



**MINUTES OF THE  
MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2019  
COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING  
PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH  
1927 FULTON STREET  
BROOKLYN, NY 11233**

**Attendance:**

**Members Present:**

Felicia Alexander, Tywan Anthony, Dr. Kim Best, Anthony Buissereth, Michael Catlyn, Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Evelyn Collier, Pastor Gwendolyn Dingle, Richard Flateau, Sharon Forbes, Keith Forest, Gregory Glasgow, Abitzel Robinson-Hobson, Oma Holloway, Everett Hughes, Edna Johnson, Dr. Kerliene Johnson, Dr. Debra Lamb, Marion Little, Hardy "Joe" Long, Dovie Matthews, Kenneth Mbonu, Ellen Miller, Santina Payton, C. Doris Pinn, Melissa Plowden-Norman, Karen Rhau, Carolyn Richburg, Stacey Ruffin, Jamella Swift, Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman, Douglas Williams

**Members Absent/Excused:** Babatunde Akowe, Monique Antoine, Mary Jemison-Head, Taina Evans, Marc Abou-Faissal, Shia Greenfeld, Tarris Iriarte, Dionicio Liz, Eldica Murray, Kwaku Payton, Simone Pratt, Suzette Sheppard, Chinyelu Udoh, T. J. Wilson

**Elected Officials/Reps:**

Stefani Zinerman – Hon. Velmanette Montgomery, Lucien Allen – Hon. Walter Mosley, Karen Cherry – Hon. Erik Dilan, Maceo Karriem – Hon. Tremaine Wright, Joseph Grant – Hon. Robert Cornegy, Jr., Shelton Jones – Hon. Eric Gonzalez, Nickolas Perry – Comptroller's Office, Kim Robinson – Hon. Alicka Ampry-Samuel

**REMARKS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON – Richard Flateau**

Mr. Flateau gave an update on some of the meeting he attended such as the Borough Board, mediation meeting between Bed-Vyne Cocktails and residents of the 300 Halsey Block Association regarding complaints issues.

In addition, he acknowledged the work of the Economic & Development and the Housing & Land Use Committees on the forums they hosted.

He also congratulated Pastor Gwendolyn Dingle and Abitzel Robinson-Hobson who were honored by 500 Men Making a Difference on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

Deputy Inspector Charles Minch – 79<sup>th</sup> Precinct; Detective Conrad Narcisse – 81<sup>st</sup> Precinct; Dr. Kim Best – 79<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council; Daniel Fisher – 81<sup>st</sup> Precinct Community Council; Dr. Torian Easterling – NYC Dept. of Health & Mental Hygiene; Yuri Sanchez – NYC Dept. Homeless Services; Bessie Edwards – Central Brooklyn Jazz Consortium

**DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – Henry L. Butler**

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## I. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

### A. Economic Development Committee:

Carpenter Contractor Alliance of Metropolitan New York gave a presentation on their Pre-Apprenticeship and Direct Entry Programs

*Tywan Anthony, Committee Chair introduced Amir Abbady, Director of Community Relations.*

Mr. Abbady introduced two carpenters from the union: Charles Bullock and Kurt McCarthy who spoke of the benefits of being in the union, their salary and their accomplishments since learning the trade.

He added there is a lottery process to enter the union. There are 500 openings. The deadline to apply is Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, for the pre-apprenticeship program. Building Works is a direct entry program dedicated for carpenters. It is a four-year program. There are also non-traditional trades for women. For more information on the program, please contact Amir Abbady at 917-621-7950.

### B. Economic Development Committee:

Rebecca Rodriguez, NYC MWBE Alliance gave a presentation on becoming a Certified Minority Women Business Enterprise vendor for New York City. She stated the organization was started to provide assistance and bridge the gap between businesses and the City agencies. They have several programs that are free. She added that being certified is essential to growing your business.

For more information, Ms. Rodriguez can be reached at [info@nycmwbealliance.org](mailto:info@nycmwbealliance.org)

### C. Health & Social Services Committee:

Adina Segal, Caregiver Program Director, from Heights and Hills gave a presentation on the caregiver and support services they offer to older adults/seniors. They provide assistance with navigating the application process for Medicare and other medical forms.

