

Brooklyn Community Board #4 Regular Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, March 20, 2019
Hope Gardens Multi Service Center
195 Linden Street
Brooklyn, New York 11221
6:00PM

Chairperson, Mr. Robert Camacho
District Manager Ms. Celestina Leon

Board Members in Attendance:

Jo-Ena Bennett, L. A. Blacksmith, Joshua Brown, Martha Brown, Robert Camacho, Felix Ceballos, Gardea Caphart, Melissa Carrera, Louisa Chan, Elvena Davis, Julie Dent, Carlos Feliciano, Victoria Fernandez, Freddy Fowler, Christopher Graham, Jose Guzman, Michelle Hilliard, Barbara Jackson, Virgie Jones, Kweighbaye Kotee, Mary McClellan, Sharline Moore, Zulma Novoa, Luisa Jose-Olea, Acire Polight, Raul Rubio, Eliseo Ruiz, Julio Salinas, John Scheaffer, Vernedeaner Shell, Dustin Sonneborn, Annette Spellen, James Wiseman and Odolph Wright.

Board Members Excused:

Sufia Chowdhry, Denisse Reyna-Dolin, Ernest Estime, Egaudy Gomez, Anne Guiney, Cheryl Jones, Nancy Liao, Desmonde Monroe, Gladys Puglla, Barbara Smith, and Jerry Valentin

Board Members Absent: Grace Aytes, Austin Martinez, Cirilo Nunez, and Eva Rodriguez

The District Manger opened the monthly Community Board #4 meeting at 6:05PM

- Public Hearing Item -

- 1) New York City Transit MTA & NYC Department of Transportation – Presenting an update on the L Line rehabilitation project.

The New Plan allows for: 100% of the daytime weekday service continues between 5am and 8pm, including peak rush hour times.

- Developing a new service plan in line with revised approach for L tunnel rehabilitation
- Coordinating with FTA, NYC DOT, NYPD and other government partners
- Continuing to attend meetings and collecting input from elected officials, advocates and customers via our new webpage, newsletter and meetings
- MTA Capital Construction leading the tunnel rehabilitation work. Independent consulting to report directly to board throughout the project

Construction

Station Improvements

Station Work

- 14 St – 6 Avenue elevators
- Court Square: Station circulation improvements
- Nassau (G): Additional turnstile capacity
- Bedford Avenue (L): New stairways; new elevators; expanded mezzanine
- Metropolitan (G) Lorimer (L); New stairway; additional turnstile capacity; reopen station entrance

- Morgan Station component repair
- DeKalb: Station component repair
- Halsey: Station component repair
- Bushwick: Station component repair
- Broadway Junction; New stairway
- Marcy Avenue: Widened stairway and platform
- Hewes Street: reopened entrance
- Flushing Avenue: Reopened entrance

L Project scope

Station Improvements

Infrastructure upgrades

Tunnel rehabilitation

Infrastructure upgrades

1st Avenue Station work is on schedule

- Excavation completed at Avenue A
- Wall and floor slab construction started
- Stairs construction started

Construction

Infrastructure upgrades examples

Avenue B substation in Manhattan is on schedules

- Excavation complete, final debris removal ongoing
- Stream and electric lines supported
- Electrical gear constructed and ready for delivery

Infrastructure upgrades examples

Track renewal underway and on schedule

- Work in tunnels and other locations along the line
- Replacement of rails and ties
- Smoother ride and improved reliability
- New, more efficient third rail

Avenue B Substation in Manhattan is on schedule

- Excavation complete, final debris removal ongoing
- Steam and electric lines supported
- Electrical gear constructed and ready for delivery

Tunnel rehabilitation

- New rail, third rail and ties
- Repaired, replaced and stabilized bench wall
- New fiber optics system installed to monitor stability
- New rack cable system
- Upgraded pumps, new drainage line and repaired fire standards

Single Tracking Operation with Brooklyn Service Overlay

The L train will be running every 20 minutes between Lorimer and 8th Avenue and again, that is because the single track limitation we have a switch between Lorimar and Bedford and then next switch from the Manhattan side is between 3rd Avenue and Union Square.

There will be additional M14A service and a new Williamsburg Link bus.

