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Zoom

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Meeting Start: 6:09pm

Celeste: Welcome everyone to the Community Board 4 March 16, 2022 public hearing and regular meeting. We're going to go ahead and get started. The time is now 6:09pm. We're going to go right into our public hearing agenda for this evening starting with our CEO of Woodhull hospital, NYC Health and Hospitals Woodhull hospital. Please join me in welcoming Mr. Greg Calliste.

Public Hearing:

1) Gregory Calliste, CEO, NYC Health + Hospitals/Woodhull - providing an update on Woodhull hospital operations and services for the community.

Good evening, everybody. I hope everybody can hear me. And, thanks for inviting me to give an update on Woodhull hospital. So I'm happy to say that we have just gone through some really trying times, not just hospitals but throughout the city, throughout the state, throughout the country. With COVID, I'm happy to say that Woodhull functioned, operated well, so we are doing well. We have survived and we are actually doing well as a hospital.

So you know, we have had our share, but the staff has really worked together to make sure that everyone who came into the hospital for COVID or for other reasons are well taken care of. That was not easy, especially for the last search for the first two surgeons. We had the option or the opportunity to bring in staff from around the country where COVID wasn't that bad, but for the last search COVID was really bad throughout the country. So we couldn't really get a lot of staff from around the country. So we really have to function on, but like I said, we really have together we did bring this up. We were able to get some additional staff. But for the most part a lot of our staff like me, you know, we're affected by COVID did get COVID; not necessarily from the hospital. From what we realize that most of the staff who are getting COVID were getting COVID from the community like everybody else, and were bringing it in and affecting sometimes colleagues because the hospital is probably one of the safest places to be as far as COVID is concerned. But like I said, for the most part, we did well, we are strong, we are doing well.

So in terms of COVID update, so for the third search, which kind of started happening around November of last year. We remember, let's say December, January during the height of the surgery, probably seen around some days we had probably close to 100 COVID positive

patients in the hospital. And what we realize is that everyone who was COVID positive was not being admitted for COVID, but people were being admitted for other things and happened to have COVID. So that was a little different from the first two surges. So from a high of maybe 100 in December and January 80, 90 on a daily basis during February, and currently, the number of COVID positive that we have in house is relatively small. For example, today, we only had two COVID positive patients in the house today and there are some of these for the past few weeks we have had zero so that has decreased significantly and that's a good thing. So that we are able to breathe a little bit within the hospital because the staff, as you can imagine, are pretty stressed. They have been going on for a very long time in extreme conditions taking care of patients, and even when it made themselves and their families were at risk. But like I said, we are doing well. Most of the staff that were affected by COVID have now returned so we are working with a full complement of staff and that's good and like the rest of the city within the hospital buildings, we still require a mask. So all of the staff within the hospital have to continue wearing a mask while you're in the hospital.

In terms of vaccines and testing, we have had a robust vaccine and testing program during the height of the COVID. So for example vaccines, we were administering close to 400 vaccines, COVID vaccines per day probably in December, January February. Now that number has reduced significantly, maybe on an average day we do 25 to 30 vaccines now. So the demand for the vaccine has reduced significantly. Also for testing the same thing. During the height of the last surge maybe December, January, we were testing some days close to 800, 900 persons. Now again, the demand for testing has reduced significantly. So on an average day we are testing on the same 25 to 30 persons for COVID.

But we continue to have the vaccine clinic and the testing clinic onsite both are operating Monday through Saturday from seven to four and obviously we have downsized the operations based on the demand because of the fact that the demand is so low now we are considering freezing them out and making sure that persons who are requesting vaccines, they will probably still be able to get it within the hospital, but not in a dedicated vaccine clinic.

The same thing with testing because there are so many testing sites that are in the community that hopefully we can partner with a lot of the sites to ensure that everybody who's requesting testing is able to get a test. We've also given away the at home tests for folks who want the at home test. They can get it from the hospital. In terms of utilization, what we see now is we are going back to normal. I call it normalization. So the volume and the utilization, the numbers that are seen are consistent with what we normally see around this time of the year. This is usually the flu season. So we normally see more patients during this time and we have seen that like I said not necessarily COVID patients, but all other regular patients we are seeing. So on the inpatient side again beds are normally full, almost full. So we're almost full house for medical surgical patients. During the height of the COVID search, we had stopped elective surgeries and were only doing emergencies and urgent surgeries. So we are back now doing elective surgeries and that's a good thing. So everyone is back on schedule. The emergency room volume is relatively normal. So you know maybe on an average day we see maybe around 250 patients in the emergency room.

At behavioral health we are back to normal volume. During the height of the COVID surgery, we actually had one behavioral health unit on the floor. That was a COVID positive unit. So all of the psychiatric patients who were COVID positive were being housed in one unit. So at this

point, we have no behavioral health patients that are COVID positive so we are back to normal operations on all behavioral health units.

Pediatric is back to normal. Women's health is back to normal and again that varies on a day to day basis. So that's back to normal and ambulatory care is also back to normal. During the height of COVID, we had reverted to tele-visits where we are doing a lot of folks you know it's tele-visits. Now for the most part we have back to in-person because most of our outpatient clinics. So that's a good thing. Let me see what are the updates so visitation policy during COVID visitation was restricted as you can imagine, we wanted to make sure that folks were not bringing in COVID to patients. So we had restricted visitation except for certain areas like women's health or OB, pediatrics, those areas we still have limited visitation but for everybody else we really had stopped visitation. At this point in time, we are back to almost regular visitation.

We're allowing at least two visitors per patient at any one point in time. And visiting hours are back to 12 midday to 8 o'clock.

The other thing that we set out to do is what we call a point of entry screening because the federal government and the regular regulatory agencies, CMS, require that we screen everyone who comes into the hospital for COVID. So we are required to ask certain questions. There are like four questions that we have to ask everyone and we have to still take temperature. So everybody who comes into the hospital, to the lobby, we have cameras that do the automatic digital screening for temperature. And we try to make sure that everybody answers the questionnaire. So now we will continue until the CMS and the other regulatory agencies tell us that we can stop, but we have to do it as a safety precaution. Let's see the emergency room so we have recently expanded the emergency room. We have really increased the footprint of the emergency room, you know, state of the art renovated space and we're using that occasionally we have met again, it's all based on the demand and based on staffing. So assemblies when our staffing is not enough to keep that area open, we are closing it. But as much as possible we try to keep that new, expanded emergency room open. In terms of new services, we do have a lot of exciting new services. One of the hottest new services that we have is bariatric so we do have that you know Javier Andrade, who is a well renowned bariatric surgeon. He joined us several months ago and he is doing well. Bariatric surgery volume has just increased significantly. So that's one of the new services and we know that in our neighborhood there are a lot of obese and oversized and overweight persons who would like bariatric surgery. So that service like I said is doing well. And we are open for business as many people as possible who want the procedures, we are doing it.

Another new service that we have just ended up going on is something called the Moss procedure, which is a dermatology procedure for people who have suspected skin cancer tumors, where we are able when they come in and one year we are able to look at the tumors in a microscope, you know and determine whether or not those tumors are cancerous and if they are, then we can take care of at the same time using that special procedure. So that is doing well, that service has been running for several months. And that is again, that's the service that's in high demand. So these are just some of the new services. If there are any questions at this point of time, I'll be happy to answer those questions, but for the most part, Woodhull is back to normal and we want to thank the community for its support because everyone has been so supportive from everything, from helping the staff, supporting the staff, and then just being

understanding of what was going on within the hospital walls. Words of encouragement to the staff. So we really, really want to thank the community for your support that allowed us and helped us to function effectively, and to continue to be an excellent hospital. So if there are any questions at this point, I'd be more than happy to answer any questions.

Q and A/Discussion:

Jose Guzman: Yes. Hi, good evening, everybody, Jose Guzman. We certainly thank Woodhull for attending the Community Board 4 meeting. Just for full disclosure to you all, I happen to be the chair of the Woodhull community advisory board as well. And I just want to thank you on behalf of the residents, community members that I work for all the outreach and the assistance that Woodhull did throughout the pandemic. That was one of the first places that we were able to send residents for testing and when the vaccine became available, Woodhull was a huge partner in making sure that our seniors were safe so I just want to thank you and thank the staff for all this amazing work that you all did throughout the pandemic and continue to do. Thank you.

Mr. Calliste: Everyone affected the community advisory board because Jose and the members of the CAB are a tremendous support so we want to thank you also for your support.

Joshua Brown: Can you speak on what programs or initiatives Woodhull has going on regarding mental health? Because I know, most times if you got to Woodhull after 11pm, you'll see a lot of mentally challenged people in the lobby, in the triage area, so I want to know, what is what is Woodhull doing specifically to address the mental health crisis that we're dealing with in the country, but specifically in Bushwick, given that it's prevalent in the area of the hospital.

Mr. Calliste: We get most of the services that we provide the mental health of these, but also anyone who comes into the hospital that has a mental health condition we take care of all of the persons who walk into the hospital. Everything from emergency services, we have a comprehensive emergency room that provides emergency services. We have an extended observation where we have six beds for persons that we are not sure they need hospitalization, so we can hold them in the extended observation unit for three days while we get more time to evaluate them to determine whether or not they need to be hospitalized or whether or not they can go home. We have comprehensive outpatient mental health services that treats both adults as well as children. We had the inpatient services and like I said we have four units, that's a total of 94 beds for anyone with psychiatric conditions that needs to be hospitalized. And the average length of stay for most of those patients is probably 15 to 20 days. And then we have chemical dependency services for people who have substance abuse problems. Several years ago, we used to have a detox and inpatient detox unit. But we no longer have inpatient detox, but we do have comprehensive outpatient detox services for persons who are chemically dependent. So we have a comprehensive array of services. And we do partner with a lot of organizations to be able to make sure that we can respond to the needs for behavioral health services. And if anyone needs us to be a little more proactive in any particular area, to partner with any community organizations to enhance services for behavioral health, we'd be more than willing to do it.

Celeste: Yes, any other questions?

Kim: There's actually a question on the chat from Yudelka. She's asking what is the name of the doctor again?

Mr. Calliste: The only one I mentioned was the one who has bariatric surgery. His name is Dr. Andrade, Javier Andrade.

