

Community Board #4 Regular Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, October 17, 2012
Hope Gardens Multi Service Center
195 Linden Street (corner of Wilson Avenue)
Brooklyn, New York 11221
6:00PM

The Chairperson, Ms. Julie Dent introduced herself and welcomed all in attendance to the Community Board #4's Wednesday, October 17th monthly board meeting at 6:20PM.

- Public Hearing Items -

- 1) Wolff Alport Site: 1125 – 1139 Irving Avenue (Brooklyn/Queens Boarder)
US Environmental Protection Agency and NYC – Department of Health

The United States Environmental Protection Agency and the State and City of New York are working to reduce potential exposure to radiation caused by operations at the former Wolff Alport Chemical Company in Ridgewood, Queens. Wolff Alport, which processed and sold minerals containing thorium, ran its operations from the 1920's to 1954 at 1125-1139 Irving Avenue in Ridgewood. The area of concern consists of approximately six businesses and commercial properties near the intersection of Irving Avenue and Cooper Avenue where sands, containing naturally-occurring radioactive materials rich in thorium were processed and disposed of.

New York State and New York City conducted various surveys and testing over the years that confirm the presence of residual radioactive contamination from the Wolff Alport facility. The EPA has confirmed the state and city's findings. The testing indicates that there is no immediate threat to nearby residents, employees or customers of businesses in the affected area along Irving and Cooper Avenues. Exposure, however, to this residual radioactive contamination may pose a health threat under certain long-term exposure scenarios. The EPA and the City and State of New York are all working together to reduce these potential long exposures to radiation.

The Next Steps:

In August 2012 the state of New York requested EPA's assistance in reducing potential exposures posted by residual radioactive contamination at the site. The EPA anticipates that work will begin in October 2012 to determine the most appropriate actions to reduce potential exposures to radiation. The EPA plans to install a chain link fence around a vacant parcel of land adjacent to the businesses to prevent trespassing onto an area where radiation contamination is present. Possible additional actions may include installation of mitigation systems in building basements to keep radon gas from entering work areas, restriction access to some areas of the affected businesses and the placement of shielding material, such as steel and concrete. The EPA is working with state and city agencies and other federal agencies to assess whether long term cleanup measures are needed.

- 2) New York City Department of Transportation, Ms. Jennifer Hernandez: Bike Corral Request – 30 Wyckoff Avenue

Slide presentation: The Bike Corral will be located at the intersection of Starr Street and Wyckoff Avenue if approved. The Corral consists of Bicycle racks, bollards, roadway markings and concrete wheel stops to protect bikes and racks.

A Bike Corral is a roll of bike racks installed at the curb site lane of the street. This is used when there is a high demand to park bikes when they cannot be parked on the sidewalk.

The Bike Corral will be approximately 27 feet long and 7 feet wide.

Ms. Hernandez said that almost 350 signatures were collected from neighbors and customers in agreement with Bike Corral.

The Store owners have also signed a Good Neighbor Agreement stating that they will take care of the space in front of their store were the bike corral will be. The owners at Wyckoff Starr Coffee Shop will make sure that the bike corral is keep clean and have no debris.

Questions were entertained:

Mr. C. Joseph: How much car space will be lost and how far do you come into the street?

Ms. Hernandez: The Bike Corral is 7 ft. wide from the sidewalk and will take away about a space and a half away from car parking. There will be space available for 10 bicycles.

Some board members express concern:

- 1) Lack of parking spaces
- 2) Starting a trend

Mr. V. Villamar: Stated that he is not for or against the bike corrals, however he stated that as a community we have to progress with the times, we cannot live in the past.

Ms. B. Maher, resident from Starr Street and St. Nicholas Avenue: How many bike corrals are there in Bushwick and Williamsburg?

Ms. Hernandez: There are (6) Citywide, with one (1) in Williamsburg section and none (0) in Bushwick. This is the first and only request so far for a bike corral in Bushwick.

The Chairperson, Ms. Julie Dent asked the District Manager, Ms. Nadine Whitted to call the first roll call.

Roll Call: 31 members present constituting a quorum.