Continue capacity improvements: We are reconstruction or re-open more staircases, or adding more turnstiles at several stations:

Completes

Flushing Avenue – J, M

Hewes Street – J, M

Nassau Avenue – J

Court Square – E, G, M, 7

Metropolitan Avenue – Lorimer St – Q, L

Questions were entertained:

Lieutenant Scott Watson – Ladder Company 112 on 582 Knickerbocker Avenue, his captain stopped at the 83rd Pct. regarding the chronic problem they are having on Knickerbocker Avenue, mostly during the day, alternate side street parking. They are fearful of putting their cars anywhere near the bike lanes.

It is making it difficult when the fire trucks come out of the station.

Andy Inglesby, NYC Transit: Problem should not occur in the future. The 7 weeks test run ended last weekend.

Martha Brown: Is the elevator that was supposed to be installed at the 1st Avenue Station going to be completes?

Answer: The elevator at 1st Avenue on the headlines yes, there will be an elevator installed on the north and south side of the street. ON the corner of north 7th and Bedford.

- 2) Asher Freeman, Legislative Director, Office of Council Member Antonio Reynose – Presenting on proposed land use reform recommendations for the 2019 Charter Revision Commission:

Assemblywomen Maritza Davila: Since the Mayor has been Mayor we have 11 shelters in Bushwick

- 3) NYC Department of Social Services and CORE Services Group: Presenting on the proposed single adult men’s shelter at 97 Wyckoff Avenue

Jackie Bray, the first deputy commissioner of Homeless Services she oversees all of the day to day operations in addition to their plan to expand the available capacity to shelter people experiencing homelessness.

97 Wyckoff Avenue – Two years ago the department of Homeless Services announced a plan called “Turning the Tide on Homelessness” and it was a plan to rally reimagine the shelter system. It had four pillars or five pillars that are really relevant today. The pillar is to help move people who are experiencing homelessness off the streets.

The second is to aggressively prevent homeless when you can prevent people from becoming homeless. The third pillar and really important was to close down a whole lot of facilities and commercial hotels. The fourth pillars was to open 90 high quality new borough based shelters and the fifth pillar was to rehouse our clients and to make sure that we are investing in the right ways to move people from homelessness to stability.

Question were entertained:

People voiced their opinions, most were not for the shelter.

The District Manager, Ms. Celestina Leon called the first roll call.

First Roll Call: – 34 members present this does constitute a quorum.

The acceptance of the agenda was made by Martha Brown and second by Ms. Elvena Davis. The acceptance of last month's minutes was tables.

Chairperson's Report:

Mr. Robert Camacho welcomed all to the Community Board #4 Wednesday, March 20, 2019 monthly meeting.

No report. (Informational)

The Chairperson went to most of the same meetings that the District Manager went to.

The Elected Officials and / or their representatives that was present at the meeting.

- 1) Karen Cherry, Representing 54th Assembly District, Assembly Member Erik Martin Dilan, 366 Cornelia Street, Brooklyn, NY 11237, 718-386-4576
- 2) Paula Mendez, Representing 53rd Assembly District, Assemblywoman Maritza Davila, 249 Wilson Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237, 718-443-1205
- 3) Jonathan Pomboza, Representing District Attorney Eric Gonzalez, 350 Jay Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, 718-250-2340
- 4) Marcus Harris, Representing Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams, 209 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, 718-802-3700
- 5) Lorenzo Brea, representing Councilmember Rafael Espinal, 37th Council District, 1945 Broadway, Brooklyn, NY 11207, 718-642-8664
- 6) Boris Santos, Representing Senator Julia Salazar, 18th Senatorial District, 1068 Broadway, Brooklyn, NY 11221

Federal, State or City Agencies

- 1) Sergeant Anna Serrano, 83rd Precinct N.C.O. (Neighborhood Coordination Officer), 480 Knickerbocker Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237
- 2) PO Gomez, 83rd Precinct, 480 Knickerbocker Avenue, 718-574-1697
- 3) Commanding Officer DI Dan Dooley,, 83rd Precinct, 480 Knickerbocker Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237
- 4) Captain Dominquez, 83rd Precinct, 480 Knickerbocker Avenue, Brooklyn, NY
- 5) Luke Griffin, , Bushwick Podcast, 724-484-3493, Website: WWW.HearBushwick.com
- 6) Raul Rubio, DOHMH, Thrive New York, Mental First Aide Training, 646-988-8639.