Mr. Camacho: I just want to thank you for your great leadership. I have been on that board many times. The advisory board and I'm happy to see that Mr. Guzman is our chair because he represents Bushwick. So we know you're in good hands because he'll come back and he'll let us know if you don't take care of our people. We make sure that we got good people in there because we do. I worked with Juan Martinez when he used to be there and Mr. Lucino, so I've been there. My daughter was born there when the hospital opened in '83. It's going to be 39 years so I know very well, Woodhull and I know the services it takes for catchment areas. So we want to make sure that community hospital is still there for us. And I also want to thank Jessica Arocho that you guys hired because Maria used to be there before as a Community Advisor. They're in hospital. She is from the community. I know her very well. She is from Borinquen Plaza. I know them very well.

And she's key in helping us in whatever we need. We're going to put her to the test for the Shape-Up Bushwick. She promised us the stuff so we're gonna make sure we knock on her door and get the stuff going on because we have the Shape-Up Bushwick. Am I right, Mrs. Davis? Elvena Davis: Yes. You're right.

Mr. Camacho: So I want to make sure that we are going to put you to the test. You know, we stay on the sideline, but we go in and we visit. You got a lot of board members going to visit you don't know where they are. But now we know that Guzman is the chair. So I'm going to be calling on you when we have a problem and headaches we need to take care of. We want to make sure people get the best quality of quality service. And when no pay, you know, we've taken a companion to someone we don't mind them being on site, you know, because anybody got to pay something, but we want to make sure that is the best quality and that people can continue to come back and make sure that we have that there because I remember in the 80s they wanted to make that a prison. And we said no, we don't want no prisons. We have enough prisons here. So we want to make sure we keep a hospital for our families. So I want to thank you. And Celeste could you open up to the public, maybe they might have any questions. Thank you.

So thank you Mr. Camacho. There are a few already in the q&a. This is from Mohammed Kadir Kuni, a student at the CUNY School of Medicine. So there are several points. I'll start with the first one. Is burnout a concern at the hospital and what countermeasures are in place to tackle this issue?

Mr. Calliste: I mean, burnout was a concern, especially during the COVID surge, because like I said, the staff was really stretched mainly. At this point in time with the reduction in COVID cases and the trend back to normalization burnout is no longer such a major factor. Fortunately, we have gotten some relief. So at this point in time, it is not a major factor. We are in the process of recruiting for every profession, including physicians, nurses especially because in some cases, we do have a shortage of nurses. But we have been fortunate to be able to recruit

a lot of nurses recently. So at this point, like I said, it's less of a problem and a concern several months ago.

Celeste: All right. Thank you for the next question. It starts out by providing some context—the ER room was expanded due to demand. Considering the high level of uninsured patients in Bushwick along with a greater rate of chronic disease within the community, are there any measures in place to ensure that patients receive the appropriate care they need so that they don't need to use the emergency services?

Mr. Calliste: You know, and we were before if folks, you know, were connected to primary care, ongoing care, as opposed to using the emergency room or emergency services as a piece of primary care. But we are obligated to see everyone who walks into the door. So everybody who comes to the emergency room we have to see them, but what we do a lot more at this point in time is once we have seen you, we try to connect you to primary care where you would have a regular physician, your physician that you'll be connected to and you can get regular services so hopefully you will not have to go back to the emergency room for routine services, but you get that from your regular physician.

Celeste: Thank you. And the final question, are there any other programs or tools being employed to counter the rates of obesity?

Mr. Calliste: Yeah, well, I mean we have our own nutrition service that focuses on trying to make sure that people eat well. We have services in the primary care clinic that focus on obesity and trying to make sure that we can prevent the incidence of obesity. We have just started a plant-based nutrition program that's really promoted plant-based guides to the patients as well as the staff and that's just started probably two weeks ago. An extension of the mayor, Mayor Eric Adams' whole initiative and plan these guides. So we have started that and so far the reception and the responses and the demand for that is very good. So you know we are trying to address obesity from many different angles. We hope people do not get obese, but if they do get obese now we have the option of doing bariatric surgeries to be able to help them to lose the weight.

Celeste: Thank you. And I don't see anything in the q&a, although I do have a few things in the chat. Just want to acknowledge the shout out from Jose in regards to one of our board members Ms. Mary McClellan for also being a CAB Woodhull member for several years, probably more than several at this point. And then there's also a question: are you articulating with the local precincts according to the mayor's new police initiative? So I'm not sure what this is speaking to.

Mr. Calliste: Well, we have just gotten funded from the city to initiate a violence prevention program in conjunction with the WIC program, the WIC violence program. So we are in the process of implementing that now at this point in time. We always collaborate well with the precincts, with the police and that kind of stuff. So we continue to do that. But with this violence reduction program, I think this gives us an opportunity to even improve the collaboration with NYPD and all of the other law enforcement agencies. So I think that's going to be a very, very successful program.

Mr. Camacho: Yeah, I think I think what they were talking about more was in regards to the mentally ill and them being taken off the trains and receiving some of your services if possible. I think it is.

Mr. Calliste: I mean, as the gentleman said before, we do have a large mentally ill population that uses Woodhull and we try to do our best with providing the care. Unfortunately for a lot of the mental ill it's a revolving door. You see them today, you take care of them, you get them well, but unfortunately, when they go back in the streets and they have no homes to go to, it becomes very, very difficult to maintain that sanity. What we have done at Woodhull is we have partnered with Communilife and we have actually built a building on the one the Woodhull campus where we actually partner with Communilife to be able to provide permanent housing for people with mental health. There are 94 units in that building and that building, that program has been going well for two years. So well that we have now agreed and we have funding for a second building that's going to be built on the Woodhull campus right next to the first building. So for example, patients who are discharged from Woodhull as well as from other hospitals who are homeless, because we know that you know, the best the best cure for homeless people is to give them a home. So even when they have mental illness, our partnership with Communilife, unfortunately, we are restricted in the number of units that we have, but so far 94 units and that's always full. And the persons who have been residing, the mentally ill and homeless people who have gotten units in this building, they're doing well because we're attracting them. They're connected to care in Woodhull hospital. We provide the care and Communilife provides the social, and the residence and all that stuff. So that's an excellent program, and that we're going to be publishing the results of that for the last two years but it's doing well and we are expanding.

Celeste: Okay, I don't see any other questions, just some information in the chat. Last call, board members, members of the public

Robert Clayton: Oh, my name is Robert Clayton. Okay, I'm sorry. I'm new. I'm a new group that we're starting in Bushwick called Bushwick Strong. I want to talk to the doctor because I'm an LVAD. I'm wondering how come Woodhull is not getting anything for the cardiac unit to to increase the heart conditions in the community and being I'm a LVAD and I know you know the doctor a lot don't know what the LVAD is, but, I have a left ventricular assistance device pump put on the side of my heart to help me my pump my blood. And when I'm out and about I'm battery operated and I can plug into a wall at home in order for my heart function. So being I don't have to go to my Maimonides and I don't live that far from what or how come you guys don't have a cardiac unit that deals with LVADs.

Mr. Calliste: Everything is based on the need and the demand. So if we realize that that's a significant need, we will provide a service. As a matter of fact, very soon we're going to be doing a community health needs assessment where we're going to try and get input from the community to determine what services that are needed in the community that we don't offer. And then based on the results of that community health needs assessment, then we're going to determine based on our resources, what are the services that we can add to Woodhull hospital based on the community needs and demand. So I mean, the public is invited to participate in that community health needs assessment. And the more people that say we need that particular service. I mean, if it's a few people, then it's not really cost-effective for us to do it. So what we

try to do is to make sure you get connected to even a program within the hospitals that does it. But I'm pretty sure that Bellevue or one of the other bigger hospitals will have it. But like I said, if you can just let us know and we could make sure that you get connected to I'm not sure exactly where you live, but if you said Maimonides, but Maimonides is too far then we can make sure that we can find it for you where else is offering that service, even within the hospitals and get you connected.

Mr. Clayton: Okay. Thank you.

Great. So this concludes this public hearing item. Thank you so much, Mr. Calliste for joining us and thank you Jessica for your help coordinating this. We really appreciate you and look forward to working together moving forward to address Bushwick's health needs. We have to move on with our agenda now. You're welcome to stay, we understand if you have to go. But we'll be going into our second agenda item. First, I would like to acknowledge that we have our council member—Council Member Nurse is with us this evening. Council member, I don't know if you want to say anything. This would be the time if you want to share anything.

Council Member Sandy Nurse:

Good evening, everyone. I'm so glad to be with you for another month. I won't take up too much space because I know these meetings run forever and I know you got a lot to talk through. I just want to say hi. I'll put my information in the chat and any upcoming events in the chat, as well, or in the announcements so that the public discussion items can be moved onto. Thanks Celeste for letting me say a few words.

Celeste: Of course, with that being said we will move into our second agenda item.

2) The Bushwick Avenue traffic safety study presentation

Celeste: This was done in partnership with Council Land Use. Our former council members who have moved on now have both helped us put this together with their support. You will see the date, I'm about to share my screen. It says June 2021. That was just the final presentation from Council Land Use, although the information that the committee has discussed largely remains the same. There are some amendments that we'll get into that were from last week's or the committee meeting that happened recently. All right, is everyone able to see my screen? Yes. All right.

We're going to give a high-level overview. We're not going to go too in depth because we want to save more time for questions and comments. But this is just to give you an idea of what we'll be discussing. So the study area, folks may be familiar with the boundaries, some perhaps are not so but you can see from this map the boundaries of the neighborhood and the areas that we focused on, specifically the entire corridor of Bushwick Avenue, which goes I believe all the way from Conway on the I believe that's the south and then of course Flushing Avenue on the north and then these are a few statistics about the neighborhood about 2.3 miles long. And then a little bit of information on the land use. So the majority I believe is residential, however, we have a lot of community facilities along the corridor, seven schools, five playgrounds, twelve daycares/head starts, two senior centers and two NYCHA campuses. And this is a little

information on both the increasing residential and daytime population. So some of the housing that we've seen created over the past few years from 2010 to 2020, 60% of those are in this area, so over 4000 units, I believe, and nearly a third of the district's net new units are from Rheingold, the brewery development, which is in dark blue.

And there's also a note here regarding 95 Evergreen which was leased by the Human Resources Administration. They're over 600 staff, and they're across the street from the new Rheingold developments. And this is a little information on the board's district need statement. Board members should be familiar. Every year we engage in this process where we identify district needs and we of course advocate along with our elected officials to get funding for them. For many years, the CB4 district needs statement has included Bushwick Avenue along with some of our other corridors. Some of the issues that were highlighted are that the roadbeds remain in poor condition, inadequate safety traffic safety features, a high volume of evolving mixed use traffic, pedestrians, cyclists, vehicular and need of additional investment and so on and so forth.

