



**MINUTES OF THE
MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2019
COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
BEDFORD STUYVESANT RESTORATION CORP.
1360 FULTON STREET, 5th Floor
BROOKLYN, NY 11216**

In Attendance:**Members Present:**

Felicia Alexander, Monique Antoine, Dr. Kim Best, Anthony Buissereth, Michael Catlyn, Vanessa Clark, Evelyn Collier, Pastor Gwendolyn Dingle, Taina Evans, Richard Flateau, Sharon Forbes, Keith Forest, Shia Greenfeld, Mary Jemison-Head, Oma Holloway, Edna Johnson, Lisa Lewis, Marion Little, Hardy “Joe” Long, Dovie Matthews, Kenneth Mbonu, Ellen Miller, Melissa Plowden-Norman, Santina Payton, C. Doris Pinn, Simone Pratt, Karen Rhau, Carolyn Richburg, Wendy Robinson, Stacey Ruffin, Suzette Sheppard, Jamella Swift, Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman, Douglas Williams, TJ Wilson

Members Absent/Excused: Babatunde Akowe, Tywan Anthony, Lillian Bowman, Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Marc Abou-Faissal, Gregory Glasgow, Abitzel Robinson-Hobson, Everett Hughes, Victor Iroh, Keisha Jerryman, Dr. Kerliene Johnson, Dr. Debra Lamb, Dionicio Liz, Chinyelu Udoh, Alice Walton

Elected Officials/Reps: Shakti Robbins-Cubas – Hon. Velmanette Montgomery, Karen Cherry – Hon. Erik Dilan, Nickolas Perry – Hon. Scott Stringer, Det. Conrad Narcisse – 81st Precinct, Daniel Fisher – 81st Precinct Community Council, Deputy Inspector Charles Minch – 79th Precinct, P. O. Christopher Charles – 79th Precinct, Darlene Mealy – 56th Assembly District Leader, Stefani Zinerman – NAACP, Gregory Anderson – New President & CEO of Bridge Street Development, Tyeast Alleyne-Bobb – Lions Club

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON – Richard Flateau

Mr. Flateau read the agenda into the record.

There have been five deaths since our last meeting in September: Josephine Artemise Joseph, mother of former Board Member, Judge Dweynie Paul, former Board Members Eldica Murray, Gloria Boyce, Bernice McRae and District Manager, Henry Butler’s Mother-in-Law Olivia Herd-McGuire. Funeral services were also held for James “Rocky” Robinson, Founder of the Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corp.

On another note the 1st Vice Chair, Tywan Anthony and his wife Shanie welcomed a son, Preston Tywan Anthony.

Mr. Flateau gave an update on some of the meetings he attended:

- Borough Board meeting, the MTA made a presentation on the Brooklyn Bus Network Redesign Project
- Senator Montgomery celebrated the recent signing of her “Deed Theft Bill” at the Brownstoners meeting

held at Interfaith Hospital. She recognized several community groups who testified on behalf of the bill. Attorney General James also spoke about her efforts to combat property fraud

- The Board purchased Zoning Handbooks for all board members with the supplemental funding from City Council. Members who have not received a copy should see Mr. Butler
- A presentation was made by the Department of Design & Construction at the last Executive Committee meeting on September 17th, regarding the Tank and Fuel Island replacement at the 79th Precinct
- On September 19th, Brooklyn Neighborhood Services hosted an evening of Networking where they honored the District Manager

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS & COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Hon. Hakeem Jeffries

Congressman Jeffries stated that Congress is working on three issues in Washington:

- 1) Healthcare
- 2) Gun Violence Epidemic
- 3) Impeachment Inquiry

Hon. Tremaine Wright

Assembly Member Wright stated that she is working on a Cease & Assist Zone in Brooklyn to ensure that homeowners are not harassed into selling their homes. However, surveys are required as part of the process. She asked everyone to complete the survey that were distributed.

Taahra Maynard – Hon. Laurie Cumbo

- U.S. Census is hiring. Visit www.census.gov/jobs
- Participatory Budget, the deadline is October 11th. Please go to www.pbnyc.gov to submit your ideas.