District Manager's Report:

The District Manager, Ms. Celestina Leon thanked all in attendance. Happy Women's History month and belated St. Patrick's Day.

She reminded the board members that the board is scheduled to vote on the revised By-Laws in April. She asked all board members to make sure that they have a copy. The deadline to

provide feedback is April 17, 2019, which is the day of the full board meeting. On May 15th, they will also hold the annual election of Executive Officers at the regular Community Board Meeting. Please make sure that you are present at the meeting. Please feel free to contact the District Manager if you have any questions.

Meetings Attended:

Thursday, February 28, 2019 – Phone call with Dalancey Nelson from Partnership for Parks Attended Meeting with Brooklyn Borough President's office with Chairperson

(For her report please call the Community Board)

Committee Reports:

Arts and Culture Committee (ACC), Committee Chairperson Ms. Zulma Novoa

Meeting: Monday, March 11, 2019, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, New York, 11207-1422, 6:00PM

Board Members in Attendance: ACC Committee Chairperson, Ms. Zulma Novoa and Dustin Sonneborn

Others in Attendance: CB4 Chairperson, Mr. Robert Camacho; District Manager, Ms. Celestina Leon; Mr. Lucas Griffin, Bushwick Podcast; Mr. Daniel Alvarez and Ms. Anne Maso, UOVO Fine Art; and Mr. Juan Pablo Siles, r e g i o n e s

Members Excused: Ms. Victoria Fernandez and Ms. Jo-Ena Bennett

Members Not in Attendance: Mr. L. A. Blacksmith and ACC Vice-Chairperson, Ms. Kweighbaye Kottee

The district manager called the meeting to order and started with a round of introductions.

Agenda Item #1 – Anne Maso, UOVO

Purchased 105 Evergreen Avenue (at Jefferson Street). This will be their fourth art storage company. The headquarters is located in Long Island City, which opened in 2014.

They also have two other facilities in Rockland County. UOVO provide a wide array of services for arts and fashion, including storage packing, transportation, installation, etc. They work with galleries, artists, collectors, etc. Like their LIC facility they expect this will be a dynamic location, because of the foot traffic.

Agenda Item #2 – Juan Pablo Siles, r e g i o n e s

Mr. Siles would like to put together a series of small events in August from the 3rd to the 8th for the Latin American community. He is hoping for this to be an annual event and will explore each region of Latin American. The first would be SUD, looking at South American artists.

He would like for the event to be free to the public at the Maria Hernandez Park and surrounding area with an outdoor space that is accessible and no barriers. Mr. Siles has reached out to six artists, two are international. Their budget is low. He did however received a grant from the Brooklyn Arts Council and the Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment.

He is partnering with El Puente. They will do community outreach that will involve Bushwick residents for a dance piece. Two artists will lead workshops between May and August.

Agenda Item #3 – Lucas Griffin, Bushwick Podcast

Agenda Item #4 – Old Business

Arts and Culture Directory – DM suggested picking an area, part of the neighborhood and visiting/documenting similar to the Economic Development Committee. Z. Novoa – pick quads and extend this to youth. Giving them as part of an internship for schools. DM – we've been talking to the schools. R. Camacho – we've been talking to a lot of schools and visiting them. What we really need is creating art along Broadway. Z. Novoa – what do you mean? R. Camacho – epidemic Myrtle to Gates. I was forming a Broadway Merchants. Now clubs and bars are coming in. Maybe people will come back by us creating murals. The hard thing about Broadway is that across the street is Bed-Stuy.

You will see the difference at night. D. Sonneborn – you have to brighten it up under the tracks. R. Camacho – like what they did on Troutman.

Summer Arts Mixer Time Capsule Project - Monday, June 17th – tentative date. It will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion: Ms. Z. Novoa made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was second by Mr. D. Sonneborn. Adjourned: 7:38pm

Civic and Religious Committee (CRC), Committee Chairperson Ms. Elvena Davis, Vice Co-Chair, Mr. Ernest Estime

Meeting: Tuesday, March 12, 2019, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, New York 11207-1422, 6:00PM

Board Members in Attendance: Committee Chairperson, Ms. Elvena Davis

Others in Attendance: CB4 Chairperson, Mr. Robert Camacho; CB4 Community Associate, Sharon Fludd

Members Excused: Virgie Jones, Ernest Estime

Members Not in Attendance: Rev. Grace Aytes

Items Discussed:

Ms. Elvena Davis, Committee Chair opened the meeting. Meeting was moved to the second item on the agenda.