The Bushwick Community Plan, folks may remember from 2018 when the plan itself was published, for many years before that we worked very closely with the then council members as well to come up with a lot of the recommendations. Bushwick Avenue was also featured prominently, including a request for a study.

Now we get a little into existing conditions. This describes what currently is present on Bushwick Avenue. We know that there's peak travel demand. We have the No Standing Monday to Friday 4pm to 7pm both on the west and the east side. And also, everyone in the neighborhood should know parking is a challenge, especially those that drive. People often use front yards for parking even without a curb cut. And then you have unsignalized T intersections. So these are the intersections, I believe, that you may see an area to walk across but you don't have the crosswalk signal to alert you when it's safe to walk. And there's no bus on Bushwick Avenue except for the B38, which turns on Kossuth and goes on to Dekalb. We know that there are issues there because of the unaligned streets. Mr. Camacho has spoken emphatically on this to make sure that this intersection in particular is studied further. And we get into a little bit of the work that's been done by DOT in regards to Bushwick Avenue. In 2015, the Vision Zero pedestrian action plan identified Bushwick Ave as one of 49 priority corridors in Brooklyn. And then some statistics from 2009 to 2013 and 2012 to 2016 pedestrians that were killed or severely injured per mile on Bushwick Avenue dropped 50% and it was delisted as a priority corridor.

It's unfortunate that as of 2020, we had another fatal accident, a cyclist by Noll Street. We wrote to the commissioner back then emphasizing the need for additional safety features on Bushwick.

A little on crash history. This just goes into statistics from 2017 to 2021, a 3.25 year period, showing some of the intersections that we identified and the crash data. Crashes with injuries, total injuries, total deaths. And these intersections. Bushwick Ave has the highest crash and injury rating of the five corridor study. And this is a little more information. The crash analysis really this data is being used to make our case right we're saying this is all the information we have and this references the two pedestrian deaths over 3.25 years. November of 2020 and August of 2017. And, again over a period of time, you'll see that it varies. And the proposed focus intersections for this study, we know the corridor is long so we want to make sure that

we're giving both DOT and any other agencies involved where they should focus their efforts. Noll Street, Myrtle Avenue, Gates Avenue and Cooper Street were preliminarily identified and these just go into the specific recommendations which will summarize towards the end of this presentation.

All right a little bit on precedents. This is work that's been done. Some folks may be familiar with Vision Zero including education and also enforcement. So education is largely conducted by DOT, they will send staff out to the neighborhood to engage with community members encouraging them to stay safe and also reminding them of local traffic laws. You also have enforcement from both the NYPD and the Taxi Limousine Commission. They work to reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries. And Vision Zero also talks a little bit about engineering, designing better streets. Some standard tools include but are not limited to signal timing, striping and high visibility pedestrian crossings, leading pedestrian intervals or LPIs, center median with left turn days, pedestrian islands and curb extensions. We've seen some of these. I would say over the past eight years in the neighborhood in different areas. And then the unique challenges of Bushwick Avenue that some of us may know very well. High vehicular volume depending on the time of day, it's relatively narrow, only 40 to 50 feet. Parked cars must move every 21 hours on weekdays. Mostly low-rise residential and row houses, although that's rapidly changing. Relatively close spacing of intersections and other safety projects. This goes into a little bit of how or what we see in those projects. And this is just an example from the Bronx where they did some improvements. Another example in Prospect Heights in Brooklyn, you can see the striping and see the result. And now we get into the recommendations which the committee, you'll hear from them and Ms. Jackson's report a little bit later. Stuck route signage, updated signage alerting commercial vehicle drivers of the local truck routes Myrtle Avenue and Broadway and that Bushwick Ave is not a truck route. We hear this very often from board members, community members. There needs to be adequate signage. Now just some photos with examples. And of course we know NYPD is also out conducting enforcement and education around this. But this is a big issue along the corridor.

Unsignalized left turns and peak direction lanes. This goes into of course the am and pm peak direction lanes make it difficult for intersecting traffic to make left turns at unsignalized intersections, restricting left turns to and from side streets at unsignalized intersections during the morning and evening would help to prevent conflict. And they give some examples here, could be limited to the peak side of the street for example, no left turn from Noll Street to Bushwick Ave during the am peak hours and no left turn from Bushwick Avenue to Dodworth Street during the pm peak hours. For Noll Street, study installing a signal in crosswalk to provide safe and direct pedestrian access to Beaver Knoll Park. Install speed cables on Noll Street discourage through traffic. Through traffic should continue south on Stanwix Street and should access Bushwick Avenue via Melrose Street. For Myrtle Avenue, install new hi-viz striping for all crosswalks, stop bars, and lane dividers, paint elevated piers safety yellow, and improve lighting under the El.

Willoughby, fix the hole on the sidewalk on the east corner that partially blocks the curb ramp outside 674 Bushwick Avenue and we know that this isn't the only location in the neighborhood that has an unfixed street infrastructure. Please let us know if you see anything else like this that is a safety hazard. It should be covered with a cone and repaired. Dodworth Street, study

installing a signal on crosswalks at this intersection distance between next closest signals at Lawton Street and DeKalb Avenue is over 460 feet. Typical block is around 200 to 250 feet. And while we were reviewing these recommendations, I just have to note a homeowner at the end of I believe Lawton street contacted us when a car drove straight, didn't make a turn on Bushwick Avenue at all, and literally almost drove into her living room. She was bringing groceries inside and she had stepped, and she didn't step into the line of traffic but it was so quick that she barely even noticed the car had not stopped and almost it busted the entire gate in the front of her building and it left shattered glass all in her living room. Thankfully everyone was okay. But they were very concerned and also of course supportive of this study as it will hopefully improve conditions along Bushwick Avenue. At Kossuth and Stanhope, which we mentioned earlier, talking a little bit about the B38 articulated bus. All other traffic must turn right although the bus turns left. Limited queuing space for the buses before reaching light at Stanhope Street. The vehicles turn left from Stanhope street onto Bushwick Avenue often block the bus or block traffic and the bus. So the recommendations here are to restrict left turns from Stanhope Street. Investigate if an extended green at Stanhope for buses heading north on Bushwick could reduce queue. And at Menahan, an unsignalized intersection with curb cuts but no marked crossing distance between next crossings at Bleecker Street and Grove Street is over 450 feet. Install a light time to adjacent intersections and install pedestrian crossings.

And daylighting is controversial however, it restricts parking close to the intersection to improve visibility for all road users. Turning and crossings are most dangerous when Bushwick Avenue crosses another two way street. These streets are also bus and truck routes. Daylighting can help to improve visibility. Recommendation: daylight these intersections Cooper Street truck and bus, Halsey bus, and Gates Avenue bus and for Halsey street it was flagged as possibly a leading pedestrian interval. And for folks that are less familiar, daylighting does take one parking space. However, folks can tell you at the corner of Ditmars Street and Broadway that daylighting can save lives because when a car or truck, any vehicle is there and you can't see what's happening on the other street. You can easily get hit or other accidents can occur.

Mr. Camacho: Yes, someone was killed on Ditmars.

Celeste: Yeah. All right. And now we open up for questions. Any comments from board members? And from the public? I'll stop sharing.

Council Member Nurse: Not too many questions. I just want to say this is really great, especially daylighting over Halsey, Gates, and Cooper I think would be a world of difference over there. Not only because it's a little bit dark, the street is split by a post from the train. So it's already confusing. It's confusing where you cross there sometimes and people always try to rush across so I think that would be really incredible and, you know, coupled with some actual improved lighting over there in that area around Weirfield, which is something we also mentioned to DOT. The signage around Kossuth and Bushwick Ave will be amazing. The only ticket I ever got all the time I ever got pulled over was because I made that turn and I didn't see I just didn't see the signs. And so that was, you know, that will be a huge improvement. I'm also interested in the kind of design options along Bushwick Ave to break up the middle of the street. I think that was a really nice visual of an opportunity to potentially bring in some plant life along the corridor,

which would help with absorbing, you know, some of the toxins that are coming from the high amount of traffic going down that area. So I just wanted to say this is really, really fantastic. And thank you to everybody who put in time on this. It's much needed, and I thoroughly support this.

Celeste: Thank you. And I want to give a quick shout out to the 83rd precinct. I know we had someone last month that asked about Eastern Parkway and identified it as a dangerous intersection. Captain Claxon did follow up with us and confirmed that they do have data and he sent us our recommendations for Eastern Parkway. The committee did discuss those and plan to include them in the recommendations although they weren't featured in this presentation. All right.

Mr. Camacho: Yeah, I just want to thank Celeste and myself, you know, I give myself thanks and the young man that came out to do this study with us. We spent a couple of days out there and we physically went to the field, saw the conditions occurring and happening so everything that is being proposed here was physically seen. All those pictures were taken with me and Celeste and the individual that was doing it on the spot. All the traffic congestion from 4 on was on the spot. Everything that was on was on the spot. So we did our duty. I think the DOT should reimburse us for doing a survey for something they should be doing. Because other communities and other areas, you see beautiful things and you see the way you could cross. In Manhattan, the bikes have a light that they can read light and a green light and Bushwick has no light, no pavement, no painting, no tree pruning notice. So I think we should be finding out what's going on, that we don't get the beautiful services they got there and we need to put some more service around Bushwick, around Broadway, along Cooper. Cooper is I don't know how people even commute there. Halsey is even worse. I just don't understand. With the trucks, I don't know how. I just want to thank Celeste because we sat out there a couple of days, a couple of hours going in and the guy did a beautiful job and as you can see everything that's on this was in the field and done. It isn't like we stood in the office, got a computer, everything we did and we did in the field. So I want to thank Celeste and the young man for making time for us to do this. Thank you, Celeste.

Celeste: Thank you so much.

Barbara Smith: That was a real good thing. That was a very good thing, Mr. Camacho. This is Barbara. On my block, I tried to get a light. It took me nine years to get a light on Decatur and Wilson. And we had tremendous cars running into the pharmacy front door window so I'm hoping that you get all of this in, but they have to make it move faster.

Mr. Camacho: On Lawton a car went straight down and it crashed. The gate straight down. Imagine somebody crossing the street okay coming out of school. You get killed. He went straight into the wall and luckily the lady wasn't in the kitchen. It went right through. We couldn't believe it.