Shelton Jones – Hon. Eric Gonzalez

- On October 15th, District Attorney Gonzalez will host a celebration of Hispanic Heritage at Brooklyn Law School, 205 State Street.
- Symposium of Campus Sexual Assault and Intimate Partner Violence. It will be held at Medgar Evers College on October 29th. Please RSVP
- District Attorney Gonzalez overturned the 27th conviction of a man who spent 26 years in prison for a murder he did not commit. For more information, visit www.brooklynda.org

Jamila Fynes – Mayor’ Office CAU

- The Mayor’s Office Community Affairs Unit is partnering with DHS to host a forum on Community Cares. The discussion will focus on ways to prevent homelessness and how to assist those who are homeless. It will be held on October 17th, from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., at East New York Health Hub.

Candice Julien – Hon. Eric Adams

- On October 8th, there will be an Information Session regarding the “Extended Use” Program. The goal of the program is to have schools as a community hub where young people can meet after school for various programs to keep them off the streets. Non-profit with a budget of \$1.5 million or less can apply for space and the Borough President will cover the expense.

Kim Robinson – Hon Alicka Ampry-Samuel

- Participatory Budget Information Session at P.S. 309, 794 Monroe Street on October 10th, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Ideas can be submitted at www.council.nyc.gov/pb

Olanike Alabi – 57th Assembly District Leader

- There will be five questions on the November 5th, election ballot:

- 1) Ethics & Government
- 2) City Budget
- 3) ULURP
- 4) Elections
- 5) Civilian Complaint Review Board

To learn more please visit, the NYC Board of Election or the City Charter Revision Board website to familiarize yourself with the questions.

- She added, she will be hosting a Town Hall in conjunction with the Attorney General office, Vanguard Independent Democratic Association (VIDA) and Brown Memorial Baptist Church. The Public Advocate will also be attending. It will be held on October 21st, at 6:30 p.m.

Jacqueline Wright-Williams – Hon. Robert Cornegy

- Ms. Williams announced that the office now has a City Council representative to assist homeowners with Deed Theft and Third Party Transfer issues. The representative will be in the office on Mondays and Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. To schedule an appointment, please call the office at 718-919-0740.
- Council Member Cornegy will be hosting an Arts & Urban Planning Development on October 17th, from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., in the Dance Studio.

Lucien Allen – Hon. Walter Mosley

- “Walk with Walter Wednesday” on Fulton Street from St. Felix Place to Grand Avenue, on October 23rd, from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Town Hall on Rent Regulation & Decriminalization on October 23rd, at Medgar Evers College, Edison O. Jackson Auditorium, 1638 Bedford Avenue, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- “Grass is Greener”, a film about the history and criminalization of cannabis will be held at the Brooklyn Public Library, Bedford Branch, 496 Franklin Avenue. On October 30th, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Maceo Karriem – Hon. Tremaine Wright

- As part of Vital Brooklyn, an Unemployment Representative from the NYS Department of Labor will be in the office every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Kevin Livingston – 100 Suits for 100 Men

The organization provides suits for men for job interviews. There are three locations: Jamaica, Queens, Harlem, and the Kenneth P. Thompson Boutique in Downtown Brooklyn. The Brooklyn office deals with men who are returning citizens. It was opened on October 10th. He also operates out of Riker’s Island, Horizon and Crossroads. He is in needs mentors to work with the men, please contact him at 646-618-9797 if you have any kind of skills and would like to work with the organization.

Dwana Smallwood – Dwana Smallwood Performing Arts Center

The center is location at 857 Lexington Avenue, visit www.dwanasmallwodpac.org or call 718-443-9800. She informed that Aetna Voices of Health has created a competition where health and non-profit organizations are awarded \$20,000 or \$10,000 for second placed, based on votes. She asked everyone to vote for the center by visiting the www.aetnavoicesofhealth.com to vote.

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT – Henry L. Butler

Mr. Butler informed the residents that information pertaining to the five questions on the ballot is available on the table. One of the question is pertaining to community boards and the ULURP process and the amount of time The Board gets to review the application. The vote is to extend the time during the summer.

I. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

A. Census Committee:

James Tillman, Partnership Specialist at the U. S. Department of Commerce gave a presentation on the upcoming 2020 Census

Mr. Tillman informed the audience that a form will be sent to every resident to determine how they would like to complete the census, whether it is by mail, computer or by phone. There are only ten questions. In 2010, children under 5 years were under-counted. Black men between the ages of 18-29 years were not counted. The information collected will not be shared with any other agency. In 2010 only 33% of people in Brooklyn responded.