- 1) Preliminary Annual Parade and Shape Up Bushwick Planning Discussion
 - A) Parade Route, the same as last years: Weirfield Street/Knickerbocker Avenue to Weirfield Street/Irving Avenue to Hancock Street / Irving Avenue to Hancock Street/ Knickerbocker Avenue to Weirfield Street / Knickerbocker Avenue.

- B) Get permit from Parks Department (District Manager will get)
- C) Notify 83rd Precinct (The District Manager will confirm with the 83rd Pct. If route is approvable)
- D) Honorees: Ms. Julie Dent and Ms. Nadine Whitted
- E) Theme: Spotlight business – Healthy living
 - Key Food
 - Bogopá -
 - Pioneer
 - Fitness Gyms –
 - Date – Thursday June 6, 2019
- F) Time: 10am to 3pm.
- G) Colors - Green & Yellow
- H) Send letter to Bogopá - (District Manager will send letter)
- I) Contact Broadway Stages
- J) Fitness Instructor Needed
- K) Find out what time the sponsors prefer for next meeting – 3pm or 6pm.
- L) Bike donation (CRC Chairperson)
- M) Two portable restrooms needed
- N) Flyer – Danny Torres, Swerve Church
- O) NYC Parks PuppetMobile

New Business:

Elvena will get in touch with the DI at the 83rd Pct. regarding when they will have a meeting with applicants who are having a block party this year. Meeting adjourned: 6:45pm

Environmental Protection/Transportation/Sanitation Community (EPTS), Committee Chairperson, Mr. Eliseo Ruiz; Committee Chairperson, Mr. Raul Rubio; and Mrs. Nancy Liao, Committee Vice Chairperson

Meeting: Thursday, March 7, 2019, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, New York 11207-1422, 6:00PM

Members in Attendance: Mr. Raul Rubio, Ms. Jo-Ena Bennet and Ms. Sufia Chowdhry

Others in Attendance: CB4 Chairperson, Mr. Robert Camacho; Ms. Sharon Fludd, CB4 Community Associate; Mr. Ron Roth, Consultant; Mr. Pedro Abril and Ms. Rosa Vasquez, Bushwick Car Service, 184 Knickerbocker Avenue.

Members Excused: Ms. Nancy Liao and Mr. Eliseo Ruiz

Not in Attendance: Ms. Louisa Chan, Mr. Jose Guzman and Mr. John Scheaffer

Items Discussed:

- 1) Mr. Roth discussed his purpose for the consultation:

For resident's and visitor's to view Bushwick as a special place or destination in the Community. Mr. Roth will physically investigate the businesses on Broadway and Bushwick Avenue in hope to increase retail activity.

Ms. Jo-Ena Bennet suggested that Wilson Avenue also be targeted.

Mr. Roth feels that Broadway is uninviting to pedestrians and therefore encourages quick shopping. To get shoppers to linger in the area Mr. Roth suggested that Broadway have trees planted and benches installed throughout the area. He would also suggested that business improve their storefronts.

Mr. Roth Suggests:

- For Bushwick Avenue, he suggests a 6 to 12 inch planter be installed / built in the middle of Bushwick Avenue to divide the direction of the cars. Plants can be planted so that it will make the street more appealing (Example: Eastern Parkway)

Ms. Jo-Ena Bennett: People that have been here for years and to see every bit of territory strip away to be turned into luxury apartments is sad, it would be nice to see some greenery in the community. This will help people to view Bushwick as not a commercial area, but as a community.

Ms. Sharon Fludd: Who will take care of the greenery down Bushwick Avenue if they put the planter up? If it is not maintained then that area will not be beautiful.

Knickerbocker, Wyckoff & Myrtle Avenues also need to be investigated.