Barbara: We had over 150 car accidents on the corner of Wilson and Decatur because Wilson's a two-way street with buses. Decatur is one-way. The corner needed a stop sign. Cars were banging into each other because trucks were parked on the corner. DOT's people and they were like not needed, not needed. And it took 10 years to get a stop like

Mr. Camacho: DOT says not needed and the desk and they look into a computer. They don't go out to the field they need to get out their desk and go out to the field and see what we're talking about. That's why I went all the time. I tell them. I told DOT no I don't want to let's go let's take a day. Let's go walk for you to see. Come at this time. I don't want to hear you looking at your computer. Oh, it's unfounded. Nope. Oh, they put a piece of tape and that day there's only two cars okay. But when they leave the next day you see 100 cars come back so we really need to put DOT by the fire.

It's terrible how it takes so long. I even had one of our former X.O.'s, Glynne, went out and had the opposite taking pictures of the corner and send them in and it still took a long time so I'm hoping to do it soon but thankfully.

Council Member: Just one other thing I wanted to raise is that along with like are off in different places where I know the city bike docks are located they're not always located where a bike lane is. So sometimes that can also have a bunch of people coming in and out loading and unloading bikes and that becomes a safety issue as well. So just just bumping that up. I know it's not noted in here but it is something. There was recently a woman who was killed on Eastern Parkway over here by Broadway, coming up using one of those bikes and just, you know, in places where those things are not corresponding to other types of transportation infrastructure, it's a big issue. And that we did raise a bunch of lights. A bunch of people have called and said about lights that are out along certain corridors that we just recently raised this last week with the Brooklyn DOT Commissioner, as well as, the bike issues where the docks are located be better coordinated with the existing bike infrastructure. But anyways, this is really great. And thank you for all the work you've done around us and I'm looking forward to pushing for these changes, but I just mentioned this other piece as well.

Mr. Camacho: I just want to reiterate what you said. We told them that. What you just said, we told DOT that. So it isn't anything new. This community told DOT that. We even told them we wanted to see a survey to see if it's beneficial that people are using it. If you're putting something there and people are using it, okay well guess why they are using it. But if you know there's no bike lane there, someone gets killed because they see bike racks on Bushwick Avenue they're going to ride. So we told them that. We also since they put it up we also told them that we want to see the survey in all the spots that they put all these bike racks to see if it's beneficiary if they're making money. If they're not making money, give it back to the community where the people can park. Why are they positioned just like these sheds that they got and nobody's in there. Now the people with the cars got to go all over, drive all over. Then we got all these plates. That's another issue. We told DOT that. But they don't listen to the community. They do what they want to do. When something goes down then they blame the community but just like one kid that got killed. Don't do that. I'm not dealing with any of them and we told them that. We also have reports telling that about specifically what you just said, but yeah,

CM Nurse: I'm just letting you know I raised it again. And I know it wasn't listed in this thing, but I know that we raised it as well. So I remember those things.

Celeste: So I just want to also give credit where it's due and I see Juan I'm going to call on you right after I finished speaking. So I reached out to our former council member and now borough president's office, and I spoke with Asher and I said Asher, we need a transportation planner, what do we do? And Asher was the one that referred us to Sam Frommer, who worked with us on this study. So I just want to give them both thanks for making this possible and getting this work done.

Juan Mayancela: Hey, everyone, I just want to say you know, say hello to everyone. Thank you to the community board for, you know, presenting this plan. I am with Councilmember Jennifer Gutierrez. She does support the kind of overall you know regarding the daylighting side. The Councilmember supports this but you know, I think it has to be she would need to have to do something with enforcement as well. We can't have these cars and delivery trucks being parked where the daylight has to be. Regarding Noll Street she's happy about this installing a signal crosswalk. You know it has been something that hasn't been installed so she's finally happy that this is happening. About Myrtle Avenue, she supports the idea of putting a no truck route in Bushwick Avenue, but she also wants us to have a conversation with the MTA about this. You know, we also need a paint job which will increase the lighting that is necessary at the location. But the only question that she has about this is like the enforcement between the NYPD and the trucks that's happening in the district.

Celeste: I'm not sure if our captain has joined us yet this evening. I know we have community affairs with us, Officer Lopez. But if we don't have someone to respond right now

Captain Sanabria: Yeah, yeah, so I'm doing my spiel today right now. Right. Sorry. I was on another meeting.

Celeste: Oh, no, no, I'm just responding to we're talking about a Bushwick Avenue study. And then just the NYPD is rolling enforcement on Bushwick. Yeah.

Captain Sanabria: Yeah. So we've been talking with the DOT. And also we actually had a meeting today about a different corridor, Cypress Avenue corridor, which is very similar and what we've been doing previously in the Bushwick Avenue corridor is that we go out, and we do two weeks of two weeks of education, and then two weeks of enforcement. So we've done that in the past. We're not doing that in Bushwick Avenue right now. But Bushwick Avenue is still one of our high accident locations, collision locations, especially over by Eastern Parkway. So we still focus on that regularly, daily actually. And to try to bring down those accidents. So that's what we're doing right now. But like I said, right now, we're kind of focused on Cypress Avenue as well, but we still are focusing on Bushwick.

Celeste: Thank you. And I was very happy. I don't know if everyone was happy, but I happened to see NYPD traffic on my way to work the other day in the neighborhood. So we know that they're out there. There may have been some folks that weren't too happy after they passed by but, you know, got to do what you got to do.

So, but yeah, thank you. If there are no other questions go on once and just double check. I don't see anything in the q&a. Kim, if you don't mind, there are some board members that need

to be panelists. Alright, if there's nothing else for this item, we can move on. Alright, so that officially closes our public hearing for today. Thank you everyone. We're gonna go now right into our regular meeting, starting with the first roll call. Board Members please be ready.

Regular Meeting:

1) **First Roll Call**

Board Members in attendance: Jo-Ena Bennett, Joshua Brown, Martha Brown, Rawle Brown, Robert Camacho, Gardea Caphart, Melissa Carrera, Felix Ceballos, Andrew Choi, Elvena Davis, James Fitzgerald, Freddy Fowler, Egaudy Gomez, Christopher Graham, Jose Guzman, Hadiyah Harrison, Jared Hicks, Barbara Jackson, Kristen Jock, Virgie Jones, Luisa Jose, Mary McClellan, Desmonde Monroe, Zulma Novoa, Acire Polight, Vernedeaner Shell, Barbara Smith, Dustin Sonneborn, Annette Spellen, Leo Tineo, Jerry Valentin, Carlotta Williams

Excused: Louisa Chan, Anne Guiney, Imini Mitchell, Samy Nemir Olivares, Kyle O'Rourke, Gladys Puglla, Frank Zimmerman

Absent: Rev. Grace Aytes, Carlos Feliciano, Tanesha Honeygan, Andy Marte, Raul Rubio, Eliseo Ruiz, and Odolph Wright

Resigned: Daniella Davi

30 board members present constitutes a quorum.

2) **Acceptance of the Agenda**

James Fitzgerald made a motion to accept the agenda. It was seconded by Annette Spellen. All were in favor, so moved.

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

Barbara Jackson made a motion to accept the previous meeting minutes. James Fitzgerald seconded the motion. All were in favor, so moved.

4) **Chairperson's Report**

Mr. Camacho: I want to thank all of y'all for coming and conveying me as your leader. I know there is a lot of board members that are not going to fill out their applications and are no longer. I want to thank all of yall. I know a lot of you have been a long time. Some of you guys are moving on. Bushwick wants to thank you. We aint going nowhere. We're going to be here. So whatever you want, whoever is leaving. We'll always be here. I don't want to say you know I hate to see you leave. We're going to miss you. I'm going to miss all you people.

Martha Brown, I know that another board member. Maybe another he'll mention it later on. I don't want to spoil his thing. I know a couple of them are leaving. I heard them calling me telling

they're not going to fill in. Thank you for your services. Thank you for all your help. Thank you. Bushwick is gonna meet Miss the education that we had. And we all learn together and we all to be one Thursday February 12. I went to the CEC meeting. Wednesday, February 23. The DOT we went to Graham and Broadway since that was CB1 all I said was that whatever CB1 wants to do, we're in. We're with it, but I guess they're trying to make Graham and Broadway a little smaller because too many accidents are going on over there when the bus turns. So I think they're going to make a plaza. So and the person that's going to be taken care of plaza they have they have, they have a BID they have a Knickerbocker BID, so obviously they're going to be programming there. So Thursday the 24 2pm Shape-Up Bushwick Committee. Thursday the 24th EPTS + PRC. Thursday the 24th at 7pm. I was busy that day. PD Brooklyn North. Mascol had a meeting.

On Tuesday, the third of March 1, Brooklyn Borough Board meeting, NYC Engagement Commission Andy Toledo, Civic Engagement Specialists and then they had a community board update. So it's something new that they're doing is that instead of us calling every board gets to say an update on what's going on in the community and they can follow up so it was pretty good.

On Wednesday March 2 at 2pm. I had given out PPE at the garden on Grove Street with El Puente. Wednesday, March 2, CB4 executive board meeting. Thursday, March 3 at 1pm the Brooklyn Borough rally with uh, with our Councilwoman Sandy nurse, she had a lot of people there. We should be proud of her. She also had two big giant rats. I don't know what they were doing there. I was a little scared, but I think she put it on her thing. There were two huge on rats in regards to the garbage and the rats. You know they're cutting the funding. I don't know if they put it back or they're going to put it back. I don't know if Sandy Nurse had already left but yes, that Thursday, March 3 at 5pm the sanitation work group. That Thursday, March 3, the Bushwick Leadership at 6pm. I know everybody knows anyway, maybe our chair from the youth will speak on it. On Friday, March 4 at 10 o'clock Hope Gardens update. It is just an update. Nothing changes. Friday, March 4 10:30am council hearing with Sandy Nurse. Me and Celeste met with her to speak on priorities and budgets and how much good thing she's gonna bring back to Bushwick. We need some stuff. So I'm going to be bothering them. On Tuesday, March 8, Hope Gardens 11 o'clock. Garbage. We met with sanitation and I want to thank Sandy Nurse for bringing sanitation to the forefront in regards to Hope Gardens. Tomorrow is the TA meeting at six. So hopefully they can have good news for us. Tuesday, March 8 at 2pm. I think I already said that. On Tuesday, March 8, etc. PI parked committee on Wednesday, March 9 at the 10 o'clock CB4 district cabinet meeting. Everyone came, everyone comes for the district Cabinet meeting. I'm so happy they all came. If we have issues and complaints, we could take care of them right there. Whoever has please. Whatever city agency we had DOT because we know we yell I yell at them all the time. We had the Department of Health. We had the captain at present. We had National Grid. We had all the mayor's community affairs unit there. And Tony Herbert I think he's on here today. I'm not too sure if he left but he said he was gonna leave but I want to thank him. He's on your community affairs unit. We had parks, we had FDNY, we had Con Edison, we had DOB and we had DHS, which is a Department of Homeless Services there. So we had all the city agencies there. They give us their presentation. We tell them what we want. We give them all the concerns and then we follow up.

