

Brooklyn Community Board 4  
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, February 16, 2022  
6pm

Zoom

Chairperson: Robert Camacho  
District Manager: Celestina Leon

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Meeting Start: 6:06pm

Celeste called the meeting to order welcoming everyone before asking the Department for the Aging and Department of Citywide Administrative Services to begin their presentation.

**Celeste:** Welcome everyone to Community Board 4's February 16, 2022, Public Hearing and regular meeting. We are now getting started at 6:06pm. Thank you everyone for your patience. We are still living in this remote world for the time being. We're going to go right into our public hearing items. We have two this evening starting with the NYC Department for the Aging and NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services. They're going to be presenting an application that was submitted pursuant to section 197c of the New York City Charter for the acquisition of property located at 1175 Gates Avenue for continued use as a senior center within Bushwick. But I'll go ahead and let DCAS and DFTA take it away.

**Public Hearing:**

**1) NYC Department for the Aging and NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services**  
- presenting an application submitted by the Department for the Aging and the Department of Citywide Administrative Services, pursuant to Section 197-c of the New York City Charter, for the acquisition of property located at 1175 Gates Avenue (Block 3331, Lot 25) for continued use as a senior center, Borough of Brooklyn, Community District 4.

**Nasheet Romy:** Good evening, Community Board Members. This application is an acquisition application for the Round Table Senior Center. The New York City Department for the Aging and CO applicant your City Department for Citywide Administrative Services DCAS are seeking approval for continued use for a DFTA senior center for a lease term of 20 years. The Senior Center has been a part of the Bushwick community since 1972 and has been operated by not-for-profit organization RiseBoro partnership.

The project is in Brooklyn, Community District 4. The senior center is located at 1175 Gates Avenue, Brooklyn, one and a half blocks north of Broadway. Bushwick Avenue is located to the south, Evergreen Avenue is to the north, Gates Avenue to the southeast. The surrounding area

is zoned in R6 the immediate area is predominantly a variety of residential uses. Such as one to two family residential building row houses multifamily walk up onto family elevator buildings and mixed use residential and commercial buildings. The public facility nearby includes Christian Missionary Church, a 115-unit NYCHA housing facility, and some DOE school buildings. The Senior Center is served by Gates Avenue subway station service by the J and Z train located two blocks south on Broadway. There are two bus stops providing transportation access to the site the B52. They keep training for the neighborhood Senior Center is vital to the communities serving 100 seniors per day and providing three meals a day: 25-breakfasts, 60-lunches and 30- dinners.

RiseBoro has been serving the Bushwick community for 47 years. The Senior Center operates five days a week and provides a variety of services including meal services, social services, case assistance, social activities, like bingo, and billiards, then an education on recreational facilities such as yoga class Tai Chi class, Zumba, chair aerobics, arts & craft, exercise classes, etc. There are also numerous health promotions, nutrition education classes. Over 3500 people over the year participating in his health promotional activities.

The Gates Avenue Round Table Senior Center occupies the 3rd, 4th and 5th floor of the existing building at 1175 Gates Avenue, consisting of 17,600 square feet. The rest of the building is occupied by an early learning daycare center operated by SCA. The clientele is mostly in six years and above. Most of them arrive on foot and via public transportation. Visitors enter the facility from the left side of the building and exit on the Gates Avenue side. The building is served by two sets of staircases; the elevators are located near the building entrance which accommodates members using wheelchairs and other facilities floors. The first floor consists mainly of office and recreation and a senior lounge. The case management plus the game room with an arts and crafts room and computer group is on the fourth floor and kitchen and dining area is on the fifth. The men's and women's restrooms are in both floors. So, with the landlord's cooperation, we are proposing the plan improvement for the exterior includes additional food planters, addition of all new windows repairs, a sidewalk removal of existing rapidly and authorized paintwork, painting the exterior door and removal of roll down shutter. This application is to facilitate the acquisition approval of 7600 square feet of space but 1175 Gates Avenue existing building and for the continued use of the existing Senior Center. This concludes our presentation. If you have any questions my name is Nasheet Rummy. I work for the Department for the Aging. I'm a Project Manager and we also have Mr. John Kosa with any questions.

**Celeste:** Questions, board members? I see Miss Bennett has a question. I'll hold my comment until Ms. Bennett, go ahead.

**Jo-Ena Bennett:** Yes, I was wondering how much is the rent?

**John Kosa:** We've not finished negotiating the rent yet. We have not signed a renewal lease, but it'll be in the range of \$3 to \$400,000 per year.

**Celeste:** Any other questions?

**Martha Brown:** I also would like to know if they will be continuing the same services offering to seniors that are currently being given to them now? Will they still have lunch? Will they still have breakfast? I think they might even have, maybe an early dinner? And they usually have step classes. Will all the classes be continuing with the same, project that the seniors are currently enjoying now?

**Sandra Christian, RiseBoro:** So, currently we are operating at 25% capacity, which does limit some of what we were doing for breakfast and lunch but not dinner. However, we had a new RFP so the plans potentially that we will open expanded hours with the same activities if not more, more evidence programming, and we hopefully will be open between nine and seven. So that dinner meal and we'll allow for people to come in later because there is a big demand for that. But all our current classes and expansion of those classes.

**Felix Ceballos:** Good evening, everyone, I'm Felix Ceballos. I want to know because in the last time we were talking about the lease, maybe we can get 20 years. I want to know if it is like that.

**John Kosa:** Yes, the lease is going to be for 20 years, which is you know, we are pretty much at the limit of how long we can get the lease for according to the New York City Administrative Code, which limits us to at least 21 years or less. Thank you.

**Celeste:** Thank you. All right, looking at the chat. I don't believe we have any questions from the public. I'm just going to ask just in case and let me check the Q&A. If there are any questions about this public hearing item at this time or comments, please let us know. Also, final call for our board members.

All right, just to provide the overview that I was speaking on this did go before the housing and land use committee and the committee made a recommendation, I believe folks are very familiar with Roundtable Senior Center. Some of our board members even go there. Oh, I see Anne. Okay, great. And so, we will be discussing this later on under committee reports. The recommendation was favorable, of course to retain this asset for the community.

And if I'm missing anything else, Anne, Mr. Camacho feel free to add otherwise, I think we're all set. I don't see any other questions or comments. Okay. Thank you to both DFTA, DCAS, and RiseBoro for being here. We appreciate you and we look forward to working together. Thank you.

So that concludes our first public hearing item.

**2) Hope Gardens Permanent Affordability Commitment Together, also known as PACT.** The rental assistance demonstration (RAD) a lot of big word tiny acronyms program update presentation.

**Dwan Stark:** A lot of folks from the team have joined us this evening. If you get a chance to rename yourself so that folks can see your actual name, that would be great. So just by way of quick introduction, and overview of this whole process if for folks that are not familiar. In 2018,

NYCHA put out a request for proposal for one of their many sites that they are looking to go through this program that converts section nine housing to Section 8 housing. So, the program and this project itself really benefits from the rehabilitation process. So, there's, you know, we've gone through a lengthy and are wrapping up the major portion of the project of construction on the portion you see here in this picture, that is known as Hope Gardens portion of the project. Through that program, we've spent the last three years engaging the community speaking with NYCHA residents about their wants and things that are priorities to them. While the program is limited to, you know, rehab of kitchens and bathrooms, common areas, grooves, exterior work, landscaping, and then energy upgrades.

You know, there's also the element of us working in lockstep with nature and the ownership of the project and you'll hear a lot about that is, you know, granted to Penrose and our partner Acacia network. Acacia network happens to also be on site as an additional social service coordinator. So, they work in partnership with the existing social service providers RiseBoro which the Department for the Aging does speak about, and you know, those two of those sites are on the development. So, we're just quickly going to go through what's happened out on the project, we had a major hurricane event, and we'll kind of cover that. And then we'll also go over where we're at with the renovations. And then also what Acacia has been doing as far as tenant engagement, and then what the property manager Pinnacle has been doing out on site as far as maintenance and property management. Just quickly for who's on the call.

Hello, my name is Dawn Stark. I worked with Penrose. We have been the owner for 99 years. We signed a 99-year ground lease with nature to own, operate and rehabilitate the NYCHA sites. Also on the line is Anthony, who is from Ocasio network, he's the onsite program director. He is housed out of that 85 Palmetto, Palmetto gardens senior center that RiseBoro runs. Kareem Alexander, who's on the line with me, is our Penrose asset manager and she'll speak later about her role in the ongoing asset management of the project while I step away in the construction role, she will be there for the life of the project and helping to shepherd all that the work that property management has to do on a day-to-day basis out on the site. We're also joined by pinnacle, the property manager. And we have folks here on the property management team that come from the community. You might recognize some of these folks. Jose Herrera has joined us. I think Iris is on the line and myself. Paula saw Paul and Iris already on the line. And I think David is on the line as well. And then from the construction and which on Hope Gardens is wrapping up. We're doing my procedure, and then we'll quickly touch base on our recovery, disaster recovery relief that's been going out of the going on out of the site. The project was hit very hard as was the push with the community by hurricane Ida and we've continuing to do rehabilitation work. It's you know, it's been a real hardship for families. But we're getting through the renovation work to remove any water damage from the hurricane and are wrapping up that other scope that was added to the already existing construction scope that we had had in place.

So just to quickly roll right into that. We're still you know going in from Hurricane Ida we're still going into units and doing in-unit work. But just to recap on all that we have done. Obviously, water was cleared within the same day evening folks were out on the site 24 hours. You know as soon as flooding started trying to help residents and in getting water cleared. We have all our

boilers that are back in service. We have had some remote boilers, but at one point in time, we had almost 4040 boilers that were down affected by the storm. Elevators have been put back on operations for some time now months, months on end. And just as a real quick recap of where we started and where we are. And just to kind of show these are all of the units that were affected that over 258 units of our 1321 unit out on the site that were affected by the hurricane, and we had a real devastation to you know, the heating systems. And so we had to have brand new boilers that we had, you know, put in across the site that we had to replace in mass quantities to get through the heat season.

So, you know residents were with heat and you know at some times in the beginning there was temporary heat or we're now getting everything back online for some time getting them to the heating system. Just to go back to you know why we originally came on site to do this large rehabilitation program to all of what was formerly several different routes that were, you know, part of Hope gardens, Palmetto gardens. NYCHA known as bundle three there are 60 buildings across the site. And a portion of them as for buildings, which makes up another multiple 35 addresses over in groovy that we affectionately call it which runs along Wilson Avenue, which is what is still in construction and what you see up on the screen. So, the renovation will be wrapped up for interiors in early summer. And then the landscape works to wrap up in the summer. And those are the buildings that are between Wilson and Knickerbocker and ordered by Menahan and Linden. And those buildings are not only were hit very hard by the hurricane, and the construction continues but are still getting in Unit work. Completed. roofing work is still in process with insulation and sealing going on as we speak.

This is just a recap of what those buildings are that I described. We think about Wilson and then these are some of the ongoing works just to outline what's happening now today out on site that's outside of the other construction project which is now a insurance claim that is quite large related to hurricane Ida. So, residents are still having work done in these buildings. These are the last of the construction that will be completed the summer hope gardens portion which is a snapshot here of the landscape area at Hope gardens on the left, that we were able to have our family day out this summer and Hope Gardens has completed construction. So, all the buildings on Menahan and all the buildings over in the rest of the neighborhood over Palmetto Gardens have completed construction. The 949-unit portion is completed with construction. This is just a snapshot also of the landscape and what the landscape work will include on the leftover in Group II once the construction of the roofing and interior work is complete. This is just before and after what kitchens and bathrooms looked like before the renovation work and then after.

And Kareem if you're able to chime in if you could quickly just speak to the ongoing engagement and Property Management let me know. Also, if you're able to I don't know Anthony if you're able to access are able to chime in if you want to speak to this slide. That's great. We have a new contact for our children's family center. I just noticed that but just to recap, these are the Services Department for the Aging. I just spoke about a couple of these, where we have the senior center that are center centers that are run by RiseBoro. And so, these were existing the Palmetto Garden senior center and the Hope Gardens Multi-Service Center. Those are ongoing services that were there prior to us being and that will continue and that we know we support on the project.

Celeste if you're able to unmute Kareem and that would be great. I don't know if she's saying she can't, but it might be because she's not one of the users. Okay, thank you Anthony. Thanks for coming over from Community Board 5.

