot line.

Ms. Pinn stated that the pool and the building was built “As-of-Right”. The Board is only responsible for the approval of the special permit to amend the distance between the pool and the lot line. The committee voted unanimously to approve the special permit.

A motion was made to accept the committee’s recommendation was made by Anthony Buissereth and seconded by Simone Pratt.

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- B.** Chipotle Mexican Grill request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License.

Tywan Anthony stated that the committee recommended is to NOT give a letter of support to Chipotle because they did not appear before the Board.

A motion to accept the committee’s recommendation was made by Felicia Alexander and seconded by Everett Hughes.

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- C.** Dusk till Dawn request to serve Alcoholic Beverages to 4:00 a.m.

Tywan Anthony stated that the committee recommendation is to NOT give a letter of support because the owner did not provide the required signatures and letters of support.

This application was tabled until the July 11th, committee meeting.

- D.** Southern Comfort request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License

The committee recommended giving a letter of support to Southern Comfort. A motion to accept the committee’s recommendation was made by Michael Catlyn and seconded by Everett Hughes.

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VIII. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT – Richard Flateau

Mr. Flateau stated that he would be assigning committees over the summer. In addition, he announced that City Council allotted more funding to community boards therefore, training for staff and board members will be offered in this fiscal year.

IX. ACCEPTANCE OF THE JUNE 3, 2019 MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes by Felicia Alexander and seconded by Evelyn Collier.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Felicia Alexander and seconded by Pastor Dingle. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Beryl Nyack
July 12, 2019

Reviewed and edited by:
Stacey Ruffin, Executive Secretary
June 27, 2019 @ 10:00 am