Then on Wednesday, March 9th at 5pm the Bushwick historical preservation workgroup. Then Wednesday, 9th and NCO Sector David. On Thursday, March 10 CB4 health and hospital and Human Services and senior veteran. Thursday, the 10th CB4 civil public safety religious committee. On Tuesday, March 15th 83 Precinct Council Barbara Smith had her first meeting. I was happy to be there. It was fast though. I think it was faster than us man. She just went in and noticed that we were out but I guess she was happy I was happy with that. On Wednesday, the clergy was even faster than that. I don't know who won. But the cheer for today was Reverend Elvena Davis so I joined her. Then at two o'clock minutes me and Celeste met with the Senator, Julia Salazar, in regards to some of the budget priorities that we may have. We're going to meet with Maritza, Assemblywoman Maritza. We're going to meet with Dilan whenever they have the time for us. And today the full board meeting. Any comments, concerns? Anything in regards to my meetings? And that's it.

Celeste: All right. If there are no questions for Mr. Camacho, I don't see any hands from board members and I was getting things in the chat. We will move on with the agenda going once going twice. Alright, thank you Mr. Camacho.

Introduction of our elected officials and representatives:

Celeste: So I know we've already heard from our council member this evening. If there are any other representatives that have joined us. Please raise your hand and I'll call on you to provide your name and contact info only. Any elected official representatives? I see no hands. Very unusual. Council member would you mind sharing the office contact information just in case anyone needs it?

Council Member Sandy Nurse

So we are located at 1945 Broadway for the next few months right behind Broadway Junction into the dark little dungeon space but we do have it, it is lovely during the sunlight hours in the office. It's nice when you're inside. But we're there, we're open behind all of the big trucks. And our phone number is 718-642-8664. I'll drop it in the chat again. And we're open Tuesday through Friday. You can walk in from 9:30am to 5pm. Every second Tuesday of the month we're open all the way till eight o'clock. And we'll be launching some satellite hours and extended weekend hours for folks who you know, have lots of data and can't make it to our office. So I'll put all that in the chat.

Juan Mayancela, Council Member Gutierrez's office

Yeah, hey everyone. I am from Councilmember Jennifer Gutierrez's office. We are located at 244 Union Avenue in Brooklyn. We are open from 10am to 5pm on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Our phone number is (718) 963-3141 for one you could give us a call if anything either voicemail

Evette Lopez, Assemblymember Maritza Davila's office

Hi, good evening everyone. My name is Evette Lopez. I am the Communications Director for Assemblywoman Maritza Davila and we are located at 249 Wilson Avenue in Brooklyn. Our

contact number is 718-443-1205. Unfortunately, I cannot stay on for long. I will put in some information in the chat in regards to our career job fair, which is going to take place on April 2. And I know there were conversations in regards to Bushwick Avenue and DOT. I wanted to make sure that it was on everyone's radar that there was an incident that occurred last week, Friday afternoon on Wilson Avenue. An 18 wheeler truck attempted to turn right on Myrtle Avenue, and unfortunately broke the traffic light. So I reached out to the 83rd precinct. Thank you Lopez for responding to that issue. And I also took a secondary approach to reach out to DOT. So they're going to give us an update as to when that will be fixed. Thank you so much.

Jonathan Pomboza, Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez's office

Hi there. Good evening, everyone. My name is Jonathan Pomboza. I represent Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez office located at 350 Jay Street, and our phone number is 718-250-2340. Thank you.

Tony Herbert, Borough Director, Mayor's Community Affairs Unit

Malcolm McDaniel, Mayor's Community Affairs Unit

Celeste: I think they may have had to jump off. Malcolm if you're there. If not, I don't see anyone else from our elected officials offices. If we did not call on you, it's not intentional. Please just drop your info in the chat. And there'll be another opportunity a little bit later. Next we have both our city agencies and community based organizations. Just name and contact info only.

Agency and CBO Representatives:

Jessica Arocho, NYC Health and Hospitals Woodhull

Hello, everyone. Good evening and thank you for having me. I just wanted to remind you guys Mr. Calliste had mentioned the community needs health assessment. I have sent out an email blast to the community boards to community based organizations to the elected officials. So we will be having a meeting on Monday, the 28th.

Celeste: I'm so Jessica, I'm so sorry. This is just name and contact information. Announcements are a little bit later in the meeting.

Oh, sorry. Okay. So you just need my contact information. Yes, yes, sure. My number is 718-963-8140. And my email is arochoj@hhc.org. Thank you.

Lucy, Jason, Vanessa, The Bushwick Starr

Lucy: Yeah. Hey, everyone. Thanks for having me. I'm here in place of Noel and I'm going to talk to Jason because he's been here more regularly. Thanks so much for having me.

Jason here, the managing director, feel free to reach out to me. Noel is out on paternity leave, bless him and his family. He's becoming a dad today. So we're here on his behalf and you know, I'm sure he will give his love and appreciation for this board. You can reach us you know, Lucy Jackson is the interim you know, we have an essay here but you can reach me at jason@thebushwickstarr.org, lucy@thebushwickstarr.org, vanessa@thebushwickstarr.org. It's a

pleasure to be here, feel free to reach out to us and you know, it was always a great being here every month.

Millie Sandoval, Communities Resist

I just put information in the chat. Because anytime legal housing I'm happy to be here yes, there's a little bit there's a little bit there. Yeah, I'm not sure what it is. But there's a little bit of feedback when you speak some of the we got a little bit of that but some of it wasn't clear because of the feedback mainly I'm not sure what it what it is for the sound. I apologize. The past 50 years. Thank you for having me. I love your meetings. Thank you so much. Thank you. Thank you. Mr. Camacho: Yeah, I gotta talk to you. We got some, we need some out.

Celeste: All right. So I don't see anyone else again, if for whatever reason. This is just for community-based organizations and agencies right now. If we missed you, it wasn't intentional. Feel free to drop your info in the chat and there'll be another opportunity to make an announcement a little bit later. We'll move on now to our precinct report, Captain Sanabria.

83rd Precinct Commanding Officer's Report:

Captain Sanabria: Okay. Good evening, everyone. Just a few things. I know that neighborhood safety teams is a big issue in the city, bringing it back from what they called anti-crime from a few years ago. 83 is one of those precincts that has the neighborhood safety team. Monday was supposed to be the rollout, but we haven't rolled out because of others still at training. They're going through intensive, seven day training, where they're going through everything from constitutional stops, to car stops, to court testimony, and things of that sort. So that's what they're going through. They'll be in the precinct on Thursday and at the next CB4 meeting, I will be introducing them to you individually. You know, each person will be on just so that you can see who they are, which I think is very fair and One PP thinks is very fair as well. So when you see them out there, you can say hello, and you'll recognize them by their uniforms. It's pretty close to the NYPD uniform that you see now, except there's no side patches on their shoulders. And also, you'll see that their names and where they're from are actually stitched into their outermost garments so that there'll be no doubt of who they are, what their name is, and where they're from. And on the back, it'll say NYPD police in case, you know, it has come to where people were stopped when people like I didn't know they were the police. So they wanted to make sure that wasn't the case with this new neighborhood safety team. So we will be introducing them to everyone, every board as well as the Community Council for the precinct. CB4 anyone who wants to see them and talk to them. That's what we're going to be introducing them to.

In regards to crime. We have. We are up in crime. However, we're only in single digits as compared to the rest of the city. The city has seen a significant increase in crime. The 83 has been able to kind of be even with last year, but that's just because of the work of our police officers and our sergeants and lieutenants out there trying to ensure that you know Bushwick is the safest place that you can live. But we're working together as a precinct with the community to ensure that we can do the best that we can to ensure Bushwick's safety. Our biggest increase are property crimes, which is usually the case in regards to packages being stolen, bicycles

being stolen out in front of the houses and things of that sort. And also grand larceny of autos, where we've seen a 70% increase in that. So just get it out there please, to ensure that you're securing your vehicles, you're not leaving valuables in your vehicles, and if it is found that then something is stolen, please report it to us. A lot of times we are going to jobs and they're like oh yeah, this happened a week ago or two weeks ago, but they never reported it to us. So by that time, cameras have recorded over so we're unable to do thorough investigations. So that's all I have right now. I'll take any questions if that's what you want. I'll take any questions.

Celeste: Yes, board members, any questions with the captain this evening? And members of the public feel free to drop any questions in the q&a? Or comments in the chat? Going once, going twice. Alright. Well, thank you, Captain.

Captain Claxon: Thank you very much.

Celeste: All right. And so I did see something in the chat while the captain was getting his report and I just want to acknowledge and give Jared Spafford an opportunity to introduce himself and provide his contact info.

Jared Spafford, Sweet Generation

Hi, everybody, I really appreciate a couple minutes since the middle of you. Yeah, I'm the director of operations, the program director at Sweet Generation. We're a bakery. We moved from the East Village to the neighborhood about a year ago now. And from the inception of the business, it's always been a youth workforce development program people system 24 We run anywhere between 150 to 250 hours of internship hours in either the front or back of house hospitality customer service or like fundamental fundamentals of baking, work in a professional kitchen. And we staff our business almost exclusively through that internship program. I think in about the 10 years the business has been in effect, we've hired about 73% of our—

Jo-Ena: I'm so sorry, excuse me, your contact information right now. It's just name and contact info. Yeah. And if you want to come to the youth and education committee meeting, you can and you can do a presentation to tell us what you can so we can bring some more youth but just tell us the time location and and then after we'll talk.

Celeste: Thank you. Perfect. All right. And so Jo-Ena thank you to our parliamentarian for also helping keep us on track. Alright, so I believe that concludes the chairperson's report. Thank you, everyone. And we'll keep moving on with our agenda for this evening. Again, if folks weren't able to provide their name and contact info there will be an announcements portion a little bit later in the meeting where you can share additional information as well. Now we'll move on to I believe my report which is the district manager's report. It was a very busy past—

Mr. Camacho: Someone asked Captain a question in the chat and it said officers help us with the quality of life issue. Captain Sanabria. I don't think so. Someone asked that question.

Captain Claxon: Yeah. So yeah, after I asked you after hours if there were any questions, it's a little bit late. So I don't know. We may get along. Yeah, we so yeah, you may have to pass that along. Or just briefly say in 30 seconds that it's meant specifically towards gun crimes. Is that

the primary focus is not for them to be doing low level quality of life. Things and we can share more later but no, okay.