**Anthony Ismael:** My name is Anthony Ismael. I'm the Program Director for Tenant Services representative Acasia. I know the time is short, but I just want to touch on some of the topics related to service provision that we have been and continue to provide for residents of the hope garden development, health engagement. COVID-19 testing COVID-19 test kits distribution, Assistant tenants, maintenance concerns as a go between tenant or fridge, reinstatement of housing subsidies recertifications assistant tenants with Section Eight policy changes and also the completion of emergency Rental Assistance Program applications erupts and one-shot deals when they open and just pick the right now, we do have ongoing testing for COVID-19 at 314 Wilson once a week. Within four times a month. So, we switched it to two weeks.

The good thing with that is that our seniors, many of whom were infected with coordinated in house conditions, were able to get the tests on site and receive the results on site don't having to walk too far from locations and standards. And I'm not taking questions. We get into service provision from panacea for seniors and tenants the global shareholders development, ask more questions at the end as well. And this is just a little recap if you wanted to talk about a couple of these other things that are important now and really talk about all that a posse has been doing, which is a great add. I mean, it's just to point out and show I mean there's been no replacement of the supportive services that were already out on the site. And Ocasio has really come in just to bolster and fill in any gaps with one of these been with the housing moratorium closing and really reaching out to residents providing you know, intervention help when folks are getting behind on rent, and assisting them with filling out some of these, you know, some of these resources, if you could just touch on some of your work there besides just filling out the application there's also been a lot of education and teaching as well as the tenants because there were lots of misconceptions. Regarding the emergency rental assistance program when it was first rolled out. There was a perception among many of the applicants that it was an automatic that they would receive rental assistance that covered the entire amount. That was all that was not the case. Because what eventually happened was assistance was provided to persons who received or had no housing subsidy person and anyone who received housing subsidy such as Section 8, they were placed at the back of the lungs. So that was the ones that Europe was subsequently discontinued in November because of lack of funding in January 2022 came back on stream and its sort of technical so the tenants can't apply for one treadmill because the city is asking them to go for the state. And we've just been helping them filter applications and also additional social service organizations such as the bridge one that may provide them with assistance and its key to provide some teaching and explanation of exactly how the programs work. Tenants can prepare themselves if he does either their partial payments, complete payments or zero payments and the next steps because if it's not addressed in that manner, then they find themselves in eviction proceedings, which we try to avoid and reduce the amount of stress. We all know that food prices have been below inflation 6.2% And that's the largest we'll see in a couple of decades.

So, in addition to increases from Social Security by the 2022 calendar year 5.9%. O'Casey has also taken the reins and weekly distributions meet the dietary guidelines and health guidelines as well. We to the distributions once a week for both on Tuesdays it was on Monday, we just switched to Tuesdays for both edify file found that 314 tenants get an opportunity to receive healthy on professionals that they can prepare to their own choosing and their own like in addition to that we also connect tenants to additional services for the community, such as home health and substance abuse. We also partnered with Riseboro sorry, with under health and wellness what we have done telehealth presentation this is where medicine more than medicine is moving. Under our health is opening a new facility I believe on Knickerbocker Avenue, which is much closer to the tenants residing in the Bushwick area versus where they are Pitkin Avenue locations.

That's very important because of telehealth, many more tenants will have to manage ongoing health conditions to have the latest and greatest in technology with 24-hour monitoring. If there are any changes in their personal health functioning 911 and all the healthcare plus personnel sorry, we'll be dispatched to the location. So that's something that we're very proud of because it's where our modern medicine is moving and we've COVID-19 we can continue to maintain social distancing and still provide tenants with up to the updated and cutting-edge medical provision and technology to help in the health and well-being.

Thank you, Anthony. Appreciate that. Yeah, there's been a lot of good work going on and there has been partnership between you know, RiseBoro and getting recertifications and helping tenants, tenants with that and ongoing case management, of course, from our existing providers that are already there on site and with a Acasia. Kareem Alexander is in the picture. That's right on the screen right now. If you want to hand over the next section.

Great work this time yes so we have also been working together with a Acasia and property management to also do food distributions and other forms of like outreach with the tenant the residents with COVID ppl distributions as well and yeah, me in the picture helping out also we've been working with the building captains and the tenant association building on that relationship and working together with property management to ensure that various concerns about maintenance and cleanliness on the property has been maintained. And property management I don't know if Iris or Jose is on the call, they can speak more to that.

David, Paula & Careem are Senior Managing Director for Pinnacle City Living. We're responsible for the property management on site. You can see a nice shot. I think that was from Family Day. Great shot Mr. Camacho and the team there. So, we have approximately 30 members on site. Jose Herrera, who's also on the call is the managing director, Paula oversees the property RSUs from the community as the General Manager for the property and underneath them, we have four supervisors for maintenance tax and 20 quarters. As one notice, a big operation over 60 buildings, 1300 units, we're removing over 100 tons of trash per week as property. So, it is a significant operation. If you go to the next slide. You know part of the things we do to help maintain the property or weekly janitorial inspections; we were inspecting every building once a week. We're now up to inspecting every building once every two days. I'm really making sure that we're addressing any issues that crop up at the property maintenance or janitorial. We were at 15

porters, but in order to maintain a consistent staffing level, that was up to 20 porters which allowed us to have a consistent number of orders throughout the week, seven days a week. So, we are running an operation Monday through Sunday there with the help of Mr. Camacho.

You know, we've also gotten some additional training for the maintenance and janitorial team. Really kind of emphasizing you know the basics of how to clean building things to look out for making sure you have all the proper tools and things to get the job done. So that's been an ongoing effort that we've continued to do for both the existing and the new team members that we brought on. And then weekly meetings that we hold with senior leadership and going through identifying areas we need to focus more attention to and coming up with plans to address them. So, residents can submit work tickets by a variety of different means they're able to call us, they're able to come into our management office, or they're able to go onto our website and submit those work orders online.

We want to be available for residents however they want to interact with us whether it's through phone or technology or in person. The site is staffed. We have a receptionist where we're always there for our residents. We are doing about 1500 tickets per month. Whether that's something that is a question about my lease or issue in my apartment. We're making sure all those come in their tracked in a system folks are provided a tax ID which allows them to track that, and we work towards resolution on all those issues that come into our office

There's the link to the website. There's a little QR code there to site plan which is our work order tool. We have access to the dashboards and make sure that all residents' complaints with their phone call or walk in or submitted through the app are tracked and addressed. So please, you know we're going to continue to encourage our residents to engage however they like but certainly going to our website is a great resource of information.

**Celeste:** Thank you, David. Appreciate that. Can we open it up for folks that have questions, comments, anything that folks are concerned about with the rehab project process, the ongoing construction in Group II in those sets of buildings, or hurricane work or property management? Alright, board members, any questions? I have a question, Barbara. Go ahead.

**Dwan Stark:** Yeah, so there is Acacia who was on the line earlier as far as you know what I would say special attention. We have them house over at 85 Palmetto, and then at 330 Wilson, the property management office, the centralized location for the whole site is located right next door to the 330 building. So, both of those buildings have the existing social service providers as far as programming, outreach ongoing you know, food distribution, those are definitely the households we contact first for any of the you know, either COVID testing or vaccination. And then as far as work tickets, you know those notes are added when they're stopping calls, um, usually, you know, with the senior population that's going to be a phone call. So, you know, those are those notes, put those work tickets so that we know if it's a senior building, and you know, we already know the lowest those locations. That is prioritized for folks that have special needs. There are notes that I can see, you know, I see those notes that it says okay, you know, this is an elderly

woman who is, you know, has something that she needs help with, whether it's her toilet, or you know, whatever it may be, those are just examples.

**Barbra Smith:** Those are nice things about the building. We really appreciated a group. I feel that we really need to give a little more attention to our seniors. Because, you know, I appreciate the good things you are trying to do. The beautiful grass, however, you need to develop a plan and to concentrate on the inside of the building. That's more important than sitting on grass and planting plants and trees.

**Celeste:** Anyone else? Councilmember Nurse.

**Councilmember Nurse:** Thank you. Thank you so much. And I'm sorry if I missed this part, but I remember the last meeting you all held there were some units that were not giving access for repairs to be done. And there was an issue about the clock on the insurance running out. I'm just wondering if that has been resolved and covered on this earlier in the presentation. Just a quick update on that.

**Nasheet Rummy:** Yeah, so Paula is on the line. has been spearheading the outreach to the residents who are needing access to get into their units to begin the repair. So, the clock is still ticking on that we do need access and you know demolition to start now. For residents who are going to be able to get repair work done in unit four, specifically the hurricane Ida relief. So, you know, she can speak to you know, some of the other elected have been involved in phone calling and reaching out to residents already. Paula, if you're still on the line, if you could just give an update on your efforts and you know who else is getting involved? And, you know, if you know, as far as you know, we're concerned, we still in the next week or so definitely could still use your assistance or office's assistance in any way possible. Paula, are you still on? I saw her earlier.

**Paula Melendez:** Well out of the 13 residents we were very successful with 11 of those residents. And we are already in communication with the residents without for the ongoing next steps the process for the team to go in and to start scheduling appointments with these residents. We do still have three residents that were two residents that way. Any access to but I have been working with you know Assemblywoman Davila's office, and I'm Evelyn, the Congresswoman's office, and Mr. Camacho. Councilwoman, I'm sorry. I've also sent emails with your staff. So, we're, working. we're getting there. Yeah, but just to give an update. Oh, sorry. No, you go ahead.

**Councilwoman Nurse:** I was just saying thank you. Thanks. For the update. We'll support you for sure.

**Nasheet Rummy:** Yeah, and even for those last few we would take the support just to get over the hump there were you know really doing our last push in this upcoming week to get the demolition started on those units. So that they're not waiting till later. I mean, the impetus really just for others on the phone is that there are people who have affected units there, you know, units that were flooded, that have anywhere from you know, damage to their sheetrock to maybe because of the hurricane in the water infiltration that came in that mold and things like that, and they you know,

haven't been providing access some of it, quite frankly is, you know, the ongoing construction project, which is for a lot of families been difficult. Some families have been unresponsive throughout the rest of the construction project but so, you know, for those last few households, we really appreciate getting over that hump and we're really doing our last push this upcoming week.

**Robert Camacho:** Ms. Bennett

**Jo-Ena Bennett:** I spent a lot of time talking about the damage that was done by Hurricane Sandy, which I really appreciate. All of the damage is covered by your insurance, or the cost of repair also passed along to tenants' rent that weren't covered by the insurance. And now that the eviction moratorium is over. Do you have evictions pending for tenants and how many from Hope Gardens?

**Nasheet Rummy:** I can take the first half of that and then Iris if you just want to try me on the exact number of our cases and where we stand with that. So, for the first half of that, you know these are section eight recipients in no way has their section eight been increased or their rent increased due to the storm. You know, these are, you know, still publicly subsidized units, though, you know, we're owner and manager operator. We are, you know, their rents have not changed in any way related to the hurricane. The you know, growing claim that's associated with Hurricane Ida has been really kind of a in house Marvel we were able because Penrose is a national affordable housing company we were able to utilize our company in a way to be able to cover the insurance claim and to be able to absorb the claim that we you know that we're that we're faced with that said we are touching on you know, kind of the access issues and we want to get into all the units now. We don't want a situation where folks are not getting the rehab done now while all those construction workers are out on site. And any of that work is lingering, lingering on for you know residents and their families.

For the second part in the housing moratorium, we did touch a little bit upon what a coffee has been doing for outreach. And the folks that have gone through the wrath application process. Those folks that are pending, we are still holding out and hopeful that we go there. Section 8 recipients will be able to, you know, get some of those reimbursements back. Iris can speak a little bit more to how many folks are in legal. So, we're really striking a balance because we have an agreement for non-displacement with NYCHA to both be you know, progressive and getting people to get assistance, go through their one-shot deal, go through referral wrap and get assistance.

But you know that with housing court opening back up there are folks that are going to be going to housing court so we're striking the balance of you know, we still have to try to recoup those funds, and we're trying to recoup them from the state resources that we can get first and foremost, and continuing to do the social service outreach because we have a commitment to not displace residents. We're very carefully watched by not only NYCHA but the state on any displacement. There have been zero evictions. You know, there was obviously a moratorium, but there have

been zero evictions at the site since we have taken ownership. Thank you. But Iris, could you just speak to the legal status.

**Iris:** Hi, good evening. This is Iris. In reference to do onset perfectly there is no one at this current moment that's at the stage of a marshal locking them out of the apartment. In reference to anyone who has not paid the rent. We have reached out whether it was mail. I personally have knocked on doors helping. We did meet and greets with the resident to provide and give them information on applying for IRAP Acasio RiseBoro also assisted some individuals applied on their own and legally if the person applied for IRAP we cannot evict and no one at this point is that the stage of the eviction for those individuals that are more in a more difficult case are usually the ones that are standing in the secession and these are individuals that are in an apartment and the legal tenant of record is not in the home. The bulk of them are because they passed away. We provided applications provided by NYCHA to allow the current resident residing in the unit to apply for residency or secession of the unit. Those applications are still in review. The moratorium kind of set everything back and they're not under review in our office. Those applications went to nature.