In addition to the Caregiver Program, they provide supportive services, counseling, short-term respite, and community education workshops. There are also telephone support and dementia groups, they have a program at Methodist Hospital, and in-house services at 81 Willoughby Street. The programs are funded by the Department for the Aging. All of their services are free.

For more information, contact her at 718-596-8789.

## II. PUBLIC HEARING

### A. Transportation, Sanitation & Environmental Committee:

The Dept. of Transportation and the MTA presented their plan to make the B46 bus stop on Malcolm X Boulevard between Chauncey and Fulton Streets, a full curbside bus lane from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. This will also apply to the Utica Avenue bus stop between Fulton Street and Atlantic Avenue.

*Gregory Glasgow, Committee Chair introduced Kyle Gebhart & Ryan Feller, DOT Representatives*

Ryan Feller stated that the B46 bus is one of the busiest bus routes in Brooklyn. However, the speed that the bus travels from Chauncey Street to Atlantic Avenue is very slow at 3.4 mph, compared to the average at 6.7 mph between the hours of 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., when ridership is at its highest. DOT will plan to remove parking spaces.

The plan aims to increase bus speed by 25%. It will create a curbside bus lane from Fulton Street to Atlantic Avenue Southbound. It will improve the traffic flow especially since the B46 will be upgraded to a longer, articulate buses by 2020. Overnight parking will remain.

Questions were asked and answered.

**B. Economic Development Committee:**

Alcohol Beverage Control License Application for Alishka Inc. (DBA Kiki & Romeo) located at 558 Halsey Street between Stuyvesant & Lewis Avenues  
*Tywan Anthony, Committee Chair introduced Stephane Filippi, President*

Sandra Han stated that this will be a French Tapas bar, there will be three staff -- a bartender and two servers. The hours of operation will be 4:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. on Monday to Friday and 4:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Questions were asked and answered.

**III. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Lameane Isaac and Marcia McGibbon informed the residents about the programs being offered at the Macon and Marcy branch libraries. In addition, she informed that the 79<sup>th</sup> Precinct, “Sector C” NCO’s will be holding their “Build-the-Block” meeting at the Marcy branch on Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m.

Sherri Hobson, St. Phillips Episcopal Church, informed that the Women’s Guild will be hosting an Estate Planning Workshop on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Vanessa Parkinson is trying to raise \$4,800 to build wells in Africa through FDR High School. For more information, contact her at 917-592-3216.

George Hutchinson, spoke about this program -- Race-4-Excellence he offers an after-school mentorship program for boys from the ages of 10 to 14 years old.

Marlienne Christian announced that the National Action Network will host an at Bethany Baptist Church on Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

**IV. ROLL CALL**

There were 32 members present and 14 absent.

**V. COMMITTEE UPDATES & RESOLUTIONS**

**Oma Holloway – Education & Youth Committee**

Ms. Holloway announced the Bed Stuy Best will be held on Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, at the Brooklyn Bank.

**Karen Rhau – By-Laws Committee**

Ms. Rhau announced that the committee will present the By-Laws at the Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting for a vote. The provision regarding Section X: 4 will be removed.

**Marion Little – Parks, Arts & Culture**

Mr. Little informed the residents that the State of the Park Forum will be held on Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m.

**Gregory Glasgow – Transportation, Sanitation & Environment**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, in the Board office.

**Stacey Ruffin – Civic & Public Safety**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m., in the Board office.

**VI. ACTION ON THE PUBLIC HEARING**

**A.** Gregory Glasgow informed the audience that the committee voted to support the MTA and DOT plan for the B46. A motion was made to accept the committee recommendations by Douglas Williams and seconded by Edna Johnson.

[Vote for B46 Improvement.pdf](#)

**B.** Tywan Anthony stated that the committee voted to give a letter of support to Alisha Inc. dba Kiki & Romeo. A motion was made to accept the recommendations by Edna Johnson and seconded by Gregory Glasgow.

[Vote for Kiki & Romeo.pdf](#)

**VII. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Richard Flateau**

Mr. Flateau informed that the Personnel Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, in the Board office.

**VIII. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAY 6, 2019 MINUTES**

A motion to accept the minutes were made by Douglas Williams and seconded by Edna Johnson.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Beryl Nyack  
June 14, 2019

Reviewed and edited by:  
Stacey Ruffin, Executive Secretary  
June 21, 2019 @ 11:40 am