Celeste: Thank you. All right. Before I go, okay. All right. No problems, we want to make sure we've got everybody. Thank you Mr. Camacho.

5) District Manager's Report

Celeste: So for my report, I don't have the usual report, although I do just want to start out. So good evening, everyone and Happy Women's History Month.

Mr. Camacho: Should I put you on the spot? Celeste: Now? What do you, what are you going to do?

Mr. Camacho: Could you read your poem for me? For us? Celeste: So yes, but I have to find it. I don't, I have to get it out of my pocket. But I'll do it under announcements, I promise, I promise. But thank you. We and just to speak to this—Mr. Camacho and I had the great honor of participating in Taxilandia which for those of you that may know Modesto Flako Jimenez is a local artist, also the founder of Oye Group. He invited us to participate in this. Yes, poet. Yeah, a lot of folks commenting in the chat. We were able to go on this experience, right a drive to the neighborhood, a trip through time. It was interactive, where Flako basically gives us his story right. And I think what was interesting, right is that anyone right could really get in that car. They lived in Bushwick for a while and tell their story. So while he was pointing out the things that resonated with him, Mr. Camacho was like—we barely made it off the block. And Mr. Camacho was already in his feelings, you know, but it was a very beautiful experience. We had notebooks and we were taking some notes. I happened to write a poem. It just happened and then Flako was like I want to take it and I'm like, no, that's my poem. I'm gonna take that with me. And I read it to Mr. Camacho the other day. [The experience] was very, very beautiful. I highly recommend it to folks.

It's a way for us to remember who we are. Remember what Bushwick is, right? You know, even though we're seeing so many changes on a daily basis, we all have a story and a reason you know, we're here, you know, our family ended up here. So I highly recommend it. But that being said, getting back into my report and thank you folks for dropping stuff in the chat. I just want to acknowledge again, happy women's history month and I want to take a moment to acknowledge right again, getting back to our culture and some of our elders in the community and some of the leaders in Bushwick. Just give me one second to pull it up. As some of you may know, many women from Bushwick dedicated their lives to serving the neighborhood and the city at large. And I just want to take this moment to acknowledge them. I know our board members will remember Avellar Hansley, A. Chineda Carter, Elaine King, Julie Dent and Nadine Whitted, Angela Battaglia. And many, many more. Some of these were board members, district managers, with so many even our current board members that identify female women, she her hers, they them. You know, we want to take this moment to say thank you for your contributions to this community. We appreciate you and your efforts and everything that you do. We know that it takes a village right and without all the help that we have, we wouldn't be where we're at. So thank you, everyone. And with that said, I'm going to just summarize and point out a few of the meetings that I found very interesting within the past month.

Some of you may be familiar with the Department of Design and Construction. They have a program called Town and Gown. This program in particular helps connect graduate students to

city agencies that need a question answered, that's the easiest way to frame it. So let's say you know, any agency is looking to implement a program, I was able to speak to some graduate students about NYCHA, they wanted to hear from the community perspective, how, you know, NYCHA interfaces with the community board, you know, how they interface with other agencies, and so we were able to answer some of those questions, even though I didn't know in advance that we no longer have a NYCHA within the district. I was able to speak to NYCHA when we previously were still under the umbrella. Now, we have of course RAD. We didn't really go too much into detail on that, but they were really thankful to have that information. And oh, yes, and Ms. Kelly, I just saw your message in the chat. Happy St. Patrick's Day, to all those who celebrate and observe tomorrow. And also, I met with the Brooklyn Coop. Some may be familiar with it on Myrtle Avenue. They also have the organizational side Grow Brooklyn. They provide free tax prep services. There's also other programming I know they have an estate planning workshop, other workshops that are super relevant and beneficial for the community. Please check them out, and I believe one of our board members. I know at some point, Jose, I don't know if you're still here. I know you were also affiliated with I don't know if it's the Grow Brooklyn side or the Coop side.

Jose Guzman: I happen to be the chair of the credit union side. I'm glad you met with them.

Celeste: Perfect. And then also I mentioned that I wasn't sure which side it was. So I also met with my counterparts at Board 3 in BedStuy and Board 16, which is Ocean Hill-Brownsville. We were able to confirm that Broadway is a priority for all of our community boards. And we had a quick conversation to identify some of the priorities. If we're going to be meeting with the agencies and our elected officials. The shortlist so far includes reconstruction of Broadway safety upgrades, lighting upgrades, and of course rehabilitation for the J/Z line. So hopefully we'll be having a productive conversation next Thursday. This is an interagency meeting of the Department of Transportation, the MTA, NYPD, and I believe even the Economic Development Corporation, thank you to Desmonde for shouting them out and making sure we include them on this. And all of our elected officials of course will be there. We're hoping to make this a reality. We know it's very challenging major capital projects, but we got to start somewhere. So next I have a meeting. It was the community partners meeting for Patrol Borough Brooklyn, North Inspector Mascol invited me to share a little bit more about what community boards do. I gave a very brief five minute presentation, happy to do that. Put in a request if you ever want to learn a little bit more about what community boards do. So all of the community partners for North Brooklyn, there were some questions and I think we were able to have a productive conversation. Folks were a little bit more granted. Every community board is different. So what we do here may not be exactly the same you know as Board 1, Board 3. But the core responsibilities of every community board remain the same. And I already spoke about us going on the Taxilandia experience. And so I believe that concludes my report. Thank you everyone. Any questions, comments before we move on? Going once, going twice. Alright. Thank you. And we'll go on now with our committee reports.

6) Committee Reports

Celeste: And we'll start in alphabetical order this evening.

Civic/Public Safety/Religious - Annette Spellen

Good evening. We'll start off. We met on Thursday, March 10. We had a presentation by the homeland security investigation unit to human trafficking task force. This was very, very interesting. It turns out that it's a federal agency that has two police officers assigned to work with the investigative agency. In the past 18 months, the task force has rescued over 20 children and arrested 12 individuals. They've identified 123 children who traffic it and they've worked with and tried to place and deal with 900 other children. The assistant specialists for the HSI human trafficking, advise us that the unit deals with immigrants victims with continued presence, which establishes immigration status to be able to cooperate with the investigations of these. One of the things that they pointed out to us is that Brooklyn has become a suspicious area and they focus on picking Avenue and Pennsylvania Avenue. And they asked us to keep your eyes open, keep your ears open, and please, if you see or hear anything that's suspicious, please reach out to them and they will investigate Mr. Camacho and I did our budget presentation to the committee. And we moved on to the old business dealing with the rat problem that Riseborough has at 1328 Gates Avenue. We discussed the Bushwick Parade which is going to be on June 9. I attended the town hall meeting that Congresswoman Sandy Nurse had. And one of the things that she pointed out was that on. On March 22, she's going to have another town hall, which will focus on Broadway Junction. I'm sure she'll mention that even further. Sanitation did a presentation and advised us that street sweeping is back in effect and summonses will be issued. I met with PSA3 on February 9, at which time we were advised that Hope Gardens Bushwick I and II are no longer part of NYCHA. The 311 system has refreshed this system. And any complaints about Bushwick I, II, Hope Gardens will not be directed to NYCHA but to the respective agency of complaint. I attended the 83 precinct council meeting and one of the emphasis was on the grand larceny of autos. And the last thing I did was on March 10, I attended the New York State Cannabis Control Board meeting. They focused on strengthening their office capacity, their recruiting, interviewing, hiring and training, job postings can be found on their website. And oh, the committee discussed if we will offer a training session by the New York City Human Rights Commission for bystander intervention training. However, the committee felt that we need them to come and do a presentation on what this is about before we decide on going into a training session on something that we're really not familiar with. And that was it.

Celeste: Any questions, comments? All right, going once, going twice. Thank you, Ms. Spellen.
Ms. Spellen: You're welcome.

Economic Development + Permits and Licenses - Desmond Monroe and Melissa Carrera

Desmond: Sure, it'll be really quick. Fortunately, I was late to that meeting today. So that day so basically, it was the economic development representative small business program for National Grid. It was just an informal presentation, and the gist of it is that the program offers funds for regional or local economic development partners and organizations. To provide direct outreach and technical guidance to small Mainstreet businesses in the national grid service territory. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until available funding is allocated or until March 31 2022. I can leave my call and it certainly knows that the chairperson asked for more information concerning that bid, and they'll be getting back to us.

Melissa: Thank you, Desmonde. Good evening, everyone. So just continuing the report from our meeting on March 8th. We had one agenda item in regards to the State liquor license application review. For the business The Witching Hour LLC located at 1312 Decatur Street, it's their new application for a full liquor license. This establishment was formerly a clothing store so there was no, you know, restaurant or any type of food and beverage operating business here before um, the owner has lived in Bushwick for five years and has two other bar establishments located in Fort Greene, Brooklyn. The manager did let us know that he did some outreach with neighbors and also businesses and schools, really located near the five block radius just to, you know, find opportunities for potential collaboration. They're intended sales of alcohol hours that were stayed in the committee are as follows seven days a week Monday through Wednesday from 5pm to 2am. Thursday through Saturday from 5pm to 3am, and Sunday from 5pm to 2am. We did request some additional information regarding soundproofing just to make sure because it is a primary residential area that they have done their job to sound proven actively working and they did tell us they were actively working with audio engineers to further secure you know the rest of the space that is a blank you know white space a white box like some folks like to reference so did also discuss our stipulation of no sales of alcohol past 12am on Sundays. Which the owner of the establishment did agree to. And they did explain to us that they were possibly considering doing an outdoor patio, which would close by 10pm all seven days a week. We also let them know we have our stipulation of outdoor spaces sash patios. Be having to be closed by 10pm. And this is something that as a committee, we have, you know, set the standard for all businesses just to, you know, keep the quality of life and noise somewhat under control. And we did invite the owner of the establishment to come join us today just to listen in and provide new information if anyone has any. Otherwise. We also did review the see before statement of district needs during this meeting. Most of them really felt under economic development. So we did review them and I know Desmond shared some feedback with the last of the board's office in regards to the budget requests. Otherwise, I don't think we reviewed anything else. We will be reviewing the stipulation sheets next month and our meeting and going over that and presenting that to the committee next month. But that sums up my report. Thank you so much. If you have any questions or concerns please ask away.

Celeste: Alright. And I don't at board members, if you will allow. I was going to ask the business owner to just provide brief information, name, contact info, and how long to the opening if it's a new business.

