



**MINUTES OF THE  
MONDAY, MAY 6, 2019  
COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING  
GREATER ST. STEPHEN UNITED CHURCH OF GOD  
874 MYRTLE AVENUE  
BROOKLYN, NY 11206**

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

Felicia Alexander, Tywan Anthony, Anthony Buissereth, Michael Catlyn, Evelyn Collier, Pastor Gwendolyn Dingle, Mary Jemison-Head, Taina Evans, Richard Flateau, Sharon Forbes, Keith Forest, Gregory Glasgow, Abitzel Robinson-Hobson, Everett Hughes, Edna Johnson, Dr. Kerliene Johnson, Hardy "Joe" Long, Dovie Matthews, Kenneth Mbonu, Ellen Miller, Kwaku Payton, Santana Payton, C. Doris Pinn, Simone Pratt, Melissa Plowden-Norman, Karen Rhau, Carolyn Richburg, Stacey Ruffin, Suzette Sheppard, Douglas Williams

**Members Absent/Excused:** Babatunde Akowe, Monique Antoine, Dr. Kim Best, Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Marc Abou-Faissal, Shia Greenfeld, Oma Holloway, Tarris Iriarte, Dr. Debra Lamb, Marion Little, Dionicio Liz, Eldica Murray, Jamella Swift, Chinyelu Udoh, Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman, T. J. Wilson

**Elected Officials/Reps:**

Jamila Fynes – Mayor's Office, Candice Julien – Hon. Eric Adams, Shakti Robbins – 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, Nickolas Perry – Comptroller's Office, Kim Robinson – Hon. Alicka Ampry-Samuel, Christopher Charles – 79<sup>th</sup> Precinct, Det. Conrad Narcisse – 81<sup>st</sup> Precinct, Det. Tanesha Facey – 81<sup>st</sup> Precinct, Idris Abdullah – 79<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council, Daniel Fisher – 81<sup>st</sup> Precinct Community Council, Judge Betty Staton – Brooklyn Legal Services, Olanike Alabi – 57<sup>th</sup> Assembly District Leader, Darma Diaz – 54<sup>th</sup> Assembly District Leader, Medina Sadiq – Bedford Stuyvesant Gateway BID

**REMARKS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON – Richard Flateau**

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

- Borough Board meeting topic of discussion was on the MTA OMNY -- the Jeremiah Program and there was a vote on the Prospect Park Alliance Projects, to which the Board voted to support.
- He attended a meeting with NYPD Commissioner James O'Neal and Deputy Inspector Charles Minch to discuss ways to reduce the spike in violent crime in the 79<sup>th</sup> Precinct.
- street co-naming for FBI Agent Lee Woodruff on Jefferson Avenue.
- meeting with the Collective -- a London based group who purchased the former Slave Theatre and the site that was formally the Cush Campus School on Halsey Avenue.
- the expansion of Concord Baptist Church Credit Union and its partnership with Restoration Corp.

- community celebration for the Boys & Girls High School
- meeting with DOT regarding the B46 SBS between Chauncey and Fulton Streets

Mr. Flateau congratulated the Health & Social Services and the Veterans Committees' on the excellent work.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF ELECTED OFFICIALS/COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

Captain Alison Esposito – PSA 3, the newly appointed Commanding Officer introduced herself to the community. She covers all NYCHA’s developments in our district.

Deputy Inspector Charles Minch – 79<sup>th</sup> Precinct gave an update on the robberies that have been occurring on Fulton Street at the Sprint and Metro PCS stores. He informed us that the perpetrator is a well-dressed man in a suit and tie around 50-years old.

Elizabeth Adams of Council Member Levin’s office informed the community that Wegmans is hiring at their new location at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Visit [www.jobs.wegman.com](http://www.jobs.wegman.com) to apply.

Jacqueline Wright-Williams stated that there will be a Tax Lien Sale Forum on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, at Restoration Plaza from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. There will be a rain barrel giveaway from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Kim Robinson informed the community that 14 senior centers will be closed or consolidated because of under used. For a list of locationa, contact Council Member Samuel’s office at 718-953-3097. In addition, there will be a public hearing on NYCHA on Tuesday, Mat 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

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

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**I. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION**

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

The Department of Transportation gave a presentation on their transportation improvements for the Myrtle Avenue and Broadway corridor  
*Gregory Glasgow, Committee Chair introduced Burns Forsythe and Chris Brunson, Dept. of Transportation*

Burns Forsythe stated that this was a request by the Board to make this corridor safe. The proposed plan for Myrtle Avenue and Broadway corridor for safety improvements. Chris Brunson informed the community that because this is a busy transportation hub, there have been several crashes and injuries.