- Zoning: To investigate ways to take development pressure off Community Board 4's historic and Mid-Block corridors Mr. Roth suggested the board investigate in raising the R6 zoning category (medium size elevator apartment buildings) to a higher residential or mixed-use density along such thoroughfares a Broadway, Knickerbocker, Wyckoff and Myrtle Avenues.

Proposed Solutions (with visuals)

- a) Streetscape elements / plans
- b) Storefront elements to include signage, cornices, framing, materials, lighting, show windows, including Storefront Elevations
- c) Sidewalk Elements
- d) Zoning schematics – up zoning

Mr. Roth will provide the board with an approximate 40 page report.

- 2) Bushwick Car Service, 184 Knickerbocker Avenue, 1st Floor: request for a letter of no objection from the community board to renew their license with the NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission.

The Bushwick Car Service has been in the Bushwick Community for over 35 years with no problems.

Recommendations:

- A) EPTS committee approve of give a letter of support/no objection to Bushwick Car Service. The committee will go before the full board with their recommendations. They were invited to the Monthly Community Board meeting on Wednesday, March 20, 2019.
- B) Mr. Rubio stated that Mr. Roth is a consultant and although he would like to submit to the board a 40 page report on what need to be done in Bushwick it will still be the job of the board to find out how his suggestions will be put into effect. It will be the job of the community board to go to the business owners to try to convince them to change their signage, not Mr. Roth. \$4,000 could be spent elsewhere. Mr. Roth's report will just focused on Broadway & Bushwick Avenue.
- C) Wilson Avenue could use more garbage cans.

Old Business: Sanitation Directory Project:

Mr. Rubio: The purpose is to put together a directory of resources that involves the disposal of garbage, clothing, recyclable electronics, etc. Things that focus around sanitation so that people can recycle items that they no longer want but someone else can benefit from the use of it. This list would then be available on the Community Board's website.

Mr. Rubio will follow up with the Celeste Leon, the District Manager to see how far along she is with the project.

New Business:

Raul will speak to the District Manager regarding the rat problem. He would like for the committee to invite National Grid to discuss the rodent problem that occurs when they dig up the streets. Mr. Rubio will update the committee during the next meeting.

The HHHSV previously had a meeting in February regarding the rodent problem in the area. The HHHSV committee will have a Rat Academy in the near future. Ms. Bennett wanted to know why the EPTS committee was not involved or told about it. Ms. Fludd mentioned to her that a set date as to when the event would take place has not been establish yet.

Ms. Bennett suggested that the HHHSV committee invite the EPTS committee when their agenda concerns their committee also.

Meeting adjourned, motion to adjourn meeting was made by Raul Rubio and second by Jo-Ena Bennet. Meeting adjourned at 7:37PM.

Housing and Land Use Committee Meeting (HLU), Committee Chairperson, Martha Brown, Joshua Brown, Vice Chair

Members Present: Martha Brown, Joshua Brown, Freddy Fowler, James Wiseman, Jerry Valentin, Anne Guiney, Joey Guzman and Desmonde Monroe

Others in Attendance: Robert Camacho, CB4 Chairperson; Celestina Leon, CB4 District Manager; Edwin Delgado, Resident; Evette Lopez, Office of Assemblywoman Maritza Davila; Sulin Carling, Kerensa Wood, and Sarit Platkin, NYC Department of City Planning; McDavid Moore, NYC Loft Tenants; Gordon Jackson, CORE Services Group; Dione Vega, Yuri Sanchez, and Matt Borden, NYC Department of Homeless Services; Arelis Parache (Principal); Robert Pena Diaz, Mayra Rodriguez-Tower, Gridelda Quiles, Daisy Lopez, and Logan Quiles, PS 123K; Martha Bayona (President), Gloria Teller-Tovar, Community Education Council (CEC) 32; Gregory Louis, Brooklyn Legal Services Corp A, Kofi Thomas, BQLT; Jennifer Gutierrez, Office of Council Member Antonio Reynoso; and Julio Salazar, Office of Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez

Board Members Excused: Louisa Chan

Board Members not in Attendance: Austen Martinez and Julio Salinas

Martha Brown called the meeting to order and began with a quick round of introductions.

Agenda Item #1 Kerensa Wood, Senior Planner, and Sue Lin Carling, NYC Department of City Planning

Building on other initiatives, DCP launched an in-depth study to grow jobs in the North Brooklyn Industrial Business Zone.