They must prove that they were staying in the unit at the time of the tenant of record being deceased. And I know that when they go before the judge, the judge is asking nature to reevaluate these applications. And that's where we are constantly communicating with the residents. We're providing them assistance. We are revamping our office as well to provide more assistance to the tenants when they come into our office to have more availability to address certain things like for those residents who have issues with their Alright, for those tenants who have issues with their vouchers, for one reason or another, they forgot the deadline. They missed the fact that they didn't file the proper documentation. Internally our office and that's one of the things that Paul has been very instrumental in engaging the residents to move forward.

So, our intention is not to displace our intention is to keep the residents in their homes. But then at the same time, we're also looking at the future and we're hoping to, you know, address a lot of the other issues and any nuisance that comes from, you know, obviously we're presented there from certain acts or actions of the tenants, so we are constantly on a monthly and weekly basis. We sent out nuisance letters to any tenants who's committing an offense. Usually it's loud music, smoking, things of that nature is what we're sending nuisance letters and we haven't captured anyone doing anything greater than that then those minor infractions to send them straight to homeowners.

**Robert:** Felix Ceballos and then Desmonde.

**Felix Ceballos:** He has a good evening, everyone. In the process of the construction of the building does it have to be empty?

**Iris Cruz:** So, the only units that did this was a tenant in place rehab. As part of the rehab there was you know, really the only exception is a 5% conversion to comply with ADA standards. So, there's 5% of our units who were converted from, let's say a typical apartment layout to now go through the fast conversion process. Those residents had to be relocated, but they were all

relocated through a very complicated shuffling process that the property management does. I'm very happy that I'm not a part of that process. There were no, tenants that for past those, you know, it's approximately 30 days that they're out of their units while the full renovation is happening of those units.

So, they're making you know, the countertops lower in the kitchens, they're adding the bars to the bathroom, reconfiguring the bathtubs, etc. So those units are not just the kitchen and bathrooms they are full gut. There were a few of those that 5% of the tenants that had that fast conversion that did stay in hotels, where there were not units available, were very minimal across the whole two-year POS process. But as far as the project, all rehab work is done in place. And I should have started with that introduction just to kind of set the stage. How the RAD program works is it's all tenant-in-place. So, what happens is residents leave for the day in the morning and contractors go in they get you know, they get noticed before this, this happens obviously, and they do the renovation work during the day.

Then they leave around three or four o'clock in the afternoon and then the tenants come back in in the evenings. There are hospitality suites that are available for people that maybe you know, don't work or you know, really don't have any place to go during the day that they can go to for the day where there's internet, TV, etc. Most of those were not used, most tenants just went to a family member or a neighbor's home during the day while the renovation happened. So, all of this happened. The massive shuffling process has already happened for 949.

**Felix Ceballos:** Yeah, and the question was also because you mentioned you had in some cases, you must change the whole system boiler.

**Dwan Stark:** Yeah, so the boilers were done with tenants in place. There was a period where, you know, there were days where we were without heat. Thankfully when the hurricane hit in August, we were out of a clock race to get heaters into you know what, whether it was anywhere from the mobile heaters where they vent in the heat into the building, to you know, there were even space heaters utilized in the early months of this, but that was only for units that were affected by the hurricane. That's not that was not for you know, what I would call the regular construction process. And there was a lot of reshuffling of units for those that were hit by the hurricane because they were leaving during the day and coming back at night for a few of those units. Was not, you know, was not it wasn't able to do that because some of the units have been affected by the hurricane. I mean they have refrigerators floating in their apartments. There were some units that really had massive you know, massive destruction to their units that they had to be gutted. So, there were some folks, but all of those folks were relocated out on the property.

**Felix Ceballos:** Thank you

**Robert Camacho:** Desmond.

**Desmond:** Yeah, so I was just looking for numbers before we when this project was brought to us. We talked extensively about the economic development issue considering this project is kind

of large financially and wanted to know about the MWBE spend utilization This project also reutilization not only with education, we're training residents but also with section three business concerns and what that outreach looks like.

**Dwan Stark:** I'm going to pop into the chat. Just some quick numbers. If you give me like two minutes, it may take me just a second. But I'm just going to pop into the chat. What are MWBE um, you know, hires that we were able to attain. We had on the project 29 section, three hires, which means those were people if you're familiar, he can stop me, very familiar. So, our original goal was to have 25 on this project. So, we're very happy that we exceeded there are a lot of projects in New York that don't reach their goal. So, we're happy on this project that we exceeded the goal that we originally had. That's for individuals, and we also were able to exceed the goal for companies, section three companies. We also exceeded our goals for MWBE hiring. I'll pop into the chat. I'm just looking for it for the graph that I have. So, I've just been on this, see if I can do this.

**Desmond:** Also, I had a question. I used to work for Penrose back when Kimberly Frey was the president and you guys had well, we had at a time in house social services called The Family Resource Center Initiatives. I know they had him in, you know, Diamond Street and other properties. Has that not been implemented here? Is that where are you right now?

**Dwan Stark:** Yeah, so there's a couple of differences there, it's different. New York itself is different because nature is different. The scale of those projects is PMC internally Penrose run management, Penrose Management Company, and they have their own in-house Penrose. We have our own supportive services department, our own supportive service, you know, programs and then we partner with, other local programs that are different here. And that we, you know, PMC isn't at the scale of a 1300 unit yet. We're getting there.

That's, you know, I don't want to let any secrets but we are working, you know, internally with within Penrose to look to the future brain pm Penrose mom into the fold on the supportive services and so it is something we're excited about, and having those you know, national programs and kind of the national synergy of stuff and roads has into our future projects, especially where, you know, there isn't necessarily a provider already established in this case, NYCHA and we agree that NYCHA nature is very heavy on letting the pristine providers stay in place, not displacing anyone who, you know, any organizations who are already there. So RiseBoro was already there. Bushwick United was already there. I'm going to butcher their name. Someone helped me.

**Robert:** Hispanic Family Services.

**Dwan Stark:** Thank you. The Coalition of Hispanic Family Services was already there. So, you know, not only as nice as initiatives, but ours as well. We were not looking to displace any, you know, existing providers just to bolster their services. And that's what a Coffea came in with just to bridge the gap and help with anything that RiseBoro you know, wasn't doing help with anything that that Bushwick, you know, wasn't doing just for the little bit of referrals that needed to happen out on site. So, unless you have something.

**Robert:** Celeste, do you have any questions?

**Celeste:** I do. I have several questions, and I'll try to go one at a time. I just want to know a few things. The percentage of employees I'm sorry about. Okay, the percentage of employees that live in Bushwick, do you have those numbers?

**Dwan Stark:** I can share. I can share that with you guys.

**Celeste:** Okay, feel free to put that in the chat at the end of the meeting I will pull it up. My other question is regarding any data or feedback from the tenants on social services, or if there's any system for quality assurance, any kind of metrics on that?

**Dwan Stark:** There is an ongoing assessment of our social services that happens, so we do in Acacia. Anthony, if you want to speak to this as well, you can. So, they do you know, as a coordinator and the coordinator role, they have annual reporting, and excuse me, evaluation on all the services provided in line with our social service agreement with them. But then also you know, in lockstep RiseBoro has their own metrics that they do on an annual basis as well as Bushwick United you know, those are each done. I don't know if that's something that is shared with Anthony if you don't mind answering that portion. That's what I'm not sure of.

**Anthony Ismael:** Based on the contract that we have, our role, as he rightly said, is subordinate to a role where we do coordinate services for tenants, as opposed to directly providing services for tenants and I think sometimes that distinction is misinterpreted. And for example, if someone needs assistance with medical, or let's say psych or substance abuse work I say we'll do is go into an assessment with the tenant in question or tenants, family members, try to figure out what exactly it is that they need, what they want locations, etc., partner with the community service providers, to actually assist those tenants in attaining those goals. Instead of directly providing them because a team and the contract was designed in a coordinator role, another direct service role, however we do too.

We do provide tenants with quite a bit of direct services such as Section Eight recertifications. We also coordinate COVID-19 testing, we do some financial counseling, although we have not been able to pass is because of the surge with COVID-19 but for every tenant who has rental arrears in applying for you know, a one-shot deal on your application, we also do some financial, financial services consulting as well. So, our role is with while we do provide some direct service it's more of a coordinator role.

**Celeste:** Thank you. And I bring that question up because I just want to make sure we're framing any concerns that are coming from the tenants in a way where the voters and the management social services can constructively respond and figure out how to better accommodate them and their needs. Councilmember, do you have a follow up question?

**Councilwoman Nurse:** Yeah, just very, very briefly. I remember the January meeting, there was a conversation about local hiring. And you all were looking into some vendors who you could work

with locally and it just, again, sorry if I missed that part of the presentation, but it was just kind of dovetailing off Desmond and Celeste's question about any motion on that.

**Dwan:** Yeah. So, we right after that meeting, I'm not even after Dylan reached out to St. Nick's Alliance to see about their local hiring that they have for temporary property management. That, you know, they at that time, didn't have anyone that was available for immediate services. But it is you know, what we realized in doing the research after that last call, is that it's something that David, you can chime in here. It's something that we're going to have to take a different approach is because 1) when we need those emergency services, they're temporary, so it's not long-term work for a lot of people that are looking for long term work and 2) it's something where we've got because the procurement process takes some time to get those local hires. It's something we've got to build up ahead of time.

So, you know, it's something that we have looked into, but we can circle back up on our next elector's call. Just to follow up with that on you know, kind of getting, you know, the like having that resource more readily available. It still does take some time that it's difficult when we have you know, this is specifically this for others on the phone. We know, when the Omicron was really hitting hard and we had half of our property management staff out for either, you know, children who were quarantined and children that were sick with COVID staff that were sick with COVID Self quarantine. We did end up using a private company just to come in and it's in an emergency situation to cover and clean the properties because that you know, that's 20 tons of trash cannot wait until people are off of you know COVID So, you know the Ask was really that we have the that you know that emergency staff the local so we are we are that's something we definitely have looked into and are still continuing to work on.

**Robert:** Celeste may I say something?

**Celeste:** Yes, please.

**Robert:** I know I come every time. It's not a question or is just I know everybody on this because I report every month to this board regarding our tenet. He complaints, our cleanliness in the buildings. I remember I had a conversation with David regarding sanitation and garbage. And now that we have a sanitation chairperson in council, there's issues in regards with the garbage if they put the garbage in front of development, and across the street, you have a big unit and as Marguerite housing, sanitation picks up the garbage, or when it comes to us, they got to lug it because they're a private net and he now to designate an area where they got a cubic yard container. And these guys are all day picking up garbage.

So, we had set something up where we wanted more pickup spots for the garbage to be cleared because they're spending over \$400,000 a year or even more in garbage. When across the street. The Marguerite Housing and big buildings and they're getting paid and they're not charging. So, we really need to find out what's going on with that and I have spoken today I don't know what's going on. Maybe David can speak on it, because we can on what happened with the with the with the with the fighting that I've been doing to find out if we can continue keeping the services to the

Department of Sanitation and also outside tenants of regards some of the complaints that I get I know it looks you guys did a wonderful job you can do we can build a beautiful building.

But if everybody's in there is not respected and not in any way not treated fairly. That this good building can go can go this is my suggestion to go to hell, because we want my seniors and I want my people that live in that development to be treated like anybody else in the development and in regards to calling when they call and someone pick up the phone, they're the disrespect when people walk in, these are the tenants telling me this and I tell them to go and put it in writing and bring it to them. Some of them are walking on pins and needles and they shouldn't be. We shouldn't be treating our people this way. I don't care who it is. No matter what it is we need customer service the right way of storing that data on that customer service. On that cleaning mechanism. supervisors need to be responsible and hold them accountable for not cleaning. I see there you said cleanliness charges will be improved. But when is it going to be implemented? Why not when are we going to see that they're doing their due diligence and the supervisor that's making the money gets that? I've been on the forefront there. So, I know more or less what's going on. I listened. I also want to thank Paula. Oh, I also want to thank Alexis because I go, and I supply stuff to our seniors there and I hear when I knock on the doors some of the things that they tell me. I go knocking on their doors. I go knock on a door and speak to them. 431 still has no heat, on Evergreen 431. We still got a complaint from there. There are things that you guys can do. You can do beautiful buildings, you could do a beautiful presentation, but they need the service and all these elected officials. I'm not saying that because our people in there really need help and no one's listening to them.