Ty Lee, The Witching Hour LLC

Absolutely, yes, my name is Ty. Ty Lee. I'll put that into the chat. And my phone number is 347-671-7384. Like I said during the other community board meeting, establishing relationships with neighbors is very important to me, having a direct line to my phone just for any concerns or feedback you might have. Super important. I'll also put my email into the chat as well ty@witchinghourbk.com. Community Board 4, those who want to know more about the concept of the space this is going to be my own personal. I'll be the sole proprietor of the space. The other two places. I've had partners there, but since I bought this house five years ago, I've always wanted to have this space and be part of the community. And so I'm just going to create a very small kind of cocktail space that has a kind of low lighting, smooth music very low so you

can still have conversation because the idea would be a setting that you can have a romantic date on or you can kind of hang out with some friends nearby. And then there will be a stage that's about four by six feet. So it'll be like acoustic musicians. Maybe some like smooth Sade-esque DJs. It's a very small space, so not looking to do anything rowdy or anything and just serving house cocktails and being accessible to the community.

Celeste: Thank you. Any questions for the committee or the business owner? Going once, going twice?

Mr. Camacho: And also, when anyone from the outside that's here, that has any concerns or issue or proto? There are anything please let us know? We want to open it up to everyone now, because we don't want to say that we address the concerns in nature, which I think he did. Go to some of the areas there so we want to thank you.

Celeste: Perfect, thank you Mr. Camacho. Alright, so hearing no other questions or comments. We'll move on now to our next committee report.

Environmental Protection/Transportation/Sanitation + Parks and Recreation - Barbara Jackson

Barbara: Good evening, everyone. On February 24th we had a presentation from Sarah. I can't say her last name on the environmental education trees of New York. She had a very good program. She also told us they have an eight hour classroom where we could sign up to have a tree pruning where we could take to court but we needed to get a funding went to miss nurses a lot of why we relate to Ricky no doubt that because by getting a grip and some of us could go and don't have to pay the full fee, we could pay less by doing this three pruning problem we could then prune the tree in our neighborhood of especially on our blog. Also, they also have a volunteer event where you can take your trees and in the neighborhood and she also know if there's any empty tree base that we could get in contact with her. And they would come and they would fix it up and they have programs in school. But again, we really want to have a tree pruning program in Bushwick. So we're going to be contacting your listeners to be to get the kids the program. Also. The parks meeting we had the applications for the baseball fields and they were given out and also we had the Bushwick traffic safety review and on March 3, I attended the sanitation work meeting. That's my report. Any questions?

Mr. Camacho: No, ma'am. I just want to reiterate in regards to our councilwoman there. What it is, is that they do the Pro training course and they charge \$100 ahead. So they said they needed our location is a six week course you do on the job training, meaning they'll take you to the spot and they'll teach you how to do it. You get certified for five years after the five years is up or you take the test again and you get recertified again I don't know if the fee is less, or what it is a five year before it was the only two years because I remember we had done funding to our Vic Robles and we had I was I had the license myself and I was pulling some of these trees and cleaning the flower beds in that. So we wanted to see if some of the people within the community or within the board or we would get a location and she would teach two courses a six week course. She told us so maybe we can sit down and talk. I don't know how many people want to sign up. I got to find out the place where we can do it. And hopefully we want to do it in the summer when we're off to July or August. Have a six week course you go one time a week

and hopefully we can have help from you and Jennifer, or maybe you guys can put the whole pie that we can just sit down and take the course I don't know. How's that? Ms. Jackson? It's called you have to be committed right? You come in and you got six weeks if I miss one they will not give you lose the money. So you have to be committed. It is a six week course. So don't sign up if you're not gonna take it because then I've caused a woman but what am I gonna bring this up? You got to pay back. I signed a contract. You got to pay back if you don't come. You got to give us 100 Madison good who put into signing them. Okay.

Celeste: Any other questions or comments for Barbara?

Mr. Camacho: Yes, I have one. Madam Chair. Yes, I did the schedule for the park for the permits. Only Quebradilla, Guadalupe and Superkids were the only ones that took the permit. Bushwick High School for Real Guadalupe they got from Sunday to Thursday, Friday and Saturday Super Kid has. Heckscher Park only Super Kids have the soccer league. Thomas Boyland is completely empty. Nobody wants to use it because they say there's a lot of shootings from across the street. And incidents are occurring and nobody wants to use the park so that park is open. Hope Park Quebradillas has it seven days. Monday through Friday from four to eight and Sunday from eight to eight and Saturday from eight to eight. And also Green Central Knoll, we have a lot of issues with the dogs. They say they repaved it. They seeded. The dogs are making holes. I saw a whole bunch of dogs out there today. They are making holes on the ground again. They're trying to control them. We're trying to see if we can get a fence around it. But Quebradillas is gonna use it Monday from eight to eight. Sunday from four to six. Tuesday's gonna be the Williamsburg Sports League. Wednesday, Williamsburg and Thursday, Williamsburg Sports League from four to eight. And Friday and Saturday is Quebradillas. Yes. So that is the schedule I have here Madam Chair and I'll give it to you for you to sign off on it and you can send it to the Parks department and you guys have to vote on it today. Thank you. Or you got to do a blanket vote in regards to all those because there's only three. Thank you.

Celeste: All right. Okay, so I believe that wraps it up for this committee.

Health/Human Service/Senior Citizens/Veterans - Cheryl Jones

(Cheryl called in from an unknown number and was not able to unmute at the time. The district manager was able to allow her to speak after summarizing the report.

Celeste: I will summarize and then I'll make sure to check the attendee list. There were two presenters. It was largely informational; the meeting was under an hour. The first presenter was at Gotham NYC Health and Hospitals. They spoke a little bit about 815 Broadway which is a new COVID-19 Center for Excellence on the corner of Ellery. The entrance is actually on Ellery at Broadway. It's a new facility that will be providing primary care and so many other services. Right now they're focused primarily on the primary care aspect as it's they just opened on Valentine's Day that was the ribbon cutting Mr. Camacho and I were there along with our elected officials. And I saw Ms. Spellen and we also, I believe had another presentation that evening about 335 Central, which is our district public health office that's run by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. A large part of that facility is actually used by Gotham health as

well. For a sensor there where they also provide other services. So we've asked for them to share with us a one pager detailing the services that are available at both. We know that there have been a lot of concerns particularly from the board about 335 Central Avenue. We do have a walkthrough scheduled for the end of this month and we made sure to let the council member's office know as well. So hopefully, we'll have some representation coming from Council Member Nurse's office that evening or that morning. Actually, it's going to be at 9am and we'll get a better understanding of what's going on and what we can do to improve the community relations with that site. After the Gotham health presentations we moved on. There was a representative from LiveOnNew York. LiveOnNew York is a nonprofit that is responsible for organ donations and for folks. So when you have a loved one that passes away, they are the ones that will approach you in the hospital. And, it's a very delicate of course and sensitive conversations to have however, they provided us some data on folks from the community that are on waiting lists for transplants. They also spoke a little bit about I believe both a recent firefighter as well as Officer Mora who folks may recall. I know we had some board members attend the funeral services. Both of them were signed up to be organ donors and they were able to save lives. And I'm gonna go ahead and let Ms. Spellen provide her quick update and see if I can make sure that Cheryl Jones was able to join us because she's emailing me. So Ms. Spellen if you want to go ahead and finish your report.

Annette, CPSR: Yeah, so if there was one thing I left out and Barbara Smith reminded me of it to all those who have three family and above houses, you must follow through on the Local 152 inspections and the inspection must be done by a licensed plumber is very important that you do that with a licensed plumber because the Department of Buildings will kick it back and it's going to cost you extra money. You got to be careful about who you get to do your work to do your investigation because the a lot of plumbers that are running around sending out flyers saying that they will charge you this amount this amount of amounts when they shouldn't be charging you that much money. So remember Local Law 152 went into effect in January and you have until December to get it completed.

Celeste: All right. Thank you Ms. Spellen and Cheryl you should be able to unmute now. Okay, so that might be a technical issue. If anything, we'll circle back. I believe that summarized the majority of the health committee's report there was also a review as our other committees of the district needs. So for the most part, everything was confirmed as a need. And we will be following up on 335 Central Ave as previously mentioned. All right. And Ms. Jones. I apologize. I did try to ask you to unmute. I'm not sure why it won't let you on mute. So you should be able to use star six to unmute. That's for anyone on the phone at star six to unmute and star nine to raise your hand. All right. Any questions for any of the committee reports before we move on? Going once, going twice. All right.

Yeah, I have a request and that's Miss couriers. Comey, it would be helpful to HELL UP. Hi, can you hear me?

Yeah, sure. I think that's sorry. Yeah, go ahead

call her. When she gives the addresses of the places that are applying for liquor licenses. It will be helpful to me and maybe perhaps other members of the committee to give the cross street to

just say 613 12 Decatur Street, you know, it'd be helpful if she said at the corner of Knickerbocker Avenue so we kind of get an idea where these places are actually located. constantly asking too much, but I think it would give us a little clarity, at least me. Thank you.

Celeste: Yeah, we've done that before. So we'd be happy to help assist the committee, Melissa with that. So moving forward. So thank you.

You're welcome. Board Member, one announcement. We'll be having our Shape-Up Bushwick this year. And we hope that all the board members get to come area, tangents gonna be a great year. Last year, we are tabling we had healthcare facilities, we had to move it and it was still very successful. So we're very excited to host Shape-Up Bushwick this year again and I thank you. I had technical difficulties, my personal phone number that I loved and my work number. Celeste: No, no problem. I'll save it. So we don't have any issues. Yeah, okay. Perfect. And that's a perfect segue to Ms. Davis. If there are any other shape up updates, you want a very brief you can share those now.

Shape-Up Bushwick Planning - Elvena Davis

Well, no, there's not. There's nothing in addition, except that we're having our next meeting on the 24th at 2pm. But we still don't have it on the ninth of June was still going to be from 10 to two we're starting at nine o'clock to set up and finish at three o'clock to clean up. The theme pressing forward standing united and we're looking for volunteers to give us a hand. So if anybody would like to attend a meeting, you know the planning meeting which again is on March the 24th at 2pm. We would greatly appreciate it.

I'd like to also thank you so very much for supporting pushing shape up. We could not do it without you that you're a rock star. So thank you again, and you have my 210% Support the flier you know, I'll make sure that I'll have health care will be there. So I'm gonna ask him to come, you know, to other health care facilities, and so you know, thank you for being our rock star. Thank you.

Celeste: Thank you for Camacho giving us a rock star. Okay, so yeah, we'll move on from our committee reports.