He added, there are jobs available. A new office was opened on Myrtle Avenue between Broadway and Lewis Avenue. If you are looking for job or know someone, visit www.2020census.gov/jobs

Mr. Butler added, the Board has formed a Census Committee, anyone interested in serving on this committee, please see him.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Capital & Expense Budget Committee:

The Budget Coordinators, Anthony Buissereth & TJ Wilson held a brief Public Hearing on Community Board 3 Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Request Priorities

Survey forms were distributed and TJ Wilson asked everyone to fill it out and submit after the meeting. Anthony Buissereth stated that the budget request deadline is the end of October and they would like to hear the ideas and opinions of the community to ensure a comprehensive request.

B. Parks, Art, & Culture Committee:

NYC Department of Parks & Recreation gave a presentation on the renovation of Charlie's Place Playground

Emmanuel Thingue, Landscape Architect presented the master plan for the park even though they are budgeted for a small phase of the project. The goal of the project is to create access to the park. They will be upgrading the play area, integrating more seating, adding synthetic turf and adult fitness, handball and basketball courts.

P.S. 73 is currently using the area as a parking lot however, they will be parking elsewhere. This was decided at the scope meeting. In addition, the community garden which was blocking access and view will be relocated to the school area. The playground is not part of the budget therefore, it will remain the same. The sidewalk is in good condition therefore, it will be maintained. There will be no trees because there are sewer pipes running below. There will be an easement to allow DEP access.

Questions & Answers

Jamilla Swift: Will there be bathroom?

Emmanuel Thingue: No, the budget does not cover.

Reginald Sweney: Will the park be ADA accessible?

Emmanuel Thingue: The budget was not for the playground, it was mainly to reconstruct the basketball and handball court. In terms of the accessibility for the space, he stated that he will take it into account. However, even though there are no ADA accessibility on Ellery Street, the area will be sloped at 5%.

Anturo Branco: What is the budget and how long did it take to get the funding?

Emmanuel Thingue: The total budget is \$1 million 76 thousand and all Capital funding is -4 years.

C. Parks, Art, Culture Committee:

NYC Department of Parks & Recreation gave a presentation on the renovation of Saratoga Park Playground

Patricia Clark, Landscape Architect gave a presentation on Saratoga Park Playground. The park was funded by Council Member Alicka Ampry-Samuel for \$2.183 million. The goal is to upgrade the active and accessible play features on the site and resolve the drainage issues. The project will focus on the playground, the lighting, the fencing, the drainage issue, and the trees.

Questions & Answers

Jamilla Swift: Will there be a dog run?

Patricia Clark: The project is only for the playground.

Simone Pratt: Are the swings for specific age groups?

Patricia Clark: It will only be bucket and accessible seats and Swings take up a lot of space and this is a small playground

David Matthews: What type of material are utilized for the up, over and through?

Patricia Clark: The area is shaded which helps with the heat gain

Reginal Sweeney: What is the height of the slides?

Patricia Clark: For toddlers, the height is 18 inches and for 2-5 year olds it is 3 feet.

Leah Asha Allen: The grass is dead, will you be replacing the grass?

Patricia Clark: The grass that is damage due to construction will be replaced

D. Economic Development Committee:

Alcohol Beverage Control License Application for Blair Liquid Assets, 402 Nostrand Ave between Gates Avenue & Monroe Street
Blair Liquid Assets was a NO SHOW.

E. Economic Development Committee:

Alcohol Beverage Control License Application for Lostry LLC, 748 Myrtle Avenue between Nostrand Avenue & Sanford Street
Keith Forest, Co-Committee Chair introduced Ryan Joseph Folan, LLC, Owner

Ryan Folan, Steve Kammerer and Louis Provenzano are managing owners. They also own Moloko Bar at 705 Myrtle Avenue. Mr. Folan stated that this will be a neighborhood bar serving a wide selection of beverages with a light food menu. The hours of operation at Sunday – Thursday: 5:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m., Friday and Saturday 5:00 p.m. – 4:00 a.m. He added that they will be hiring 10-15 employees.

Questions were asked answered.

F. Economic Development Committee:

Alcohol Beverage Control License Application for “4 Purpose”, 1489 Fulton Street between Kingston & Tompkins Avenues
Keith Forest, *Co-Committee Chair introduced Darnell Joseph, President*

Mr. Joseph informed the audience that this will be a sports bar and event space. They have four restaurants and have hosted numerous events. The first floor will have two egress, there will be 19 seats around the bar and 15 for dining, and kitchen. The second floor will be used for special events and sports events. Weekdays they would like to open until 3:00 a.m. and weekends until 4:00 a.m.