And no one's listening to them. I don't get paid for this. And then to have people tell me that told me where's that and I go over that. No, you should know where everything is because you've run the building. You did a beautiful presentation regarding how the buildings should be running. So, let's start implementing what you say you're going to implement. Are our people back in the floods that are in there that are still building? Why is it taking so long? You got developers building a building in a year and we can't fix an apartment in less than a couple of months. These are what I want to hear. The other thing is nonsense.

When am I going to get my seniors and my church people that are getting calls from the church lady? You know she is we really need to treat our people with a little more respect. We want to have a Town Hall and that no one no one did. But the people that are impacted and I'm going to write down all these things to find out and I'm going to go back and check because it's easy to paint something and not go in and see all people and make sure that we are right. And I'm going to request this board. I don't know if you guys already went through or got the pendant for the nine-year lease. We were going to read I hope this board and asked me to create an extension for their probationary period.

We need to write to NYCHA to all these elected officials that are on here now. The senator, the council woman we really need to hold them accountable. Because once they get what they want, we're going to be with the same thing. So, we really need to hold them accountable. And make

sure that our people are being treated right. Because if it's your mother or your father or your family, you want the same respect, no matter if you pay \$5, \$2 or \$3.

So, this is what we really need. And we really are not right now, times are hard. And now you see everything that's going on. I allow everyone to speak. I'm the one that's in the forefront of all of that. I bring services, such as PPE items. I bring the services to Hope Gardens. I bring the food myself. I call you guys, with Gloria so I know what I do in the services that I bring that I get from other people to bring to her garden. So, you guys got the services. Have you guys ever gone to speak to the Coalition Hispanic Family Services? There's no heat in that building. With no kids going to after school programs as anybody went on any of the big budgets. Dwan went over there, speak to the director. Hi, we are setups, and I must consider a committee to meet your tenants. How does that even possible? I don't get paid. Those are things that you guys need to be doing and we really need to focus on the people in that building. I encourage all these board members Ms. Spellen, yes, and others.

I'm going to see if we can get us furniture. She's trying to get her son. So, she's in there. She's beautiful. Week, thank you for bringing this, Friday. And I went and visited it by myself and didn't even know what it was. And when I went in, I saw those of my people. I want to make sure that those are our people, our schoolteachers, our employees, and people that live in this community. They've been disenfranchised to this day now.

And we want them to be treated with the utmost respect. And I don't care what it is. I better not hear anyone disrespecting us, see, when they ask you for services when acting for stuff and they are scared to talk that speak to you guys. They prefer wasting their money that you talk to you guys. No one gets nothing done. So, we really need to find out what's going on. It's all good to do a pretty picture. The inside is what we got inside. Thank you, sir.

**Celeste:** Thank you Mr. Camacho. And I will let everyone respond but it's one at a time. And I know that there's still other questions, but we will follow up and if we need to set up a separate meeting, we will absolutely do that. But the one if anyone else would like to speak or respond to that. Now's the time.

**Dwan Stark:** Yeah, I'll let David if you don't mind chiming in and Iris if you guys are looking in the background at any specific units that do not have keys that would be great. I can chime in specifically on hurricane relief and you know the extent of time that folks have been waiting for the renovation process to be completed. So, the hurricane relief renovation process has included not only for the units to have air filters put into the units for the rehab work to be completed. Residents needed to be relocated. And in their units, the scope of the completion of the units a lot of the scope that was originally determined was Assar baited by additional mold remediation that needed to be done, the extent of time that residents were out of their units has been extended. Folks are getting back into their units. We have a first batch of H2S what am I trying to say? We're making inspections. Thank you. NYCHA has come in to investigate the unit so that tenants can get back into their units and inhabit them. So, there's a threefold process first was you know, relocation, then was the actual construction work that was increased. Then there was the voucher

for some residents that needed to have their vouchers turned back on because they were temporarily relocated, and then there's been special inspections and then there has been inspection by nature. This is all part and parcel to not equal a new construction process. You can never compare a new construction project to a tenant in place project.

This is a project that is defined by non-displacement. So, they're not apples to apples. So, in saying that this has taken longer than we would like that is true. But the entire project and the rehab that needed to be done for residents to return to their units post hurricane has been, you know, quite complex. But residents who are going to be able to start returning as early as next week in those units that have passed a stress inspection with nature. So, we are getting the first batch. Those roles continue to roll in and work will continue to be done. Some of the residents are still out of their units and have had, you know, walls and things that need to be done. There's a litany of things across residents and there's a lot of resident concerns that we know, we're very, very sympathetic to people that just want to come back to their homes and this process is taking longer than they would like then we would like. You know I think everyone on the call is working first on site which is which I think they're on the phone to get residents back in their units. They are the emergency disaster relief company that has come in to do the construction work. And Apollo on the line has worked tirelessly to contact residents, reach out to them, speak to them, and call them to coordinate with them. Not only for the construction work, but also for the relocation. And then David, if you want to just speak a bit about some of the heat concerns that Mr. Camacho brought up about cleanliness. And specifically, if there's any senior cases Iris that you heard of that Mr. Camacho was referring to.

**David:** Sure. So, taking he currently has he complained from 431. We also have a heat complaint at 236. Linden, apartment 3C that's currently being investigated. So, we make sure to go out and investigate and correct each of the issues. In 431 it is a building law, and the heat is on. We have an employee who works in our office who lives there. She stated in his confirmation that he does but they want more heat. So, we are actively working to get more heat into that building without obviously jeopardizing the system itself. So, we are working on that. And we are currently just dispatched somebody for the Linden heat complaint. So, we are working on the heat issues. I can say that last month was one of our largest months. As far as he complains, troubleshooting thermostats, folks with air conditioners still in their windows, folks, you know, for whatever reason, had a broken valve in their unit. So, I can't say that it's January, given the change in temperature. We were out there. I think we did, you know, close to 100. He can do investigations and remediations. So, the team is working on it. They're out there on cleanliness. Camacho, we have it in a public building. We have engaged the new trash removal company we're working through with them on the transition to come in and assist with DSNY. As you know, as much as we push for curbside pickup, they said that's not happening. That's never going to happen.

We looked into each location, and I could show you the breakdown of doing these kinds of satellite pickups. Each location was coming out to about 250,000 to \$300,000 and would require about a third of the residents' parking lots to be, you know, taken over by basically a trash site. So, I think that's something we should revisit together and talk about and make sure we get the community's input. But you know, the cost savings would be there on a return basis, but it would, I think, be at

the detriment of post quality of life given the parking lots. But I do appreciate your help. We just need to make sure that we get the trash out as efficiently as possible. And right now, we think this current path with the cubic yard containers is going to be the best for our residents. And both cheapest going forward and the best for the residents. understaffing you know we up the staff, you know, your assistants, it was fantastic. You know, we went from 15 to 20. We are holding our supervisors accountable. It is a problem where we are not seeing the buildings enough and that's why we went from and you see it, you shouldn't have to see it right. It's us, it's our responsibility. That's why we went from the 501 building every five days to each building every two days. Making sure that we are seeing everything that comes up issues can't sit for five days by the time an inspector comes. They need to be taken care of the next day and that's why we've gone to the rebuilding every two days for inspections. So, we are here we are hearing you we know we need to do better, and we will

**Celeste:** Okay, I just want to check the time check. I don't know if there are any final comments from the RAD team. But otherwise, we need to wrap up this item. Is there anyone else?

**Evelyn Cruz:** Hi, Celeste and everyone else. Councilwoman Sandy Nurse. Again, I'm listening to Roberto Camacho the chair and I know that it seems like we're. I know there's been some improvements. We've been talking and meeting two weeks ago discussing very similar issues, but concerns arise when we have our next meetup. I like us to again approach this more concrete. Okay. The Congresswoman as I expressed before and I share with all of you. We're really concerned with the social service component, especially for the elder community, the disabled community as a development and I think, Anthony, you can speak to this. I have asked that there be an implementation of a work plan to visit the development to set up a schedule where developments will be visited where you will table at each development weekly, right so that you can get to meet and greet the tenant in their space. Many residents do not leave their space and do not want to walk to your office for services. So, you don't need to answer now. But we want to respond to that strategy. Why is that important? Because then you get to meet like Donna Amalia, who needs social services, and she is unable to get out the door. I don't have a problem driving her to the office. But that should not be my role, though. This is precisely why RiseBoro Acacia has been designated to assist and support our constituents. So, if this is an issue that neither agency can do, then we need to discuss this because again, I know Camacho gets very emotional, but it is emotional. Because I saw many units myself, I was in the movies with Angel.

Davila's office leaves off with us well and let me turn to happy but many tenants again, remain fearful. They don't like to complain because they feel they're going to be retaliated against. And this is not acceptable. And I'm sure no one is perceived as threatening, but it's all about the delivery and the tone. You hear my tone. I become threatening when I just might voice like this. Well, when someone who is an older age gets folded into like this, they feel threatened. So, we need to respond to this and resolve it as best as we can. It is important. I'm grateful that Paula was able to get out there to connect with the residents.

We have discussed this plan. As you know, Dwan and David, we have discussed this collectively. I'm glad that that has been accomplished. That's a plus for you. Now, the other piece is I have a

question you don't have to answer now. But if you do have the information that will be helpful for the council minutes on the call as well. Rising heating costs, as we know, in North Brooklyn, the Con Edison bill the electric bill has more than doubled for New Yorkers. I want to know if Hope Gardens has a plan in place to assist our tenants with this addition. Because even though we have a new thermostat in the units, the few apartments that we visited were still cool even though the thermostat was really like 75. Right. So, I think some of our seniors get cold. They're using space heaters. We would like to know when we meet up again, what is your assessment of you know, you have an assessment of any of the residents' heating cost. Is this something that the social service team has connected with is the social service team connecting with the seniors or with families to discuss or to learn if they have been impacted by rising heating bills, okay. Something we need to know.

**Celeste:** All right, folks, so I know we can continue this conversation probably until tomorrow, but I don't want a bunch of angry board members to ask me why the meeting goes until 9pm today. I do not want that. So, I'm so sorry. We could plan a town hall and we have a meeting specifically for this, but we need to wrap up now. Thank you to everyone. Thank you to the RAD team. We all work together. So even if we sound upset, we're just upset because we love our people in Bushwick and we want to find ways to make it better. So, you know, you know we're here, we're going to work together. We're going to get things done. Thank you, Evelyn, and Carlos, if you absolutely have to say something then say it now otherwise, we have to end this item. Okay, perfect, amazing. And we have a dedicated team of elected officials that have these meetings monthly. Hopefully we can have a public comment period on this as well, just to make sure we're being as effective as possible. Alright, so thank you, everyone. We're going to go ahead and move on from this item. You're welcome to stay if they would like but we must get our regular meeting going. We're going to go ahead now and close our public hearing agenda. Thank you, everyone. Thank you Dwan. David Paula Iris. I'm missing a few people, Careem. Thank you all for being here. We appreciate you. And now we'll start our regular meeting with our first agenda item. Board members please be ready for the first roll call.

**Dawn:** Thank you for the time.

**Celeste:** Yes, absolutely. Thank you for being here.

**Dwan:** Thank you. Good night. Good night.

### **Regular Meeting:**

#### **1) First Roll Call**

**Board members in attendance:** Rev. Grace Aytes, Jo-Ena Bennett, Joshua Brown, Martha Brown, Rawle Brown, Felix Ceballos, Louisa Chan, Andrew Choi, Elvena Davis, James Fitzgerald, Freddy Fowler, Egaudy Gomez, Christopher Graham, Anne Guiney, Jose Guzman, Hadiyah Harrison, Tanesha Honeygan, Barbara Jackson, Kristen Jock, Cheryl Jones, Virgie Jones, Luisa Jose, Mary McClellan, Imini Mitchell, Desmonde Monroe, Kyle O'Rourke, Acire

Polight, Gladys Puglla, Raul Rubio, Eliseo Ruiz, Vernedeaner Shell, Barbara Smith, Dustin Sonneborn, Annette Spellin, Leo Tineo, Jerry Valentin, Carlotta Williams, Frank Zimmerman

**Excused:** Gardea Caphart, Melissa Carrera, Andy Marte, Zulma Novoa

**Absent:** Marcus Alston, Daniella Davi, Carlos Feliciano, Jared Hicks, Odolph Wright

35 board members present constitute a quorum.

**2) Acceptance of the Agenda as Presented**

James Fitzgerald made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. It was seconded by Raul Rubio. All were in favor, so moved.