Chairperson's Report: 7:35PM

The Chairperson welcomed everyone in attendance to the October 17, 2012 meeting of Brooklyn Community Board #4. She announced that the November's Community Board #4 meeting will be held on the 4th Wednesday instead of the 3rd Wednesday as usual due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. The November's meeting will be held on November 28th.

Ms. Dent asked for the acceptance of the agenda with any necessary corrections. The agenda was accepted by Mr. Cyril Joseph and second by Mr. Raul Rubio. All board members present were in favor.

Ms. Dent asked for the acceptance of the previous meeting's minutes with any necessary corrections. The previous meeting's minutes was accepted by Ms. Maria Gomez and second by Rev. Grace Aytes. All board members present were in favor.

Ms. Dent thanked the New York City Board of Election's for bringing in the scanners that will be used during the November's Presidential 2012 Election so that voters will know how to work the machines.

Ms. Dent asked that the Elected Officials and /or their representatives introduce themselves and state their respective address and telephone numbers.

- 1) Ariel Salazar Representing Councilmember Diana Reyna, 217 Havemeyer Street, 2nd Floor, 718-963-3141
- 2) Michael Olmeda Representing Senator Martin M. Dilan, 786 Knickerbocker Avenue, 718-573-1726

Representatives from City, State or Federal Agencies:

- 1) Bill Fitchett, FDNY Battalion Chief – Battalion 28, 392 Himrod Street, 718-965-8328
- 2) Judy Kamilhor – Brooklyn Public Library Washington Irving Branch, 360 Irving Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11237, 718-628-8378

November 6, 2012 is Election Day. All registered voters were encouraged to vote in order to ensure that the Bushwick Community District have a wonderful turn-out.

If you have any questions regarding the polling site you can call 1-866-VOTE-NYC or the local office at 718-797-8803 or 718-797-8816. A recent feature is a poster displaying a Bar Code which could be scanned by an I-Phone to give you the nearest poll site location. These posters have been distributed to Elected Officials Offices, libraries, the Department of Education Buildings and Community Boards. Please note that due to redistricting some polling site have been changed.

As Chairperson of Community Board #4, Ms. Dent instructed the District Manager, Ms. Whitted to attend a meeting hosted by Congresswoman Nydia Velasquez concerning the Wolff Alport site which was discussed during the public hearing portion of the meeting. It was very important that the Elected Officials representing that

portion of the district attend that meeting to learn about this site. The District Manager was asked to inform them of the meeting.

While attending the meeting those present was given an over-view of the problem and plans for mitigation.

The Chairperson's concern is that there is communication with each of the property owners as well as with the business owners at the site.

The Board will make sure that the U.S. EPA and the NYC Health Dept. update them and the public in the near future as to what ultimately was their decided course of action.

The District Manager and the Chairperson attended the meeting of Mr. Charles J. Hynes the Brooklyn District Attorney where problems and issues in the community were discussed. The District Attorney gave an update since their last meeting.

- Gun Buy Back – held in Bushwick yielded 85 guns
- He noted a problem at the location of 30 Woodbine Street has been secured by Bank
- 9 Granite Street – Nuisance Abatement signed
- 1229 Decatur Street – one additional arrest – this location can be Nuisance Abated
- Prostitution is still a problem since October 2011 – 200 arrest were made

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday November 22nd, the November's Community Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 28, 2012.

District Manager's Report: 7:50PM

September 24, 2012 -

Kings County District Attorney's quarterly meeting was attended by the District Manager and the Chairperson, Ms. Dent. At the meeting a "work form" was received to report suspected drug activities in the community. A copy was attached to the District Manager's report and additional copies were given out to the board members and the public to utilize. The District Manager asked that any information given be reported to the local 83rd Precinct. The person making the report does not have to give their name.