Study Goals

- Update M district zoning to align with needs of today's businesses
- Retain areas for essential industrial/manufacturing sectors
- Create spaces for fast-growing TAMI (technology, advertising, media, information) jobs
- Grow jobs closer to workers and encourage reverse-commutes

M. Brown – we need to prioritize youth. These jobs need to be inclusive of Bushwick residents.

Agenda Item #2 Matt Borden, Assistant Commissioner Government Affairs, and Dione Vega, NYC Department of Social Services, and Gordon Jackson, Core Services Group

Matt Borden – when this admin came over there really wasn't a plan. IT's been a patch work for many years. The quality of providers varied greatly. As we came in to office we tried to figure out a framework for moving forward. We're closing down cluster sites. Going back to the Guliani administration, you had service providers going into apartment buildings. We've closed 1800 cluster systems. We want to close places that are bad and open places that are good. We've increased 6M to over 100M in legal aid. Reduced evictions by 37%. It makes you think that if this work happened sooner, what it would look like now.

Prevented 100,000 from entering the shelter and mirrors those that have left, receiving shelters. Previously shelter vouchers ended. Mayor Bloomberg cut the program in the middle. Last year for the first time we saw those numbers level off and at the same time we're reforming the way we're thinking about shelters. Increased street homeless outreach.

Proud of the work that we're doing and CORE. They opened the first site off of Bergen and York. After a lot of consternation at that site, there has not been a peep. The big difference with opening sites is partnering with the community. Making sure things are safe. Increase staffing to historic levels and on-street work. CORE hires locally. Turn over to CORE.

Gordon – thank you for the kind words. We're looking to house 80 men for this project. When Matt pointed out we opened 1173 Bergen, there were concerns. It's now our second year and there haven't been issues. Looking to bring about 85 jobs at the site. Partnering with 83rd. Looking to place seven security guards. Program director, case manager, specialist. Partner with clergy, faith-base, and community partners.

M. Brown – where are these men coming from? Are they ex-offenders? Drug use?

F. Fowler: Are there sex offenders?

Matt: there are no sex offenders it's within 500 ft. of a school.

Gordon: we do an assessment – there won't be sex offenders. Most of the time the clients are employed. There is a 10pm curfew. Matt – we do have some sites that are MICA site. This is not a MICA site. Program Administrator over CORE- in intake clients are screened however they don't

always disclose. When this type of omission is discovered, we work to make the appropriate referral.

D. Monroe: are they referred to move on into the community?

Gordon: we work to make sure the referrals make sense.

M. Brown: why Bushwick? Why Bushwick, a neighborhood slowly coming back, being chosen and not Park Slope? We have the hospital down the street, the school right there. I'm saying not in my backyard. We've had halfway houses and three-quarter houses.

R. Camacho: I had a call from State Assemblywoman she just found out about this and was not happy.

E. Lopez: I can speak for the Assembly Member. We need permanent housing. We want family-oriented people. We need to put them somewhere and not here. Everyone forgot about the '77 blackout. That's what it's all about: money. They don't want this. There's going to be a fight. People don't want that here. We want permanent live-able housing.

J. Brown: we aren't anti-homeless or people. We want to preserve safety. I believe what Camacho is expressing is that Bushwick has been a dumping ground. In regards to this project, my primary concern is the public's safety.

R. Guzman: that location it's close to the hospital, the school, a park where there are homeless issues already. The safety plan is not enough.

Matt Borden: want to draw a line in the sand. That we're bringing a site with 80 men with lots of different reasons for being homeless. There is a stigma. I live next to the Bedford Atlantic Armory with 400 men.

Gordon: I want to speak about your concerns Mr. Camacho. This is about returning the men to their families. This site is state of the art—it's different. The way we plan staffing. We don't open up sites where we don't hire people from the community. In regards to the concerns about the park, most of them have jobs. We don't create a climate where the clients are sitting around.

D. Monroe: I agree we have to look at this from a human aspect. I think what would make me feel comfortable is if I saw the service plan. When you come and you lay that out. That's a much better argument.

Gordon: I can walk you through.

M. Brown: put board members on the advisory board. There are people that live near the homeless shelter. They have families, property. If this comes in and a property value does down, what is going to happen to them?