**3) Acceptance of the Previous Meeting Minutes**

**4) Chairperson's Report**

**Mr. Camacho:** I just want to let everybody know thank you for all you guys participating and coming and getting our full board meeting and please the attendance. Let's keep it up to par with doing great. Also, whoever needs to reapply, please do so. You can reapply whenever you are up for reappointment. Please, if anyone needs any assistance, you can call Celeste to guide you or to help you fill it out. Whatever you need, please.

On Thursday, January 20 at 2pm, Celeste and I met with Captain Sanabria regarding safety. I met with the Borough Commissioner at 6pm at the CEC 32 meeting. That same Thursday you know I'm doing like 100 zoom meetings, and I don't know how I do it, but the Bureau Board Meeting. On Monday, January 24 at 6:30 they had a rally abolished tax lien. We got to make sure you know what that tax lien is all about and what is going on. A lot of people have in our community lost their homes, two or three family homes. So, either tax lien or water bills so we got to make sure that they abolished the tax liens if not developers will be right there trying to pick up or scoop up some liens. On January 25, Tuesday I attended the House and Land Use Committee Meeting, On Wednesday, January 26 at 1pm a meeting with David Louis, the Mayor's Deputy Commissioner of the Community Affairs Unit. On Thursday, January the 27<sup>th</sup> at 1pm via Zoom, I attended the Shape up Bushwick meeting, also on January 27<sup>th</sup> at 3pm, Linden Grove Development. We are getting moved on January 27, at 6pm via Zoom, the District Office Committee meeting January 31. On Monday at 3:30 ZOOM meeting Sanitation. We met with the new Director Joan Byrnes-Daly. On February, 1 Tuesday at 6pm, I attended the Borough Board Meeting, On January 2, Wednesday I attended the Executive Board CB4 Meeting. On February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10am I attended a Hope Gardens walkthrough. We need to help Hope Gardens now, to help our people there. Hopefully I'll do a Town Hall meeting, or we'll get other people to talk. Thursday 5pm Sanitation work.

Farewell for Friday at 10am Garden update. February 5 Saturday and 12 went to the rally. As you know they tried to make them permanent sheds, permanent open restaurants, permanent sheds.

Some of them don't even need to be permanent. Some of them forget about it. You see, some of them are abandon. I don't think they at DOT know what they got but on Friday, February 9 Tuesday 9am DOT Department of Correction. Zoom. February 9<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 10. I also testified on the open restaurant row wait. I stood there all day. Just to testify on February 9 Tuesday at 12 CB4 met with the Park Commissioner, but the four fields on Knoll Street. Hopefully we can get some money to close that place and they use it as a dog park so they'll the park committee will fill you in on it on February

Tuesday at 6pm Economic Development permits a NYCER idea Tuesday. 6pm Town Hall Meeting. Councilwoman Nurse was there. On the 9<sup>th</sup>. Wednesday at 10:30 I attended the District Service Cabinet meeting. Everyone attends that meeting, that's great, all the city agencies. On February 9, Wednesday at 1pm I met with the New Ambassador from Brooklyn office NYPD. On February 11, Friday at 2:00pm we gave out PPE items.

We met another Detective, Parioli, at one of the offices that really is full time. Just got promoted to Captain. You're going to miss him. Hopefully he comes back. On Thursday, February 10 at 6pm I attended a Special Housing and Land Meeting. That Friday at Hope Gardens at 10:00, we had a Test Kit and PPE Giveaway. At 11:00am that same day me and Celeste went to the COVID Center of Excellence, the new one on Beaver Street.

So, you guys got to go check it out is nice! On Tuesday, 15 at 11:00, The Bushwick Community Partnership from 11 to 12. Also, on the 15<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 6pm I attended the 83<sup>rd</sup> Community Council Meeting with Barbara Smith and on the 16<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, which is today at 3pm I attended the Precinct Clergy meeting and today I am here at the full board meeting. That is the end of my meetings up until today. Are there any issues, concerns, or anything?

**Celeste:** Going once going twice questions for Mr. Camacho?

**Gladys Puglla:** I just want to say, well done.

**Mr. Camacho:** Oh, thank you.

**Felix Ceballos:** So, I also want to say thank you so much, Mr. Camacho. I appreciate you for what you do for our community.

**Mr. Camacho:** Without you guys that wouldn't be man you guys give me the strength to keep going. That's it is all about man. We must look out for each other because this place is getting crazier and crazier. So, we got to take care of our people.

**Barbara Smith:** I raised him well.

**Celeste:** Perfect. All right. If there are no other questions for Mr. Camacho, I know we have our council member with us Councilmember Nurse I don't know if you would like to say a few words to everybody. Now is the time and then we'll continue with the rest of the agenda.

**Council Member Sandy Nurse:** Good evening, everyone. Thank you so much for giving me a second and I'm just coming from that public hearing. We've been going to those monthly meetings,

and I'll reach out in the morning. I've already texted folks on the side will support with some door knocking for tenants who need to make access for the repairs and issues around the sanitation we will certainly reach out with Mr. Camacho. You know this company is also bidding all over for the past conversion.

So, the lessons we're learning here we need to also share with other tenants all over so that they know what they're getting into when these presentations are being made. A lot of these decisions are made in a small group with no public support for the tenant association presidents who make these decisions about which companies are going to manage these buildings and so we must support them with our knowledge we're learning here. So just on our end, we did have a town hall. We're planning to also have a town hall on March 22 Broadway junction around the Broadway junction new development. We really encourage all of you to get involved. We need to get organized around this. There's a pre app for the ULURP process that has already been put in with the city.

So, let's show up and really make sure that this looks like what we need it to look like. So, we'll be sending that around. We're going to be doing some giveaways and I'll put my information in the chat. And just to let you know our first sanitation meeting will be on the fourth, the mayor's budget just came out today. There are a lot of cuts on top of last year's cuts that are really going to hurt so we need everybody's voices in there around trash around education, housing, everything is being cut. So, we really need the community to be attentive to this, this budget fight. So, we'll put in all that information. So that you all have it you can come express your concerns, testify, submit testimony. We also were at the hearing around the potential to change the program for outdoor dining to a permanent program. It's a big, big issue across the city. Most of the Community Boards in New York City are against this so we need your input. Please reach out to us if you know what you want to see how you want to see this program, look. Anything that you want to offer that we can raise up through the community.

So, I'll keep it short but more to come and we will be here ready to work with you all. So please reach out to us. Michael from our team does constituent services he's available anytime. We are also doing it every second Tuesday of the month, late hours till 8pm for constituent services. So, for folks coming late, we'll try to do some satellite offices starting in March. So, thank you all and glad to be here with you.

**Celeste:** Thank you, Council Member. Questions for the Council Member?

**Annette Spellen:** I just want to thank the Councilwoman for the Townhall meeting. It was very informative. Thank you.

**Celeste:** Anyone else? Questions? Carlos, did you have a question?

**Carlos:** Oh, no, question.

**Celeste:** Okay, your hand was raised. That's why I asked Okay. All right. If there are no more questions for the councilmember? Going once, going twice alright.

### **Introduction of Elected Officials:**

**Celeste:** Thank you for joining us this evening. All right, we'll move on now with the introduction of our elected officials. I'm pretty sure I have everyone here. If I do not call your name or your office. It's not intentional. Please just let me know in the chat. Starting with the mayor's community affairs unit. Welcome, everyone.

#### Malcolm McDaniel, Mayor's Community Affairs Unit

Good evening. Community Board 4 as always, it's a pleasure to be here. My name is Malcolm McDaniel and I represent the mayor, the Honorable Mayor Eric Adams. Um, the only thing I have today was basically I'm going to share the link to the mayor's preliminary budget.

Celeste: Excuse me, Malcolm. Just name and contact info right now. Just the intro. Malcolm: I was just leaving it now in the chat. The real big thing is just I'm giving everybody the link so they can review the mayor's budget, but the Councilwoman already mentioned it, took the thunder out of it, but that's okay. Um, my direct contact is 212-676-3033 and my cell phone number is 347-669-6683. If you have any problem that you'd like me to look into municipality wise, or any resources please reach out to me. Thank you.

#### Evelyn Cruz, Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez's office

Yes. Good evening, everyone. Again, thank you for the opportunity to say hello. My office number is 718-599-3658. The office is located at 266 Broadway in Williamsburg on the corner of Havemeyer and Broadway and I will add our link. We are having limited hours in the office, but I will add the link to our office for any kind of intake or any kind of help. We're here full time to assist you. And I'm going to be jumping on another call. I want to join a school board meeting now. But I wanted to share that the congresswoman introduced two bills on gun violence last week. To see how we can help them and stop the gun violence in our community. So, I'll share that online as well. Thank you.

#### Jonathan Pomboza, Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez's office

Hi, good evening. Good evening, everyone. My name is Jonathan Pomboza, public engagement for district attorney Eric Gonzalez. Greetings from the DA. My direct line is 718-250-2817 and our action center is 718-250-2340 and we're located at 350 Jay Street in downtown Brooklyn. Thank you.

#### Evette Lopez, Assemblymember Maritza Davila's office

Hello. Hi, good evening, everyone. My name is Evette Lopez. I'm the Communications Director for Assemblywoman Maritza Davila. We are located at 249 Wilson Avenue in Brooklyn, and our contact number is 718-443-1205. Thank you.

#### Pamela Fernandez, Assemblymember Erik Dilan's office

Hi, everyone. My name is Pamela Fernandez. I'm the constituent liaison for Eric M. Dilan's office. Our office is located at 366 Cornelia Street, zip code 11237. And our phone number is 718-386-4576. Thank you.

**Celeste:** Thank you, folks, please keep an eye on mute. In case you need to and if folks can just drop the info that they're sharing in the chat as well. We got a request for that.

Carlos Calzadilla, State Senator Julia Salazar's office

**Carlos:** Yes. Hello, everyone. Good evening.

It's so great to see all of you and the incredible work CB4 does. So, I'm going to make a quick update because I must jump off the call for another call that I have but our office is open. I want to make sure everyone knows our office on 212 Evergreen Avenue, 11221. We are open. So, you can come from 10 to six. Tomorrow is the last day before we must submit our budget priority letters. So, if you know an organization or have an organization that needs some money, please send that ASAP between today and tomorrow. I'll drop all the information. In the chat. We also have masks, and we have test kits. So please also reach out to us. We want to make sure that we could distribute to any community organizations or any tenant association that needs it. And just want to click up to the senators working hard on the Good Cause Eviction bill.

We're very encouraged by several large-scale unions that have supported and the mayor has come on support events, really fighting to make sure that we can keep New Yorkers in their homes. I'm going to drop all the information in the chat please feel free to reach out to me or call the office. Thank you so much, everyone.

**Celeste:** Thank you. Again, if I missed anyone it was not intentional, please just let us know in the chat and there'll be another opportunity a little bit later today to introduce yourself and share any announcements. Next, we have introductions of CBOs and city agency representatives. I saw a few this evening again, just feels free to put anything in the chat in case I missed you.

**Introduction of CBO and Agency Representatives:**

**Noel Allain, The Bushwick Starr**

Hi everyone. This is Noel Allain. I'm the artistic director at the Bushwick Starr theater. Our address is for 19 Eldert Street, that is the building that is our new home so we're not fully in that location yet but that is our address. You can send us mail there also you could send an email to me at [noel@thebushwickstarr.org](mailto:noel@thebushwickstarr.org) and I'll put that in the chat. Thank you. Mr. Camacho: Hey, Noel, how are you doing? Noel: I'm okay. Camacho. Thank you. expecting a baby any day now. Mr. Camacho: Oh boy. That's good. Celeste: All right, very exciting.

**Ariella Riapos, North Brooklyn Coalition Against Family Violence**

Hi, good evening. This is Ariella for the North Brooklyn Coalition. I'll drop the general email in the chat as today's going to be my last meeting representing the coalition. Yeah, I'll be around though you guys will see me. Mr. Camacho: You leaving, you got another job? Ariella: You guys will see me trust me.

**Celeste:** All right, thank you Ariella. And I don't I don't have anyone else on my list. But again, feel free to drop your info in the chat and we'll make sure you have an opportunity to speak in announcements a little bit later today.

And moving on now. We have the 83-precinct update. I believe we have the captain with us this evening. Captain Claxon.

**83rd Precinct Commanding Officer's Report:** Captain Claxon provided the report on behalf of Captain Sanabria.

**Captain Claxon:** Yes. Hello, good evening, CB4. How's everyone doing today? Thank you for having me. Again. I'm glad to be a part of this meeting as always. For those of you who don't know, I am Captain Sean Claxon, Executive Officer at the precinct, and I'm filling in for my commanding officer Abraham Sanabria just to report on a few of our current precinct conditions and how we are addressing them. I'll speak briefly on crime and talk a little bit on traffic safety. So, without further ado, I'll get straight into things.