Attended the "Sneak Peak" at the new Barclay Center

September 26, 2012 –

US Postal Service (USPS) Community Advisory Meeting - Mr. Ed Roggenkemp was introduced as the Brooklyn Post Master. Mr. Roggenkemp gave a presentation on new developments:

- ❖ Packages making up for postal deficiencies
- ❖ Carriers should be completed with mail delivery by 7:00PM
- ❖ Temps are hired as letter carriers to work only 51 weeks/with no benefits \$25.00 per hour and drivers must have a driver's license; go to USPS.com for more information
- ❖ USPS is looking for "GO POST" locations. "Go Post" units are automated, secured, self-service parcel lockers placed in convenient locations where you can pick up or ship packages at your convenience, at no additional cost. This service is currently in a test phrase. A typical "GO POST" will need to be at least 20 feet long, have easy access and in a location that is safe and secure. A "GO POST" is similar to a PO Box but is bigger in order to accommodate larger packages. For more information on how GO POST works visit www.gopost.com

The Community Board is looking for a place to have a "Go Post" in Bushwick. Suggestions are welcomed. The Area near the post office Broadway & Gates is being considered.

September 28, 2012 –

The Chairperson, Ms. Julie Dent, the Public Safety Committee Chairperson, Ms. Barbara Smith and the District Manager, Ms. Nadine Whitted attended the NYPD Promotion Ceremony for Chief Michael Quinn who was promoted to Assistant Chief of the Department. Chief Quinn started his career in Bushwick.

Horace E Greene Day Care Center - located at 600 Hart Street to stand with their board members who have been working for the community at the center for over 25 years.

October 1, 2012 -

Hosted the Health, Hospital & Human Services Committee Meeting

October 2, 2012 –

Open House -The Ujima Community Working Together Inc.: The organization plans to bring direct care services and implementation of youth-oriented programs, workshops and training included but not limited to: mentoring programs, leading to internships with community partners and/or neighboring youth programs, job training, parenting skills, gang awareness, mentoring/self-awareness, after school, healthy living, GED/ESL, computer literacy, financial literacy, leadership skills building, and entrepreneurship /business programs.

Long Island University will be teaching ESL programs. Currently interns are assigned from the Audrey Cohen College. The site for the program is the New Jerusalem United Methodist Church located at 484 Knickerbocker Avenue, the Pastor there is Milagros Soloranzo.

Attended the Public safety Committee Meeting

October 3, 2012 –

Hosted the Executive Committee Meeting

October 4, 2012 –

Hosted the Environmental Protection/Transportation Committee

October 9, 2012 –

Hosted the Youth and Education Committee Meeting

October 10, 2012 –

Attended the Borough Service Cabinet Meeting concerning the Wolff Alport issue

October 15, 2012 –

Hosted the Parks and Recreation Meeting

October 16, 2012 –

Attended the 83rd Precinct Community Council Meeting - Commanding Officer Deputy Inspector Tasso gave an overview of crime in the 83rd Precinct District.

These are up from last year: assaults, domestic violence, vehicle thefts, property crime especially electronics such as hand held phones, lap tops and jewelry.

He stated that we must make it increasingly more difficult for belongings to be taken. We must make sure that our windows are closed and locked, particularly rear windows and fire escapes windows.

Make sure that your vehicle's windows and doors are locked and do not leave any valuable visible or in your cars.

NYPD has measures in place to identify property: "Operation ID".

Take pictures of your jewelry.

The NYPD and Transit will place serial numbers on property written in clear ink that will only be seen with an UV light.

At the next 83rd Precinct Community Council Meeting, residents can bring in their items to have serial numbers placed on them.

CAT – Combat Auto Theft, a voluntary decal program which entails a more aggressive police response to auto thefts by authorizing investigative stops of participating vehicles. This sticker program has proven to be an effective deterrent against auto theft. Vehicle owners must sign up for the program. The program is free of charge. By enrolling in the VIN ETCHING program your insurance company may give you a discount on your automobile insurance premium. The car is generally not operated between the hours of 1:00am and 5:00am. Decals are fixed to rear side windows of the registered vehicle; the police can stop a registered vehicle if it is being operated between those hours. Contact your local precinct crime prevention officer PO Inity at 718-574-1688 for more information.

Other Issues –

The Community Board is working with Pratt Institute – This semester's intern is Ms. Trang Dong, she will be working with the Housing and Land Use Committee and the District Manager.