Matt and Gordon: that hasn't happened.

M. Brown: we have to ensure that communities are safe.

M. Bayona: CEC 32 President. PS 123 is around the corner. We already have two shelters in the area. We don't need another shelter on the corner. I do understand the need. I am with Camacho. The need is not a shelter. It would be much better to use the site for affordable housing. This is

near an elementary school. We are opposing the proposal. What will be the timeline? Gordon - Looking to open May/June of 2019. Never had an arrest made because of a complaint against a client. We have been fortunate. They know their responsibility.

PS 123 teacher and resident: I'm not sure that particular site was selected. It still hasn't been answered.

Matt: we have an open-ended RFP process. Service providers bring the sites to us and offers a good proposal. It's rated and then moved forward. This site would work closely with the school. There are lots of things that we feel we can do. I don't want people to feel afraid of the people living in the shelter. What we're talking about is having an assessment and seeing their needs.

R. Guzman: I understand the difference in shelters. There are shelters for employed individuals? Why not making it a working space for the homeless?

Matt: these aren't criminals staying here.

DSS Program Admin; it is for working men.

Gordon: you will get to know the staff. We're going to know the people at the school, the bus stop. We also want to hear the positive things about clients. We have done so much on Bergen.

M. Brown: in this shelter do they have their own cooking facility?

Gordon: we prepare the meals off-site. Food is a big piece of the CORE model.

M. Brown: educational resources?

Gordon: everything is state of the art.

Principal PS 123: Our biggest concern is the threat to the students. The service plan is important for the parents to hear. I looked into the statistics however for us to be educated we have to know what is going to be there. They mentioned the park, there are a lot of homeless men. When can you have this conversation with the school?

Gordon: as soon as possible.

Evette Lopez: quickly share a remark on behalf of the Assemblywoman. She is awaiting a larger conversation with the community. She understands there is a housing crisis and a need for services. At this time, she is opposed to this proposal.

Julio: from Congresswoman Velazquez's office, to summarize some of what we've heard. This is going to happen this May. How realistic is speaking to the community moving forward? We've had other incidents that have nothing to do with service providers. For the member who has been working with stakeholders across the district.

Matt: those aren't DHS sites. That's actually a misnomer. When was the school informed?

School reps: we were not. Found out yesterday. Where are the Bushwick kids being placed—over 30% in shelters? Dialogue is key.

Agenda Item # 3 Old Business

CB4 Responsible Development Policy:

A Guiney – happy to pull out some top tier items. And, Tiera, she worked on

R. Guzman – way to set a baseline don't want the bottom feeders. J. Wiseman – this is a preference. If you're ranking those things the first you want is affordable unit. Would you commit to prevailing wage for the people that will service the building once it's created? That's at least somebody that has a job.

D. Monroe – what triggers compliance NICAP, Section 3 – let them know what triggers that. J. Wiseman – you could opt into even though you might not be required to. Chris, ANHD – target local-hire

J. Wiseman – what the office put together for liquor license there is a checklist. I found that helpful. There is a group of people that will fill that out, even if they don't come to the meeting. Deviate from the checklist, we can monitor that. M. Brown – we have to add a Good Neighbor Policy. You have the contractors destroy the wall, cornice, affecting

R. Guzman – wonder two things related to the LPC. If this is a building in the area, we can ask for the building to be in context.

Community Outreach – I'm thinking about Wyckoff and DeKalb

Tiera M. – I encourage everyone to look at our report. It was me and seven other colleagues. They are really trying to build a certification for developers – promoting equity. Happy to present – wrote the framework. What classifies as designated space?

Resource Event for local Churches: the district manager shared that she is working with the Mayor's office and the Civic & Religious Committee to coordinate the event. I will likely be held in the spring. More details will be available soon.

Agenda Item #4 New Business

Bill pending before the Assembly and Senate – speaking to what the community has identified. Biggest concern about what it would mean for businesses. Bill affects the entire N BK Business Zone. There is a desire to fast track the legislation. The loft tenants are facing eviction. Fast attempt to move the legislation. A letter has been sent to Senator Salazar to slow down the process. The concern is displacement. Threatened by the potential threat change. An estimated 3,000 lofts created.