7) Recommendations

Celeste: So we'll go ahead and move on now to our recommendations. I believe we just have two committees making recommendations this evening. And we'll start with environmental protection, transportation, sanitation and parks and recreation. The first recommendation is for the Bushwick Avenue traffic safety study, which is the presentation we heard earlier today. So all of those recommendations in addition to the ones that committee included as well, which was I believe the one from Captain Claxon. And then there were just some others like the technical language for like the actual tools that they would be using. Some of you if you've driven through Queens recently in Ridgewood. They have a speed reducer. It's a small hump that's yellow and black. And it goes when you're about to make the left turn. We asked specifically for them to explore whether or not they would be able to add those as well to Bushwick Avenue as another traffic calming tool. So if the committee and Barbara that I get everything for that

recommendation, is there anything that I missed? Barbara Jackson you're muted. All right. Barbara: You covered them.

Celeste: So just want to make sure so is there a motion for this particular recommendation from the board?

- **Jose Guzman made a motion in favor of the committee's recommendation of support for the Bushwick Avenue Traffic Safety Study recommendations. Jared Hicks seconded the motion. All were in favor, so moved.**

Now the second recommendation from this committee is for the league field permits for this spring. Mr. Camacho reviewed the times and the league schedule. So every year we work with parks to make sure that there's fair use of all of the fields within the district. You know that they're limited. Is there a recommendation from the board for this year?

- **Jared Hicks made a motion in favor of the committee's recommendation for this year's spring field permit schedule. Elvena Davis seconded the motion. All were in favor, so moved.**

Celeste: So, all right. And I believe that covers it for this committee. We'll move on now to economic development and permits and licenses. Melissa, do you want to summarize the one recommendation?

Melissa: Yes. Thank you. So last, the one recommendation coming out of our meeting is for the establishment, the witching hour LLC. The committee motion to vote in approval of the establishments with the hours presented to the committee with recognitions of stipulations in place and everyone can reference the notes in our report, which may

At 12pm 12am on Sundays and ensuring that there's soundproofing done before you know the opening of the business as well as closing down the patio or outdoor space at 10pm, seven days a week. That is the only recommendation for the committee this month.

Celeste: And would you be able to reiterate the hours, Melissa?

Melissa: Yes. So, the hours are Monday through Wednesday from 5pm to 2am. Thursday through Saturday from 5pm to 3am and Sunday from 5pm to 2am. Celeste: Okay, Is there a motion from the board for this? Recommendation? Anyone? Someone make a motion. Thank you, James. Is there a second?

- **James Fitzgerald made a motion in support of the committee's recommendation. Jared Hicks seconded the motion. Ms. Davis abstained. The motion carried.**

Okay, can we get the address and of course treat it as for clarification information. The address is 1312 Decatur Street with cross streets Knickerbocker Avenue. Thank you.

Celeste: Thank you. I believe that concludes our recommendations for this evening. If there's anything else now's the time going once, going twice. Alright, we'll move on now

8) Old Business

Celeste: Any old business gone once going twice?

None

9) New Business

Celeste: Any new business? Going once, going twice.

None

10) Announcements

Any announcements? Please raise your hand. And as promised, I will read the poem that Mr. Camacho asked me to read to everyone. So if you left the meeting already you missed out. But if you are still here, get ready all right. I hope you can hear me well.



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thing, not beat avoid very nice very nice.

Celeste: Thank you. Thank you, everyone. I got a little nervous. I do these meetings all the time. I have goosebumps over here. I'm a little freaked out but we're good. We're good. I'm back in work mode now.

And there's men next time you go to do yours because I know you got one. You mean you mean Dustin Right. Like real bad. I'm glad I left the ones lock up. My mind was sound like a 1970s Richard Pryor stand up so

Celeste: No, not at all. Not at all. So let's continue with the meeting. And just we have some surprises coming up. So please stay tuned and check out our meeting agenda specifically arts,

culture, technology. There's going to be some exciting stuff coming your way for the community. And just to get back to the rest of our announcements. I see. I know Jessica, you had your hand up first, followed by Jonathan. Any other announcements, please raise your hand. Jessica, go for it.

Jessica Arocho, NYC Health+Hospital Woodhull

Celeste, you have to send it to me. And email. My phone died. I had to log back in. So I just wanted to tell you I'm extremely it makes me it makes me to know that more and more folks are into the arts. And we have people like Flako Nava, who's in the community. You know what I'm saying? I was in charge of that the coupon Pueblo charity got because a group of Yeah, a group of folks that were doing heart pieces and and you know poetry. So, quick announcement is Mr. Kelly's the CEO had mentioned about the CH ma community health needs assessment. And in speaking I'm having this communication with you guys. I am certain you've already shared that information with folks. But if you could please reshare it with the people because on the 28th At 6pm we will be having a public forum. And so the central office would be there manning it except that the public forum really is for folks to talk about the needs of the communities to speak about the needs so that they could incorporate it into the hospital. Secondly, and most importantly, they have a survey as much as we think surveys really don't do anything. They really do a lot. So it's one thing for you to get online but if you don't get online, please still fill out that survey. There's a community of need survey and it has a little code. You the bar code you just put your phone, the camera to it. It's just a very few quick, very few amount of questions. So that's one two. I forgot what it was. I'm telling you I have some tumors sometimes I remember sometimes I don't but uh yet so you guys are having an event and I spoke with Camacho and Camacho will be picking up this Friday. I have a friend who's bringing me crates of hand sanitizer, hand wipes and gloves. So I reached out to the elected officials because they don't get things or they don't get those kinds of things to give out to the community. And for the event that I'm glad Cheryl Jones is on the line because I had forwarded the information to her supervisor so that we can get folks to come out from what I'm all for the tabling and to provide information on the day of the event. So I'm looking forward to it and to being out in the community and doing the things that we do helping the art community. Thank you.

Celeste: Thank you. And next I believe we have Jonathan.

Jonatha Pomboza, Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez's office

Hi, everyone. Good evening. Jonathan from Brooklyn, J Eric consultants office. Just a quick announcement. The DA is accepting applications to the 2022 Spring High School internship. The deadline is April 1. The internship is one week long from April 18 to April 22. And it's for high school juniors and seniors who either live or attend high school in Brooklyn. The requirements are a resume, personal essay, that's 250 words. And the topic question is why do you want to do an internship at the DAs office? And how will an internship help support your interests and you could find more information on social media or visit rochen da.org backslash internships. Thank you.

Celeste: Thank you, Lucy.

Lucy, The Bushwick Starr

Hey, everyone. Thanks for having me again. I'll pass on your congratulations to no we're very excited to meet the latest addition to the Bushwick Starr family. Um, I just have two announcements. We have a show happening at the moment in collaboration with the open their leadership center and Williamsburg. It's called a Song of Songs by Agnes burtynsky. And we'll send over information. So that's our show. And then we also happen to have community autistic workshops, which are hosted by Michelle J. Rodriguez. And those happen every Friday on Zoom. So anyone can join in from 4:30pm to 6:30pm on the third Friday, every month and I'm going to put more info about that in the chat and a link and let us know reach out with any questions you have about either of those things. Thank you so much and hope to see some of you are out.

Celeste: Thank you. Any other announcements? Please raise your hand.

Barbara Smith, 83rd Precinct Community Council President/CB4 Board Member

Oh, I just want to put out to the community. Um, the person is getting a lot of calls about sanitation problems. The police can't do anything about garbage. And they didn't bombard it with calls and that garbage is industry. Other people's garbage is on their sidewalk. This is not a police problem. I'm sorry to tell you I'm a homeowner and you're responsible for AC entered into the earth. If it is your garbage or not. You're going to get a ticket and I'm sorry to tell you, I got it. We have the data. We have the baby 52 A funny property is dirty. You have to clean it. You can't say it's not my garbage. It came from over there. So a lot of people are complaining about garbage. I'm sorry to tell you looking for my one one, but it's not a fluke. I'm sorry to say also I want to say congratulations to all the women like they said yesterday he said to me counsel, your honor or RPA in the present with the 1780s Nobody knows about them and they're the hands on the clock that make the piece at the end of that belief assistant administrator that do all the paperwork. So you know this is a big month for a lot of them and they really don't see in the frontline to be pushed up from the back and congratulations to all the women. Thank you. Thank you. And thank you, Barbara. It's really exciting to hear about the luncheon at the precinct. I know I saw the photo too. I liked it on Twitter today. Thank you. We'll make that cheap and affordable.

Celeste: Excellent. And just a quick comment from the chat someone asked for the link to the Community Health Assessment Survey. I don't know if you'd be able to drop the link in the chat. But if so, you can also reach out to our office and we can share that information as well. If for whatever reason we don't get the link today I tried to check the flier I have and I don't have the updated link it looks like it's not going to the right page.

Mr. Camacho: Shoot. Everybody computer sassy like you guys. Is there any paper school like they used to be you know, maybe you could say something to the board and we'll get people that are not computer sassy especially from the community and we can have it or you can bring them that day to it that's supposed to be the you can give them up.

Jessica: They have to do it online. They have to do it online. I will forward it again tomorrow but I can't use my phone for some reason. I was trying to share it. But this job phone doesn't let me download the items before I send it to sell so send it to everyone. Thank you.

Celeste: If anyone needs assistance, completing the form, we can do that in the board's office. Just give us a call. We'll help you fill it out as there's no paper. Okay, I believe that concludes our announcements. Just one last call from anyone going once going twice. All right. We'll move on now.

11) Second Roll Call

Celeste: Board members, please be ready.

Board Members in attendance: Carlotta Williams, Jerry Valentin, Leo Tineo, Annette Spellin, Dustin Sonneborn, Acire Polight, Zulma Novoa, Desmonde Monroe, Mary McClellan, Luisa Jose, Virgie Jones, Cheryl Jones, Kristen Jock, Barbara Jackson, Jared Hicks, Hadiyah Harrison, Jose Guzman, Christopher Graham, Egaudy Gomez, Freddy Fowler, James Fitzgerald, Elvena Davis, Andrew Choi, Felix Ceballos, Melissa Carrera, Gardea Caphart, Robert Camacho, Rawle Brown, Martha Brown, Joshua Brown, Jo-Ena Bennett

Excused: Frank Zimmerman, Gladys Puglla, Kyle O'Rourke, Samy Nemir Olivares, Imini Mitchell, Anne Guiney, Louisa Chan,

Absent: Odolph Wright, Eliseo Ruiz, Raul Rubio, Andy Marte, Tanesha Honeygan, Carlos Feliciano, Rev. Grace Aytes

Resigned: Daniella Davi

12) Adjournment

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

Good night, everyone.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:29pm