The Department of Sanitation has an initiative called PlowNYC. PlowNYC was created to allow the public to track the progress of DSNY snow clearing operations throughout the five boroughs. PlowNYC is activated when DSNY snow clearing operation begins. When PlowNYC is active, residents are able to access a map displaying city streets that have been serviced by DSNY snow clearing equipment. More information will be given as the snow season approaches.

Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz has made available "The Brooklyn Parent Help Guide to NYC – Public Education". A limited supply was made available at the Community Board #4 meeting. You can contact the Borough President's Office directly to receive a copy at 718-802-3900.

Committee Reports: 8:06PM

Environmental/Protection/Transportation Committee (EPT): Mr. Eliseo Ruiz, Committee Chairperson
Thursday, October 4, 2012 at 9:30AM Location: 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370

Member Attended: Eliseo Ruiz, Committee Chairperson, Anney Guiney and Lola Robinson

Others in Attendance: Ms. Nadine Whitted, District Manager, Jennifer Harris-Hernandez, Hayes Lord - NYC Department of Transportation, Paul Rome & Scott McBibney- Wyckoff Starr Coffee Shop and Guetta Dorson

Item discussed:

Ms. Harris-Hernandez and Mr. Hayes Lord representing the Dept. of Transportation gave an overview on bike corrals. A request was received by the Dept. of Transportation from the Wyckoff Starr Coffee Shop located at 30 Wyckoff Avenue. The committee was told that this request must be supported by the Community Board in order to be approved. Each owner /shopkeeper has the responsibility of maintaining the area by keeping it clean and free from snow.

The Corral consists of bicycle racks, bollards, roadway marking and concrete wheels stops to protect the bikes and the racks. The question concerning size and dimensions was raised:

- The rack requires 16 feet precluding sidewalk items like utility covers, tree pits, signage, building entrances, etc.

The District Manager asked if there would be a signed contract between the City (DOT) and the property owner. The response was no. However there will be a good neighbor contract.

Ms. Harris-Hernandez stated that a copy of this agreement would be sent to the District Manager's office if supported by the board.

The committee chair and others expressed their non-support of the Bike Corral mainly due to the loss of parking spaces that it would create.

Health, Hospital & Human Services (HHH): Ms. Mary McClellan, Committee Chairperson, Monday, October 1, 2012, 4:00PM, Location: 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370

Members Attended: Mary McClellan, Rev. Mathew Rae, Elvena Davis, and Mary Littlejohn

Others in Attendance: Nadine Whitted, Zulma Novoa, Verna D. Ademu John - Brooklyn Community Transformation Grant-Lead Agency, Lula M. Phillips - Weill Cornell Medical College

In the past the Board has actively endorsed and supported various health initiatives including healthy bodegas, tobacco ads placements, bike racks, healthy street, etc. The committee would like to develop a listing of supermarkets, fruit stands and farmers markets within the district so that it could be of a part of a list of community resources available as families and individual move in.

Parks and Recreation Committee (PRC): Mr. Robert Camacho, Committee Chairperson, Monday, October 15, 2012, 3:00PM

Members Attended: Robert Camacho, Larry Terry

Others in Attendance: Nadine Whitted, Edwin Vargas, Emilio Lopez – Department of Parks and Recreation, PO D. Franco & PO Stacey Cubells – NYPD, 83rd PCT. Community Affairs Officers

Items Discussed:

Dept. of Parks and Recreation (DPR) – New Policy and Procedures Concerning Ballfield Permits

1) Spring/Summer Requests: Must apply between November 15, 2012 through January 15, 2013

Fall Permit Requests: Must apply between April 15, 2013 through June 15, 2013

DPR is in the process of informing previous permit holder of this new policy.

