



**MINUTES OF THE  
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020  
COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING  
BEDFORD-STUYVESANT RESTORATION CORP.  
1368 FULTON STREET, Lower Level  
BROOKLYN, NY 11216**

**In Attendance:****Members Present:**

Babatunde Akowe, Tywan Anthony, Lillian Bowman, Anthony Buissereth, Michael Catlyn, Evelyn Collier, Pastor Gwendolyn Dingle, Taina Evans, Richard Flateau, Sharon Forbes, Keith Forest, Gregory Glasgow, Shia Greenfeld, Mary Jemison-Head, Abitzel Robinson-Hobson, Oma Holloway, Everett Hughes, Victor Iroh, Keisha Jerryman, Edna Johnson, Dr. Debra Lamb, Lisa Lewis, Marion Little, Ellen Miller, Kenneth Mbonu, Melissa Plowden-Norman, Santina Payton, C. Doris Pinn, Simone Pratt, Karen Rhau, Carolyn Richburg, Wendy Robinson, Stacey Ruffin, Jamella Swift, Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman, Douglas Williams

**Members Absent/Excused:** Felicia Alexander, Monique Antoine, Dr. Kim Best, Vanessa Clark, Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Marc Abou-Faissal, Dr. Kerliene Johnson, Hardy "Joe" Long, Dovie Matthews, Suzette Sheppard, Chinyelu Udoh, Alice Walton, TJ Wilson

**Elected Officials/Reps:**

Jamila Fynes – Mayor's Office, Jibreel Jalluh – Hon. Jumaane Williams, Nickolas Perry – Hon. Scott Stringer, Lucien Allen – Hon. Walter Mosley, Naomi Hopkins – Hon. Alicka Ampry-Samuel, Nicholas Stevens – Hon. Eric Adams, Elizabeth Adams – Hon. Stephen Levin, Maceo Karriem – Hon. Tremaine Wright, Jacqueline Wright-Williams – Hon. Robert Cornegy, Jr., Shelton Jones – Hon. Eric Gonzalez

**REMARKS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON – Richard Flateau**

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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS & COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

Daniel Fisher – 81<sup>st</sup> Precinct Community Council; P. O. Christopher Charles – 79<sup>th</sup> Precinct; Det. Conrad Narcisse – 81<sup>st</sup> Precinct; P.O. Barnes; Nicole Bryan and Marcia McGibbon – Brooklyn Public Library; Gregory Anderson – Bridge Street Development Corp.; Betty Staton – Brooklyn Legal Services; Ian Hanson – NYC Census; Nate Taylor – Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corp., Shaquille Coppin – Small Business Services

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

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**I. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION****A. Health & Social Services Committee:**

Gregory Calliste, CEO of Woodhull Hospital gave a summary about the various services provided at Woodhull Hospital. Jessica Arocho, Director of Community Affairs was also in attendance. He stated, that their mission is to provide the best healthcare to all, regardless of their ability to pay. The hospital offers comprehensive care for inpatient and

outpatients and have 354 beds. They offer primary and specialty care. The Emergency Service area is very busy and very cramped; for this reason they are expanding this area. Woodhull also offers radiology and lab services which are available 24 hours a day. The pharmacy is open until 8:00 p.m. In addition, they have a great dental and ophthalmology departments as well as women health services.

In December 2019, the Express Care Service (Urgent Care) opened to alleviate the overcrowding in the Emergency Room. The goal is to see patients within one hour. NYC Cares provides health insurance for all, regardless of immigration status.

**B. Housing & Land Use Committee:**

Christian Klossner, Executive Director and Intake Investigator, Laurie Auguste, NYC Office of Special Enforcement (OSE) on illegal and legal short-term rentals

Mr. Klossner stated that the office is a multi-agency Task Force. It is combined with staffing from several departments -- Building, Fire, Police, Sheriff, Law and the Mayor's Office. Their job is to prevent illegal short-term rentals.

Lori Auguste informed that it is illegal to rent your home to a traveler for less than 30 days if the homeowner is not living on the premises. A short-term rental is only legal when the guest or traveler is living in the same unit as the owner and have open access to kitchen and bathrooms. The guests must be treated as an extension of the owner's family.

There are a series of penalties that are applied:

1. illegal occupancy of the home;
2. violation for safety features.

First offenders' can be fined as high as \$8,750.00.

OSE Enforcement Priorities are as follows:

- Commercial Operators take the housing away from the market;
- Dangerous Operators use attics with no ventilation, basements without windows, no egress, illegal plumbing, gas;
- Disruptive Operators have parties during the week and create noise in residential neighborhoods.

If anyone knows of any illegal locations, please call 311 and use the key word "short-term rental" or visit the website at [www.nyc.gov/speciaenforcement](http://www.nyc.gov/speciaenforcement) to submit a complaint. The office number is 646-576-3533.

Questions were asked and answered.

**C. Parks, Art, & Culture Committee**

Sewaa Codrington, Co-founder & Director of KowTeff School of African Dance gave a presentation on the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of Juneteenth.