Although year to date we are down in some categories of our top major seven crimes such as robberies, assaults, and burglaries, within the past 20 days we are actually up in just about all six out of our seven statistical top major seven crime categories. We're only down in felonious assaults, which to be honest, we're not down too much or down 22 this period versus 23 of last period, so it's kind of about the same as last year. But we are up in robberies and assaults this 20-day period for robberies we're up 24 versus 18. That's up six which is a percentage change of 33.3%. And burglaries we're up 27 versus 18 which is up nine increases of 50%. So, I mean, we're working on efforts to just try to get some of the crime to go down. What we're doing in regards what we just we just fortunate enough to get 15 new officers into our precinct 15 New probationary police officers and we're going to utilize them for added presence in the street, as well as you know, the dumb being that is still in training mode. But the more officers we must put out, it alleviates some of our current officers from being overloaded with radio runs, so they're not you know, they no longer would have to rush from job to job and they can just they can give the job that they're responding to more quality and a greater level of assistance and service to the community.

We also adjusted the hours of our public safety team to coincide with the times that we're seeing most of these robberies are happening. We've conducted special operations and initiatives utilizing our neighborhood coordination officers to address GLA conditions. What we what we frequently see in GLA is just if everyone can let the community know are we seeing individuals leave their vehicles unattended with the with the engine running and what happens is that you know you have you have defendants perpetrators that would come inside the vehicle will go inside vehicle and still vehicle and then this easy access you know, and the victims they think they're just wanting inside of a store or running into the school to drop their kids off real quick and it's no biggie but you know that that's been that's been the driving force of our grand larceny auto so we want to get that down. We've also scheduled extra overtime tours for some of our officers to come in on the weekends, just as an added layer of patrol, visibility, and presence. And we were assigning them also to the targeted areas.

But we see an uptick in crime. So that's some of the things that you know, I want to keep it brief because I know that the meeting has been extended with the conversations earlier. I'll touch on

traffic, in the past 20 days with down in accidents with down one on nine collisions. Versus 117 as a decrease in eight. We've seen that we have seen an increase in the number of hazardous summonses that we issued in the 20-day period as well, and year to date, what up in Hazard summonses that we've issued. But I mean we were given an added push by the officers regarding addressing traffic related conditions because right now our motto is traffic safety is public safety. So outside of issuing summonses to enforcement, we also, you know, we're pushing our officers to conduct more vehicle safety truck checkpoints at collision prone locations.

And we also have officers, not just patrol officers, but we utilize auxiliary officers or NCOs. And our special highway safety officers respond to top pedestrian collision locations to talk to pedestrians and hand out flyers and just you know, inform the public more on traffic safety and how we all could be safe.

So, that's all. If anyone has any questions, please feel free.

**Celeste:** Board members questions comments?

**Felix Ceballos:** Yes, I want to as I remember some time ago, I saw a lot of trucks going in Bushwick. I want to know if in the future we can have more checkpoints in the area.

**Captain Claxon:** Right. So right now, with checkpoints. We're focusing on areas where we have high injuries like what like Bushwick and Eastern Parkway. That's a major intersection. We get a lot of collisions. We recently had a collision on Flushing and Scott with someone you know they were critically injured. So, we push to have checkpoints in areas where it is collision prone. However, we are increasing in checkpoints. That's as I mentioned, we will be doing at minimum I want to say about nine per week, 9 to 10 per week minimum so it goes upward from 10 checkpoints but that is the name of the game at this point.

**Felix Ceballos:** Thank you.

**Captain Claxon:** You're welcome.

**Celeste:** And just to add to that Captain it would be great if the 83 Precinct would look at the board's Environmental Protection Transportation Sanitation Committee recently did a study on Bushwick Avenue, a traffic safety study in partnership with Council Land Use. It'd be great if the precinct could take a look at that and add in any other recommendations or make any special notes that we should include in those recommendations that will be going to both our council members our previous council members who made that possible to our new council members, who we hope will support it, and then of course to DOT, department of transportation for them to implement it now that we've done most of the work. So, we can send that tomorrow.

**Captain Claxon:** Yeah, so I'll look into that. I saw a question in the comment section regarding Myrtle Avenue and Broadway so well not. They didn't say Broadway, just Myrtle Avenue. But Myrtle Avenue is one of our major two ways and we were applying constant and force

enforcement, especially around Myrtle on Broadway. But, you know, we even conducted an initiative today with our NCO David, I believe, where we issued some summonses. But between Myrtle and Broadway corridor, you know, we were enforcing heavily in that area. So just be aware we continue to make efforts. I know that the Chair is Mr. Camacho. He informs us when he sees certain legal violations occurring on Broadway. And you know, we make that a priority. We do make that a priority because Myrtle is a two way with, you know, if one cause stopped and it will kill traffic for a whole lot of people. So, you know, we are enforcing it.

**Celeste:** Any final questions, comments?

**Leo Tineo:** Good evening, sir. I'm wondering if we can address, I mean, yesterday I sat in on the meeting and it brought up something that I've been thinking about. I'm also a lieutenant in the fire department and the fire house is right down Hart Street. And thank you for your service and we've been really concerned in the past few months in the last year or so. We see a significant amount of people parked on hydrants. It's a, you know, for us, it's a danger not just for the firefighter but obviously for the city. The people that live in these buildings, every second counts when it comes to putting out a fire. We depend on that water to do that.

And you know, people don't understand. I know that it's been hard to find parking lately, but I know back in the day, everybody respected hydrants, not anymore. I'm not sure and I know why because no one's getting ticketed. You really, you know, it was brought up yesterday, and I will just sit back and listen. But you know, people said I was a safety concern, but people don't really realize how much of a danger that really is. I know that it's most of the time thankfully, we don't use it. But when it comes down to the nitty gritty, oh, we need to use that hydrant and it's blocked. It makes a huge, huge difference. One second one minute, especially when it's a family member. So, I mean, you know, I know that you say you've got some rookies out there on the job. Maybe you know, have them practice writing tickets on hydrants.

**Captain Claxon:** I appreciate your concern regarding the hydrants. I would also encourage you; I mean, we write what we see, right. And you're right that the parking situation in Brooklyn is horrible, and sometimes we try to show some discretion because, you know, it could be four o'clock. I mean, there's no, there's no right way. There's no right reason to park at a hydrant right. It can be four o'clock in the morning and someone's just been working 12-15 hours and they just can't find anything, and they do not necessarily block the hydrant. But they'll park a little too close. I would encourage you if you saw a vehicle parked in a hydrant and you can also pass this along to anyone else in the community call 311.

We'll get it and we will answer it and listen to the physical we're going to go investigate and if it's there, we have the right we don't show discretion at that point. You know, saying if someone in the community is bothered by it, then then we address it. But fire hydrants in general that that's something you know if it's blocking the hydrant, you know clearly then we do we do address those. We tried to show a little leniency if the cause is off, another rule is 15 feet. We show a little leniency if it's eight, you know, because of the parking situation in Brooklyn, but like I said, there's no there's

no right reason to park at a hydrant. And that's something that we will continue to continue to address. Thank you.

**Celeste:** Thank you, Councilmember Nurse, then Barbara Jackson and Linda Kelly. Then we have to wrap up.

**Council Member Sandy Nurse:** Yeah, mine is very quick. I was just wondering if there was any communication or coordination yet or information coming down the pipeline around the anti-gun units that were coming to the precincts. I thought the 83rd was included. Is there any information about the rollout of that?

**Captain Claxon:** Absolutely. So, it's going to be a neighborhood safety team that's coming down the pipeline. We're set to have one. Right now, we have two public safety teams. But this is going to be like, as you said that the new unit, which will do away without public safety team who were entitled to one, and there has been talks between us and the borough, but personnel which personnel we're going to use what supervisor we're going to use, but we're waiting we're waiting on the final word from them that comes from the borough, which ultimately comes from the mayor.

So, when they give us the green light, that's when we implement it, but then also, with this special unit comes special training as well. So, I don't have a finite timeline to give when, when it's going to happen and when we're going to see those that team out in the street policing. However, it's going to take some time.

**Barbara Jackson:** Okay, as far as calling 311 yes you can call 311 will eventually go to the third goes to the precinct. So, it's not an emergency, they're not coming out quickly with the tickets at the fire hydrant so whoever owns the car moves it.

**Captain Claxon:** So, I mean, essentially, you're correct in terms of how we prioritize our jobs and where we go first. I mean, ultimately, though, you know, the point is the purpose. We do want the car to be moved. So, if the car is moved prior to us coming, yes, we couldn't issue it a summons but the outcome that we want for the hydrant not to be blocked is uh you know, that's the outcome is there, so unfortunately, we can't rush to a fire hydrant job. Like I said, we have an uptick in robberies if we get a robbery call, you know that that's something of more pressing concern and then a fire hydrant, but we will do our best to get to it as soon as we can.

**Celeste:** And is this something that traffic can assist with?

**Captain Claxon:** Absolutely. So, we have traffic enforcement agents, you know what, I'll make a note to reach out to the traffic bureau. And there are hydrants everywhere, right? It's not it's not a particular corridor that I can say, you know, I need you guys to be in this area and dress addressing fire hydrants, you know, but I can call the bureau and speak to one of the executives there and just see if they can address that concern. Parking on most fire hydrants I see people blocking fire hydrants either doing an alternate side to street in regulations, or at nighttime late at nighttime. I don't see that uptick during the daytime and then there's limited personnel and traffic

safety and nighttime. So, you know, we must take that into account. You must take that into account as well. But like I said, I look to see what I can do and what more we can do to address this.

**Celeste:** Okay, we'll try to get you some specific locations. I'm sure our board members and members of the community if you please let us know. If you have any blocks that have this issue with the hydrants, please contact the board's office. And I know Ms. Kelly has been waiting patiently. Just give me one second. You should be able to unmute.

**Linda Kelly:** Okay. There was a shooting on DeKalb and Irving, somebody got shot. I believe it was Saturday or something. A week ago, or something

**Captain Claxon:** Yes. We did have a shooting recently on decal. A man was shot in his thigh. That's the background he was he was it was it was off of a dispute. Long story short, he had a dispute walking his dog and he had a dispute with another individual and then he went back home and he's hanging outside of his building. And that individual came back and fired shots at the victim, unfortunately, and we are investigating. We do have some good leads. We have some very good leads. Okay.

If anyone else has any information that could help us bring this person to justice. Feel free to give us a call or the NYPD tip line that helps or you can call the precinct.

**Linda Kelly:** I don't understand why people out you know get arrested and then they let you out divert to go out with other than bail and they let you out you commit another crime. They let you out again. I mean, come on. Somebody's got to do something about that.

**Captain Claxon:** That's beyond my role.

**Linda Kelly:** I know. But okay. All right. Thank you.

**Jo-Ena Bennett:** Yeah. I was just wondering, you know, since we have Councilwoman Nurse on the line, and we have two major agencies, the FDNY and NYPD and we're talking about parking at fire hydrants. I'm just wondering if there is a possibility of enabling our fire department to issue tickets when they see cars parked at fire hydrants? It impedes their job, it's an endangerment to the community. And when they seize continue, call the fire department say okay, they're going to go out and write a ticket on that hydrant. So, I just wonder, is it possible to have a possible solution to the problem?

**Celeste:** That's a conversation to have offline just because we have limited time, but we can. Jo-Ena: Those parties just happened to be here and yes, that's another conversation for another time. But those people happen to be here, and I thought, that's a possible solution maybe to consider.

**Celeste:** That's great to put it on their radar. So, we can absolutely follow up on that. Thank you, Ms. Bennett. So, if there are no other questions here, thank you, Captain, for joining us. We still have half an agenda. And now that concludes the entirety of the chairperson's report.

### **5) District Manager's Report**

**Celeste:** And next we have the district manager's report, which is my report. And I know I've given everyone a break the past two months, but I do have to summarize a few things that have happened under my report. I will try to be as brief as possible.

So good evening, everyone Happy belated MLK and Valentine's Days, and then I'll go ahead and summarize the meetings that I've attended. I'm just going to give a little bit of information about the meetings themselves. The end of January, I had a call with Laura Bell from Salesforce. Some may be familiar with this regarding a community board customer relation management tool as a project. The city council has something called CouncilStat. The community boards and apparently Borough Hall do not have any type of software platform. I'm sure some boards have managed to come up with their own system.

I know many have used Excel sheets, some of us have even used Airtable. But prior to the pandemic, I spent some time talking to Salesforce to see if they would be able to build out something more formal, and they were checking in now that we're in a different period post pandemic or moving away from the beginning of it they wanted to know if that was still something of interest and I suggested they contact Borough Hall and I also let my colleagues in Brooklyn know about it.