The proposed plan would ban the southbound right turn from Broadway to Myrtle Avenue, to close the area between the columns, extend the pedestrian walk to make the cross shorter and the eastbound and westbound lanes will be shifted and clarified for drivers.

In addition, the eastbound side on Myrtle Avenue to northbound Broadway left turn will be banned and the westbound right turn from Myrtle to Broadway will be for cars only. There will be additional safety improvements made to Lewis Avenue and Marcus Garvey Blvd.

There were questions and concerns raised about the alternate truck route along Lewis and Myrtle Avenues.

## **II. PUBLIC HEARING**

### **A. Housing & Land Use Committee:**

IN THE MATTER OF an application submitted by the Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD)

- 1) Pursuant to Article 16 of the General Municipal Law of New York State for;
  - a) The designation of property located at 776-780 Myrtle (Block 1754, Lots 19, 20 and 22) as an Urban Development Action Area; and
  - b) Urban Development Action Area Project for such area; and 2) Pursuant to Section 197-c of the New York City Charter for the disposition of such properties located at 778-780 Myrtle Avenue (Block 1754, Lots 20 and 22) to a developer to be selected by HPD; To facilitate a mixed-use development containing approximately 59 affordable housing units, commercial and community facility space, Borough of Brooklyn, Community District 3.

*C. Doris Pinn, Committee Chair introduced Andrew Murray, Project Manager IMPACCT*

776 Myrtle Avenue is located between Nostrand and Marcy Avenues. They are proposing to develop a nine-story building with 59 affordable units for a households earning 60% AMI. The estimated rent for a studio apartment will be \$822 with an income of \$30,583 and \$1,259 for two bedrooms with an income of \$53,523. There will also be commercial space, a rear yard with seating and a community room. This will be a sustainable building. IMPACCT will be the property manager. They will be hiring from the WMBE.

Questions were asked by two residents of Gibbs Mansion (operated by IMPACCT) who have issues with IMPACCT of Ms. Grier and the services they provide. They stated that the service is very poor. Issues are not getting resolved. Ms. Grier stated that she is aware of all their complaints and have addressed them accordingly.

## **III. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Announcements were made by the following people:

Bernadette Neckles, Candidate for Civil Court Judge; Noah Goldberg, Brooklyn Eagle; Raliek Gholson, IMPACCT Brooklyn; Meredith Jones, Candidate for Surrogate Court Judge; Stefani Zinerman – Age-friendly; Overseer Gabules Monestime of the 79<sup>th</sup> Precinct Clergy Council, and Wayne Devonish of Boys Scout at Bethany Baptist Church.

Rob Fields, Weeksville Heritage Center informed the community that Weeksville is in jeopardy of closing. He asked the community to help save the center by making a donation to [www.weeksvillesociety.org](http://www.weeksvillesociety.org).

Demetrius Mills introduced the new President of the Brooklyn Queens Land Trust, Ms. Sawdayah Brownlee.

## **IV. ROLL CALL**

There were 30 members present and 16 absent.

**V. COMMITTEE UPDATES & RESOLUTIONS**

Stacey Ruffin, Chair of the Civic and Public Safety Committee stated that the next meeting will be held on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Board office.

Anthony Buissereth, informed the community that Bed-Stuy Reads will be held on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, at the Macon Public Library. In addition, the voting for Bed-Stuy Best will go live on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**VI. ACTION ON THE PUBLIC HEARING**

Ms. Pinn stated that the Housing and Land Use Committee met on Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, and voted to support the project. Edna Johnson, Chair of Health and Social Services Committee reported that she did a walk-through of the facility and stated that she was happy with what she saw.

A motion was made to accept the committee's recommendation by Douglas Williams and seconded by Gregory Glasgow.

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**VII. ACCEPTANCE OF THE APRIL 1, 2019 MINUTES**

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

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Beryl Nyack  
May 16, 2019

Reviewed and edited by:  
Stacey Ruffin, Executive Secretary  
May 21, 2019 @ 9:30 am