They are looking to target “Out of School, Out of Work Youth” (18-24 years old). They have a partnership with the Door and willing to work a re-entry program and other groups.

Questions were asked and answered.

G. Economic Development Committee:

Alcohol beverage Control License Application for Oriental Arrows (DBA Trad Room), 266 Malcolm X Blvd between Halsey & Macon Streets

Anna Song stated that this is a restaurant and café. It is family operated and they opened on June 9, 2018. They offer fresh baked goods, coffee and tea, classic American breakfast, and Japanese products. The hours of operation will be from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Questions were asked and answered.

III. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kanesha Traynon-Cooper – Mayor’ Action Plan

- The Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice would like to give Tompkins Houses \$30,000. They distributed survey to the residents for their input on how that money should be spent. For more information, please contact her at 929-304-5000 or cooperk@courtinnovation.org.

Isis McIntosh – Hon. Latrice Walker

- On October 22nd, at 5:30 p.m. the Assembly Member in partnership with the Department of Small Business Services will be hosting a MWBE Certification Workshop.
- She added, that the Department of Labor is at the office, 400 Rockaway Avenue every Thursday, from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Oma Holloway

- There will be a Participatory Budget Workshop on October 8th, at the Macon Branch Library from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Nailah Mann – Friends of Macon Library

- In need of a stage for the annual Halloween parade and stage play. There is a GoFundMe.

Martin Freuberg – Breaking Ground

- Breaking Ground helps with getting housing for the homeless. Call 311 to report and they will response to the request.

IV. ROLL CALL

There were 35 members present and 15 absent.

V. COMMITTEE UPDATES & RESOLUTIONS

Felicia Alexander

- Transportation, Sanitation & Environment Committee will meet on October 8th, at 6:30 p.m. There will be a representative from the Department of Sanitation.
- In addition, a request to amend Section VI: (C) (2) of the By-laws was introduced to the members.

TJ Wilson

- Budget submissions are due to her on Friday.
- November 6th, is the next committee meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the Board office.

VI. ACTION ON THE PUBLIC HEARING

- A.** NYC Department of Parks & Recreation seeking a letter of support for the renovation of Charlie’s Place Playground

Marion Little stated that the committee recommends a letter of support. A motion was made by Edna Johnson and seconded by Douglas Williams.

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- B.** NYC Department of Parks & Recreation seeking a letter of support for the renovation of Saratoga Park Playground

Marion Little stated that the committee recommends a letter of support. A motion was made by Edna Johnson and seconded by Douglas Williams.

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- C.** Blair Liquid Assets request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License.

No vote was taken.

- D.** Lostry LLC request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License
Keith Forest stated that the committee recommends a letter of support. A motion was made by Douglas Williams and seconded by Edna Johnson.

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E. “4 Purpose” request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License

Keith Forest stated that the committee recommends a letter of support. A motion was made by Douglas Williams and seconded by Edna Johnson.

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F. Oriental Arrows LLC (DBA Trad Room) request for an Alcohol Beverage Control License

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VII. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT – Richard Flateau

❖ **Selection of Nominating Committee**

Mr. Flateau selected Karen Rhau as Chair of the Nominating Committee. The following members volunteered to serve on the committee: Michael Catlyn, Evelyn Collier, Sharon Forbes, Mary Jamison-Head, Oma Holloway, and Melissa Plowden-Norman

Mr. Flateau discussed the supplemental budget allocation given by City Council. All boards received \$42,500. Last year the funds were used for staff and board members training. This year the Board were given specific clarification on how the funds can be used. Board Members will be able to get training again this year.

VIII. CB3 PERSONNEL REPORT (CLOSED SESSION)

C. Doris Pinn made a motion to close the meeting and it was seconded by Douglas Williams.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the Personnel Committee’s recommendation to increase District Manager, Henry Butler’s salary by 5%. The motion was moved by Shia Greenfeld and seconded by Lisa Lewis.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the Personnel Committee’s recommendation to increase the Assistant District Manager, Beryl Nyack’s salary by 3%. The motion was moved by Edna Johnson and seconded by Douglas Williams.

IX. ACCEPTANCE OF THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2019 MINUTES

A motion to accept the minutes were made by Felicia Alexander and seconded by Marion Little. It was unanimously accepted.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Beryl Nyack
October 23, 2019