We also spoke with the Mayor's Office of contract services also known as MOCs regarding a platform called PASSPort. We must learn PASSPort in the board's office specifically to be able to purchase a water cooler. I bring this up because this is another example of how with limited staff, we must adapt and be able to get the things that we need. And this is something where all staff must learn how to use this system. It does take time; you know it is online and it's not without its challenges. I know colleagues across the borough have experienced issues with PASSPort and before our liaison from the Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications left the agency

I was able to determine that there are some internal framework issues that make it challenging as well. And I'll leave that there. The short version of this is that it's very complicated for something that we need to do something so simple with. That's an example of how we always face challenges in the board's office for something very straightforward. They make it very complicated for us to do it.

And then a few more examples of folks that we speak to or that I specifically speak to throughout the month, I spoke with an urban planner named Tess regarding community engagement in the city. She wanted to know a little bit about how we interface with folks and she's working on her own private research project. I also checked in with Bishop Perryman. Their church is over on Cooper Street and Wilson Avenue, and we were talking a little bit about food pantry supply

options. They will continue to have the farmers market this year with RiseBoro. They're very excited, and they've also taken measures to deal with a very serious rat or rodent infestation problem that was stemming from a nearby property.

On Monday, January 24. I was very happy to attend Dr. Julie Dent's Retirement Celebration Planning Committee meeting. Folks that know Dr. Dent—her retirement celebration was postponed due to the pandemic. I'm happy to announce that we have a new date. I don't remember the specific date but it's the end of April. As soon as we get that information, we will absolutely share that with the board and with the community. And then Mr. Camacho already spoke on this. And oh, the district office committee meeting. There were a few items that were not touched on, so I must mention them because there is one recommendation from the committee this evening. For board member attendance Mr. Camacho mentioned it in his report.

There were some letters sent in October for three or more unexcused absences, those board members were Louisa Chan, Cheryl Jones, Marcus Austin, Odolph Wright, Andrew Choi and Luisa Jose Olea. For the most part, everyone's attendance improved. Regarding Mr. Wright, the committee did have a discussion and as opposed to, taking any action as per the board's bylaws, the committee made a recommendation for me to reach out to Borough Hall to explain Mr. Wright's situation. I sent them an email describing the health challenges he's had in the past year. I also mentioned that because he's their appointee, and he's not up for renewal until next year, if they can check in with him to determine, you know, for themselves his plans because he only verbally indicated to us that he doesn't plan to return to the board at this time, then that would be the better way. We want to honor and, you know, remember him, you know, for his services for many years and the committee felt that that would be appropriate.

So, we're waiting for a response from Borough Hall, but we know that they're going to, you know, do the right thing, and make sure that Mr. Wright's service isn't tarnished because he's been trying to recuperate.

And there were more letters sent in January for attendance, including Carlos Feliciano, Egaudy Gomez, Christopher Graham, Zulma Novoa. Acire Polight, and Vernedeaner Shell. We've heard back from some board members; we haven't heard back from all of them. We know it's very challenging at times to attend the meetings. And so, we want to be able to work with you. Please just let us know when you need to be excused. Also, so let us know if there are things that come up. You have to prioritize you, your family, you know, the board will always be here, you know, so even if you have to take a break, just let us know, and we'll find a way to make it work.

And there was one recommendation that I will get to later under recommendations for removal. And let's see, I think there was one more item, if I'm not mistaken from this report, perhaps not. So that concludes the District Office Report, back to my report.

Just give me one second. On Thursday, February 3, there was a sanitation working group meeting. It's an exciting time. We have folks that are getting more involved and those that participated in our best meeting yet. We were joined by Diana Reyna as a consultant who's

working with the group to come up with a report and with the board's Sanitation Committee. She was joined by James O'Brien, who was potentially going to be helping with a survey. We decided that it doesn't make sense to pursue the survey at this time, given our timeline and capacity.

However, we're happy to have made that connection. And then of course, Mr. Camacho mentioned our pop-up event at RiseBoro. Just want to give a shout out to the Department of Health, NYC Health and Hospitals to Kim for going out from the board's office to everyone who made that event a success. Thank you so much. And then to specify a little bit more about what's happening in Green Central North Park, Mr. Camacho spoke on it. But specifically, there are folks that are using the field that the kids use when they play in the spring for their dogs. This has led to several different altercations with the parks department. They stepped up enforcement. But if folks are familiar with the park, there's like a fence that's the shape of an S that's open on both sides so folks can literally go in and out of the field whenever they want. We have asked that they close off the field only for permitted use to avoid some of the issues and the burdens that we're seeing both with folks and the interpersonal issues but also with the holes in the fields. Of course, you know, pet waste on the field, etc.

And the council member did commit to funding that. Councilmember Gutierrez and Parks are currently exploring their options. And I also had a call with Debbie Holloway from the Bushwick Free Store. Some of you may have noticed that there's a free store on the corner by Maria Hernandez. They are not technically allowed to operate there but they've been doing it as a form of mutual aid for the community. They are looking into spaces where they can operate legally. Unfortunately, neither Parks nor the mayor's office was able to accommodate them with permits to be in that specific location because they do not meet the criteria to be eligible to get the permit so folks can help them out. I'm happy to connect you.

And on Wednesday, February 9, I spoke with Sarah Goldwyn from City Planning Coordination. These are the folks that help every year with the board's statement of community district needs. I touched base with her on one of the projects we worked on for the first-time last year and hope to continue those conversations to make it better and there's always more to say. However, I will conclude my report there. I know it's a lot of information. Thank you, everyone, for your patience. And I'll take any questions and comments now if there are any. All right, I see no.

**Gladys Puglla:** Oh, so I will tell you good luck with PASSPort. It's a very hard program and they're trying to make it better but since it's a brand-new program, just I'm going to tell you, whoever's going to take the training, to bring a notebook just for that and write everything down that you hear. Just write it down because you're going to be the guide not to be useful for you when you're in that role. So, you don't have to go back because they are very tied up with the messages. They're not answering the help desk and just bring out everything that you need to write and just to clear your notes. So, then you could go back and do this program because this program is very hard for newcomers.

**Celeste:** Thank you, Gladys and I think we got very lucky. The liaison who I worked with to set up our PASSPort account was very helpful. We get questions for review. All the time. I don't

always write reviews unless someone really compelled me to write one. She was so helpful. I wrote a review and I said that she should be acknowledged for being helpful because it's very rare in city government for someone to answer and be helpful. We have some great liaisons. So, we always want to acknowledge when they do a great job, because we want to see that more and more. And then just a quick comment from the chat. Noel from the Bushwick Starr mentioned that they're going to be hosting the free store on Thursdays, so it seems like they have one home. If we can get them a different home as well for other days. I think that that would be great. I even mentioned that they may want to connect with Latinos Americanos Unidos. It just depends on where they are and of course the folks that they speak to that someone else has something. All right. Hearing no other questions. Seeing no other comments. We will move on now to our committee reports.

## **6) Committee Reports**

**Celeste:** We only have two this evening and we'll start with housing and Land Use, and I know one of your items was already presented. So, we don't have to really speak on that in detail. But we have the whole other meeting. And to summarize.

### **Housing and Land Use - Anne Guiney**

We had a busy month, and we had a meeting on January 25. Where the public hearing item today was presented. So, Nasheet Romy and lead voice from the Department for the Aging as well as John Kosa from DCAS and then also somebody from DEP presented about renewing this lease for the Senior Center. As everybody I think most people hopefully were there for the public hearing, but we did ask them to come before but really, we just had questions about the length of 20 years, and some promised upgrades to the space. And would they be able to continue to accommodate all the seniors during the upgrades and they committed? Yes, they would be able to? It seems like there had been a lease renewal five years ago, where the owners had come before us.

So, we had some questions about why that was such a short lease renewal. And it turns out that I think that the city was, as we understood it, the city was using that as leverage to get some upgrades to happen because those upgrades had not happened. So basically, after talking with the owners, talking with the city, and then there were some RiseBoro representatives there as well, I believe I don't have the name right now. But they were comfortable supporting this lease renewal because we know how important this community center is to the seniors and many families in this community. That was two days later.

I met with Camacho and Celeste, and we met with a Blue Sea Development, which is the development or part of the development team behind the seniors first project on lending and between Linden Street and Grove Street on Wilson Avenue. This is a project that came before the Housing and Land Use Committee and the full board. I would say what was in 2018. Is that correct? Mr. Camacho.

And it's basically the City NYCHA was trying to find more spots for senior housing. This is in that parking lot; I think many of you will be familiar. It's honestly like half a block away from where we all meet, or we used to meet, in the pre-pandemic times. And it is a 13-story building. I believe it is within 152 units of senior housing, all of which is I'll find that the numbers break down but it's everything is below 50% AMI. A fair amount of it is Section 8, and I believe it is 20% set aside for the formerly homeless.

So, the numbers do seem to pencil out anyway, all of which is to say they wanted to have a 2000 square foot community space on the ground floor. HPD Housing Preservation and Development is asking them to find a paying tenant for they said that based on their community outreach to people in Bushwick. They want to have it be a flexible, free space for community groups. We had a lot of questions about that. And what that meant was that there's a lot of technical background on it, but it is basically they would like it to be administered by JASA, which is the organization that is going to be providing the supportive services on site for the seniors.

Anyway, for these 150 plus units, and we asked them for a lot of clarification on what they did follow up a day or two later and share that. But they said we're on a tight schedule as we need a letter from the Community Board, and we said we the three of us are not able to give you that letter. We need to bring it before the Housing and Land Use Committee and then before you know the full board, which we're doing now. So, we then followed up with a special meeting on Thursday, February 10, we're basically this same team that came and presented to the Housing and Land Use Committee and I appreciate everybody on HLU, who's willing and able to come to this special meeting.

So, I'm sorry, just one more thing in the February 25 meeting. There was some other stuff that came up. The 1320 Gates Communities Resist is a community lawyers' organization that supports a lot of people in our community. And Councilmember Nurse and a bunch of other people worked on cleaning up the basement at 1320 Gates and Communities Resist had filed a lawsuit against RiseBoro who the management is so I followed up the next day because I didn't as that was happening I just learned about it was the same day as our meeting.

I followed up with Kevin Worthington the next day to get a better sense of what was going on. Perhaps councilmember Nurse if that's something if you could give us a super short update on that, and then, what I would like to do is just wrap this up and perhaps if it's okay, after I finish this report, you can give us that update. So, on February 10, we basically had this special meeting for the seniors first project, they presented everything. Basically, what they're asking us is for a letter in support of having a zero-cost community space administered by JASA that is available to for nonprofit making efforts or organization so for example, it you could be we asked it could be community organization, it could be the community board, it could be a softball league, it could be a mutual aid organization, it could potentially be a free store. It could be there if you're not trying to make money or have a birthday party for yourself. This you would potentially be able to have an event in this space is 2000 square feet. If HPD does not go for it, they will move the Super S unit down there and then they will create two other units.

Two additional units of senior housing above so we went back and forth quite a bit. We asked them a lot of questions and then ultimately, the housing and land use committee voted to support them to go for with a letter in support. It sounds like HPD has not done this before. So, it may not happen. But based on a lot of things that we hear at the Community Board, we felt like this is something that a flexible space in the community that could be sort of quote unquote rented for free by a range of different community organizations seemed like a good idea. So that is my full report. Councilmember Nurse, if you would be able to give us a brief update on 1328 Gates, that would be amazing.

**Council Member Sandy Nurse:** Thank you. Yeah, I'll try to be super short. We did an action over there with Communities Resist there was a long standing issue with RiseBoro the property right out it went to a seven eight process is being held by neighborhoods Restore is and it will eventually be moved into Risborough's portfolio they're supposed to be maintaining the building the tenants were complaining that there's been no cleaning, no maintenance, a lot of just a year, a couple years of issues with lack of response.

So, we did the action to ultimately request that RiseBoro come to the table with their renovation plans. You know the building is over 100 years old. It's falling apart structurally. It needs a total renovation, gut renovation. It's wood beams and the floors have been named. It's just that it's 100 years over 100 years old building.

Then concern that there has not been clear communication about where they're going to when they're going to be relocated. What is the actual renovation plan? What is the layout of the building for when they return? None of that had been communicated to them over a very long period, which was creating a lot of anxiety and stress. So, we ultimately had a meeting immediately about a week out with the tenants of RiseBoro. A bunch of people from RiseBoro Neighbors Restore, Assemblywoman Davila, were there and we came up with an action plan. We're going to be meeting next month.