Member, NYC Loft Tenants – building converted 1998. Own a business that rents in the IBZ. Loft tenants are manufacturers and makers. Not trying to stop manufacturing. If 20,000 job exist today, that won't be affected by the law passing. Time period for passing (qualifying). Have to abide the regulations by any qualified building. Items put in by the real estate lobby. Loft tenants are neighbors, affordable housing people. Building sold 58M dollars. About 48 tenants left – square footage issue for some. Amended to 400 square feet rent-stabilized affordable housing. Moved

into these spaces knowing what was across the street. I've been in mine for twelve some of my neighbors twenty. Don't complain about the truck deliveries.

Motion to adjourn was made by M. Brown and second by R. Camacho. Adjourned: 7:52pm

This report is informational for a copy of the report please contact the community board's office at 718-628-8400.

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting. (PRC) Committee Chairperson, Annette Spellen
Meeting: Thursday, March 14, 2019, 6:00PM, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207-1422

Board Members in Attendance: Mr. Austen Martinez – PRC Vice-Chairperson, Barbara Jackson, Carlos Feliciano, Gladys Puglla

Others in Attendance: Ms. Celestina Leon, CB4 District Manager, Charlie Reynoso – NYRP, Kofi Thomas – BQLT, Grisel Garcia – Real Guadalupe, Eric Silver – Resident, Carlos Feliciano – Quebradillas (President), Kenneth Williams – NYC Parks Green Thumb, Rich Williams – NYC Parks (District 4 Park Manager), PlaySoccer2Give, Super Kids Soccer

Board Members Excused: Robert Camacho, CB4 Chairperson, Annette Spellen, PRC Chairperson

Not in Attendance: Felix A. Ceballos, Egaudy Gomez, Jose R. Guzman, Nancy Liao, Eliseo Ruiz

Items Discussed:

1) Spring 2019 Sports League Permits

Mr. Austen Martinez: The leagues must work with us. The permit allows you to play soccer and baseball. Vendors are not allowed to see in the park. If vendors are present, please ask them to leave the field or call the police.

Leagues must provide their own garbage bags to clean the park after they leave.

Mr. Carlos Feliciano, Quebradillas: We should not have to clean the park when it is other people that leave their garbage.

Mr. Martinez: Take a picture of the park when you come and leave. The time will appear on the picture that way we will know who is leaving the park dirty.

Real Guadalupe: There is always a problem with people urinating. There's always a smell on both sides of the park and it is like that when we arrive to play.

Rich, Park Manager – Right now the park is being serviced once a day. I'm expecting to have someone in the park regularly in this week. That's the least of the issues there. I'm having an issue with teenagers hanging out in the bathrooms. I've been trying to work with the precinct to let them know that it's an ongoing issue. I'm afraid someone is going to get hurt.

Agenda Item #2 Charlie Reynoso, NYRP

Introduction – Attended a meeting at the Community Board's office approximately one month ago regarding redesigning Aberdeen Garden.

Suggestions

A rain garden, an area for parking, a tree grove, etc.
BK Rot was invited to the first meeting and they think they will be a great partner.

Announcement:

Mr. Feliciano announced the Quebadillas league's new 3 to 4 year old tee ball, supporting the St. Jude's Children Hospital.

This report is informational, please contact the CB for more information regarding this committee's meeting.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Barbara Jackson and second by Austen Martinez.

All in favor members present were in favor. Adjourned: 7:25pm

Recommendations: EPT: Letter of no objection. Business has been in the community for many years with no problems. The full board voted the approval for the letter of no objections.

HLU – proposal for the shelter at 97 Wyckoff Avenue. Mr. Robert Camacho made a motion to say no to the men shelter but yes to the stipulation of a family living shelter or senior women shelter. The motion was second by Ms. Victoria Fernandez. Motion moved.

One board member as per the board by-laws to be removed 3 or more unexcused absences along with the protocol that the board member will receive a certified mail letter from the CB stated that they will not be removed if they attend the next Community Board meeting. A follow up phone call was also made to find out what their intentions are. Ms. Eva Rodriguez who has not attended a meeting since the start of the meeting year.

A motion was made to remove from the board by Martha Brown and second by Mr. Camacho. All members were in favor.

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Meeting Adjourned: 34 Members Present.

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