KowTeff have been in the community for 29 years and this year it is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Juneteenth. Juneteenth is the oldest celebration of the abolition of Slavery. It is a free annual event which will be held on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, at Bedford-Stuyvesant Restoration Plaza from 12:00 – 8:00 p.m. There will be vendors, live entertainment, dance classes, activities and workshops for children, health screenings and other events.

## II. PUBLIC HEARING

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

Ryan Feller, Department of Transportation gave a presentation on the proposed bus lane on the west side of Malcolm X Boulevard between Chauncey and Fulton Streets.

The B46 is the busiest bus route in Brooklyn with 38,000 passengers daily. It was upgraded in 2016 to the Select Bus Service, bus lanes were added in Crown Heights and in January the “Select” buses were upgraded to “Articulated” buses.

Atlantic Avenue because it is a critical part of the route needs more “Green Time” but Utica Avenue has less which is why the traffic backs up. In 2019, DOT implemented one block of bus lane from Fulton Street to Atlantic Avenue which doubled the speed of the bus. Now they will implement an extra bus lane on Malcolm X Blvd between Chauncey to Fulton Streets. 9700 passengers travel Southbound daily. It will allow for more accessibility. The bus lane will only be active during the daytime, overnight parking would remain.

Questions were asked and answered.

### B. Economic Development Committee:

Alcohol Beverage Control License Application for Café Dujor located at 415 Classon Avenue, corner of Lexington Avenue.

Michael Kelly was not present to make a presentation.

### C. Economic Development Committee:

Alcohol Beverage Control License Application for Twenty Thousand Roads (DBA Dynaco) located at 1112 Bedford Avenue between Quincy and Lexington.

Adam Forgash was not present to make a presentation.

## III. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Michelle Jones** informed the audience about a high school program at Wingate High School Campus located at 600 Kingston Avenue on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Valerie Johnson** and her sister launched the “Marcy Houses Memorial Scholarship Fund Inc.” for high school students as a way of giving back. The criteria are for students must be a senior, resides in Marcy Houses and who have applied to a two or four year college or vocational school. For more information, visit [www.marcyscholarship.org](http://www.marcyscholarship.org) The deadline to apply is Saturday, May 30, 2020.

## IV. ROLL CALL

There were 36 members present and 13 absent. There was a quorum.

## V. COMMITTEE UPDATES & RESOLUTIONS

**Gregory Glasgow** announced that the next committee meeting they will be discussing the issue at Myrtle Avenue and Broadway.

**Keith Forest** informed that there will be a Small Business Forum on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, at Brooklyn Commons, Seven Marcus Garvey Boulevard from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

**Oma Holloway** announced that nominations are now open for Bed-Stuy Best until Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. SYEP applications are now available.

Melissa Plowden-Norman announced that there will be a “Meet and Greet” on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, at Uncle Fred’s, 202 Ralph Avenue from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. to discuss the Stuyvesant East landmarking.

#### **Evelyn Collier – Landmarks & Preservation**

Ms. Collier read a resolution for a request for historic designation at 227 Duffield Street between Fulton and Willoughby Streets.

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A motion to accept the committee’s recommendation with a correction was made by Taina Evans and seconded by Douglas Williams.

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### **VI. ACTION ON THE PUBLIC HEARING**

- A.** Department of Transportation request for a letter of support for the proposed bus lane on the west side of Malcolm X Boulevard between Chauncy and Fulton Streets

Gregory Glasgow stated that the committee recommendation is to give a letter of support. A motion to accept the recommendation was made by Edna Johnson and seconded by Douglas Williams.

[..\Vote for DOT Bus Lane on Malcolm X.pdf](#)

- B.** Café Dujor request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License.

Tywan Anthony stated that since there were no presenters. The Committee recommendation is to give a letter of NON-SUPPORT. A motion to accept the recommendation was made by Douglas Williams and seconded by Lisa Lewis.

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- C.** Twenty Thousand Roads LLC (DBA Dynaco) request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License

Tywan Anthony stated that since there were no presenters, the Committee recommendation is to give a letter of NON-SUPPORT. A motion to accept the recommendation was made by Gregory Glasgow and seconded by Edna Johnson.

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### **VII. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT – Richard Plateau**

Mr. Plateau informed everyone that the next meeting will be held at the Brooklyn Job Corp., 585 DeKalb Avenue.

The Personnel Committee meets quarterly, the next meeting is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m.

Regarding the Education and Training, guidelines were sent out to all Community Board 3 staff and Board members regarding Board funded Education & Training opportunities. The deadline for requests for coursework has already passed. Please contact the Board office, if you have any questions.

**VIII. ACCEPTANCE OF THE FEBRUARY 3, 2020 MINUTES**

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Douglas Williams and seconded by Gregory Glasgow.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 pm

Respectfully submitted by,  
Beryl Nyack  
March 13, 2020

Reviewed and edited by:  
Executive Secretary of CB3  
Stacey Ruffin  
March 17, 2020 @ 5:10 pm