We're going to, moving forward, have a monthly meeting and check in. Communities Resist is going to be working to set up a time for the architect to sit with the family to go over the layout that they need to accommodate all of the people living in that building. And then the second meeting that we'll have next month is about the rent structure. So, when they come back, you know RiseBoro has committed to that. Rent Stabilization being in there with the gut with the gut, structural gut project, the way that kicks in the department of building new codes and some of the restructuring of the rent that needs to really be communicated clearly to the tenants so that they know what they're fully signing on to. So, we now have a system of communication moving forward for a monthly meeting. If the architects and neighborhood stores are, they're going to be working with the tenants to make sure that there are acceptable renovation layouts for those families so that no one is displaced. That is the very short of it.

**Anne Guiney:** Thank you, I know it is a super complex situation. So, I appreciate you sharing that information. And if it makes sense. CB4 HLU can be a part of those conversations. Absolutely.

**CM Nurse:** Yeah, if you don't need us to, but I think it's at all I think the more eyes the merrier. This is not the only building that is coming up around this. So, I will include you in the meeting. I can loop you into the thread that's happening.

**Mr. Camacho:** I also want to thank you because I saw you getting dirty and cleaning up the building. I saw you!!!

**Councilmember Nurse:** It was horrific down there. I want to thank people that deserve those conditions. Nobody deserves to live like this right? That's right. Thank you.

**Anne:** So, thank you so much, Councilmember Nurse, and yeah, so the HLU Committee's recommendation to support both the 20-year lease for the senior center and then also to send a support this letter to HPD about a zero-cost flexible community space. Those will be in the recommendation section of the meeting at the end of this meeting.

**Celeste** Thank you everybody, but if there are any questions, I don't want to move on before everyone has a chance to ask questions. Going once, going twice. I must ask for any questions from the board and the public. Specifically for our audit. We're in compliance. All right. Okay, hearing none, seeing none in the chat or the Q&A. We'll move on.

#### **Economic Development + Permits and Licenses - Melissa Carrera**

Melissa was excused from the meeting. Kimberly Maldonado, the CB4 liaison, provided an overview of the report on her behalf.

**Celeste:** Thank you and alright, and next we have our Economic Development and Permits and Licenses Committee meeting. Kim, are you able to summarize?

**Kim:** Okay, it's my first time doing it, so just bear with me. So, for the committee meeting on Tuesday, the committee received four applications that were invited. The first two are new applications, which is March 29. Holding LLC that's located on 29 Locust Street. These owners have lived in Bushwick for 17 years. They're basically opening a bar with a limited food menu and opportunity for live music and DJ.

The owners did reach out to tenants and the neighbors around the business, and they received 11 letters of support as well as 20 signatures in a petition. The PLC chairperson did recommend that the establishment reach out to local nonprofits and the 83rd present as well. Their intended sales of alcohol hours were seven days a week Monday through Friday 2pm to 4am. Saturday from 12pm to 4pm. And Sunday from 12 to 12pm to 12am. The owners have made they're in the process of implementing sound proofing recommendations and the PLC chairperson as well as Mr. Camacho did express some concerns about the hours of operation and they suggested the establishment close at 2am. Monday through Wednesday, which they did agree to, as well as the chairperson encouraged the owners to hire locally and provide us with any job postings that they have in the future.

For the second new application that was Casa del Sabor that's located on 40 I'm sorry, 446 Wilson Avenue. And this establishment has been functioning already as a Spanish restaurant. And the owners are applying for a full liquor license to increase revenue. They have conducted outreach with the public school that is across the street, and they received a letter of support from the assistant principal and the PLC chairperson suggested that further outreach be conducted. Their intended sales. Sales of alcohol hours were seven days a week Monday through Thursday 7am to 12pm. Friday through Saturday 7am to 2am and Sundays 9am to 10pm and the third establishment was Wyckoff beer garden LLC 33 Wyckoff Avenue and they were invited to the meeting to provide just basically updates on what improvements were made since there was a residential complaints in the past the owner did explain that the communication with the community and businesses has improved their sound system is also being updated. And they are in the process of determining whether they're going to be closing the establishment earlier.

There's intended sales of alcohol remain the same, which is seven days a week Monday through Thursday 5pm to 11pm. Friday through Sunday from 12pm to 11pm. And sorry, the PRC chairperson also suggested that they reach out to the Arts Cultural technology committee chairperson, and they are following the stipulations. The last establishment, which is Wilson Avenue, LLC gold sounds located on 44 Wilson Avenue, they're a renewal applicant, and they were invited because they received a few complaints 39 complaints, 39 311 complaints in 2021. We reached out to the 83rd precinct about it and the complaints mainly were regarding noise emanating from the outside.

So, we did speak with the owner, and he did say that he retrained their staff, the security to enforce the noise limit, and he's currently doing soundproofing to the system to their sound system. They invested more in the outdoor space to minimize the noise and he has been in communication with the neighbors. Their sales of alcohol hours were seven days a week Monday through Sunday from 4pm to 3am.

And the committee chairperson requested that the establishment close their outdoor area by 11 o'clock which they did agree to and as well as they made this suggestion of well in enforcing the stipulation of no alcohol that past 12pm On Sundays, which they did agree to as well. And the committee didn't make recommendations for that meeting. So, the recommendations were to approve for bar holdings LLC, as well as Casa del Sabor and voted to approve the renewal establishments which were Wyckoff beer garden and 44 Wilson Avenue. Gold Sounds and that's basically wrapped up. Very nice. Thank you.

**Mr. Camacho:** Great job. Great job. Thank you.

**Celeste:** Just a question. For clarification on 44 Wilson Avenue. What are the hours that the committee recommended? I'm just pulling that up. Sorry. For 44 Wilson Avenue, the hours will be Monday through sorry. Yeah, so Monday through Thursday would be from 4pm to 3am. And then Saturdays and Sundays their hours were Monday through Saturday from 4pm to 3am and Sundays there. The stipulation is no alcohol past 12pm. Okay.

**Celeste:** All right. Any other questions for the committee? Going once, going twice. Alright, moving right along. I believe that we'll have already covered our district office report earlier. So, I took time out of my report to already cover it. So, we'll go ahead now right into recommendations.

So, somebody said something in the chat. What was the second establishment's name again? Hold on. Yeah, the chat moves. So quickly. Sometimes we don't see things. The second establishment was a new application and that was Casa del Sabor. Yeah, they answered in the chat.

**Celeste:** Yeah. And just a quick shout out. We do have some of the owners joining us this evening. Thank you so much for being with us. And thank you for what you do in the community and for responding to some of the concerns that we had. Alright. Okay, so we'll move on now to recommendations and we'll start with the district office committee.

## **7) Recommendations**

**District Office Committee's recommendation to remove Marcus Alston from the board due to his accrued unexcused absences as per the board's by-laws.**

Jose Guzman made a **motion in support of the committee's recommendation**. It was seconded by James Fitzgerald. All were in favor, so moved.

**Housing and Land Use Committee's recommendation for the Roundtable ULURP application - yes with the stipulation of a twenty-year lease.**

Mr. Camacho made a **motion in support of the committee's recommendation**. It was seconded by Gladys Puglla. All were in favor, so moved.

**Housing and Land Use Committee's recommendation for the NYCHA Seniors First Linden Grove Community Space - Send a letter to HPD in support of not having a leased tenant and the space administered by JASA for formal and informal community groups to use flexibly and at zero cost.**

Barbara Jackson made a **motion in support of the committee's recommendation**. It was seconded by Raul Rubio. All were in favor, so moved.

**Economic Development + Permits and Licenses** – the following are the standard committee recommendations for all establishments.

- Sale of alcohol hours Monday to Wednesday until 2am, Thursday to Saturday until 4am, and Sunday until 12am
- No amplified music outdoors
- Outdoor space until 11pm
- Outreach to local community-based organizations
- Hire locally and share the job postings with the board's office

**29 Locust Street - Bar Holdings, LLC - New LWBC**

See above.

**446 Wilson Avenue - Casa del Sabor LLC d/b/a Casa del Sabor - New LWBC**

Their intended sales of alcohol hours as stated in the committee meeting are as follows: 7 days a week, Monday through Thursday from 7am to 12am, Friday through Saturday from 7am to 2am and Sundays 9am to 10pm.

Everything else above.

**33 Wyckoff Avenue - Wyckoff Beer Garden LLC - Renewal WBC**

Their sales of alcohol hours as stated in the committee meeting are as follows: 7 days a week, Monday through Thursday from 5pm to 11pm, and Friday through Sunday from 12pm to 11pm.

• PLC Chairperson requested the establishment attend the CB4 regular monthly meeting on February 16th via Zoom and suggested the owner reach out to Arts/Cultural/Technology committee chairperson – Dustin Sonneborn for potential collaboration opportunities.

Everything else above.

**44 Wilson Avenue - Wilson Ave LLC d/b/a Gold Sounds - Renewal LWBC**

Establishment submitted for SLA renewal application and were invited to the committee meeting due to (39) 311 complaints in 2021 reported by the 83rd precinct.

311 complaints were mainly regarding noise emanating outside the bar. The owner has retrained staff/security to enforce noise limit, conducted further soundproofing to sound system, invested more into enclosing outdoor space to minimize noise, and maintains an open line of communication with neighbors – the last 311 complaint occurred in November 2021.

Everything else above.

**Mr. Camacho:** My recommendation is regarding writing to heart and all the elected officials in regard to a pinnacle and the abuse and the non-treating of our tenants and not maintaining supervision. Very, very, you yourself know, for a fact that they have been, we have gotten calls from tenants crying, you know, and we have been very, very disrespectful so maybe we should write a letter to HUD all the electrical issues and let know how we feel. And I don't know if they are, maybe the Councilwoman can conceive they have it already because I know they were on a temporary basis.

I don't know if they went through that thing. I know some of those buildings for a fact. Now you can call 311 on them and build his apartment. I know a lot of those apartments didn't pass inspection. So, they are losing out on a lot of money too. I know that for a fact. So, we really need to make sure that this development doesn't go down the drain and they push our people. I don't know so we are willing to write a letter to them. Maybe me and you together can do some, so I just want the board to let them know that you're not really concerned about what's going on there. And we must put an emphasis on that, especially our people in housing.

**Celeste:** Thank you Mr. Camacho. Is there a second for the letter to hood? And that's okay. Thank you, Annette. All in favor? Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? So, moved. Thank you.

And I believe that now concludes our recommendations go once gone twice. Great.

### **8) Old Business**

**Celeste:** Old business going once, going twice. (None)

### **9) New Business**

**Celeste:** New business. Going once, going twice. (None)

### **10) Announcements**

**Celeste:** Alright, announcements. Please be ready. Anyone that has an announcement, please raise your hand. It'll make this so much faster if I don't see any hands. Okay, Mr. Ceballos.

Felix Ceballos, CB4 Board Member

**Felix:** Just I want to say something about the racks. We have a hole in the old community. You see you know to try to put attention on that because there are a lot of rats on the sidewalk. They just go to the garbage in the day in front of the building from the house inside the house inside the building.

**Mr. Camacho:** Mr. Ceballos, I'm sorry for bothering you. This is if you want, we have a sanitation working group. This is an announcement if you have an announcement. We have a sanitation workgroup. We'll make sure, we'll take care of your problem if you want to visit but this is just for you. We're almost done. So, there is a sanitation worker, and they are a sanitation committee. So, if you get on there, maybe we can get more votes. Because there's now only and thank you so much. Thank you.

Jonathan Pomboza, Brooklyn DA Eric Gonzalez's office

**Jonathan:** Yes, hi there. Just wanted to share that the DA is hosting a virtual Black History Month celebration event on Monday February 28. The link will be available on social media. I will also send an email out to everyone. Thank you and have a good evening.

**Celeste:** Thank you. I don't see any more hands. Go on once going twice announcements. We're just doing hands today because we're short on time. All right. Last chance.

### **11) Second Roll Call**

**Board members in attendance:** Carlotta Williams, Jerry Valentin, Leo Tineo, Annette Spellen Dustin Sonneborn, Vernedeaner Shell, Eliseo Ruiz, Raul Rubio, Gladys Puglla, Acire Polight, Kyle O'Rourke, Imini Mitchell, Luisa Jose,

**Excused:** Zulma Novoa, Desmonde Monroe, Andy Marte, Melissa Carrera, Gardea Caphart, Rev. Grace Aytes

**Absent:** Odolph Wright, Sammy Nemir Olivares, Jared Hicks, Carlos Feliciano, Daniella Davi

**12) Adjournment**

Elvena Davis made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Barbara Jackson. All were in favor, so moved.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:01pm