- 2) Based on observation by the DPR and the Police Dept. no vending and no bar-b-que will be installed in or outside of the Barry Morrow Ball Field and the Maria Hernandez Park. Signs will be placed at each entrance.
- 3) All Leagues and organizations interested in getting permits for the upcoming season must attend the next Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting scheduled for November 14, 2012 at 6:00PM. The meeting will be held at the Community Board's Office at 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370. Participants MUST bring your schedule from last year.
- 4) Members of the Parks and Recreation Committee are being informed that the Dept. of Parks and Recreation has scheduled a meeting on Tuesday, October 23, 2012, 12:30PM at the Triangle on Beaver Street to discuss a preliminary scope development for a passive park. The second meeting will take place at 2:30PM on Moffat Street between Wilson and Knickerbocker Avenues to discuss preliminary plans for a "skate park" which was funded by NYC Council Member Erik Dilan.

Public Safety Committee (PSC): Ms. Barbara Smith, Committee Chairperson, Tuesday, October 2, 2012, 6:30PM, Location: 83rd Pct., 480 Knickerbocker Avenue

Members Attended: Barbara Smith, Avellar Hansley, Mary McClellan, Elvena Davis

Others in Attendance: Nadine Whitted, PO Franco (83rd Precinct), Bienvenido Paulino, Sonia Palaguahi, and Jose Gualpa

Item Discussed:

NYS Liquor Authority License Requests

- 1) Bienvenido Paulino – 1338 Bushwick Avenue
- 2) Sonia Palaguahi – Sol De Quito Restaurant 1 Inc., 189 Irving Avenue
- 3) Jose Gualla – Vecinos Deli Grocery Corp., 259 Wyckoff Avenue

Other public Safety Concerns

- 1) "Take Back Park" – The Public Safety Committee is planning a joint meeting with the Youth and Education Committee to host an outdoor event at PS 299 Playground and Bushwick Playground. This event would involve those who wish to take back the parks.
- 2) Akil Christopher's family peace walk is scheduled for Friday October 19, 2012
- 3) 83rd Pct. Thanksgiving Give Out – asking for donations. Turkeys will be given out to families who are having difficulties.
- 4) November 30th Christmas fund raiser

Sanitation Committee (SAN): Mr. Raul Rubio, Committee Chairperson – Meeting was listed on the agenda but not scheduled

Youth & Education Committee (YEC): Ms. Virgie Jones, Committee Chairperson, Tuesday, October 9, 2012, 6:00PM, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207

Members Attended: Virgie Jones, Mary Littlejohn

Others in Attendance: Nadine Whitted, Miguel Ramos, Maria Figueroa, Ashley Irizarry (Kids For The Hood Make a Change), Arthur Samuels (Mesa Charter High School), Bridget Johnson, Tarmal Small and Fred McIntosh (Prep for Prep)

Items Discussed:

- 1) Mr. Samuels the Executive Director from Mesa Charter High School spoke about the proposed new High School in Bushwick. Mr. Samuels stated that they are awaiting approval for the stand alone High School to open in 2013. Mr. Samuels would like to receive a letter of support from Community Board #4.

When asked why was Bushwick chosen? The response was that Mr. Samuels and his associates are committed in creating options for High Schools students in District #32 because there are a very high percentage of students leaving the district to attend other High Schools. They wish to serve students 14 years of age and older.

Mr. Samuels hopes to come before the full board for a presentation on the school in the near future.

- 2) Prep for Prep: Mr. Fred McIntosh the Director for Admission gave an overview on the program. Prep is an academic leadership development organization which recruits academically gifted and highly motivated 5th, 6th and 7th grade students of color and puts them through a highly rigorous 14 month academic and leadership

development program. This program is usually held over the summer and certain parts of the school year. Once the student satisfactorily completes the program they receive additional benefits.

- Placement in prestigious and exclusive independent and boarding schools in New York City and throughout the Northeast
- Support to ensure students success: Counseling, Tutoring, SAT Prep, College Visits, Financial Aid Workshops, Job and Internship opportunities, and more...

Prep For Prep 4,000 alumni includes graduates of the finest colleges and universities in the country. The program is entirely free and admission is highly competitive, as only 200 students are admitted each year. Prep For Prep would like to have a presentation before the full board in November 2012.

- 3) KIDZ From The Hood Make A Change - Ms. Figueroa and her daughter Ashley Irizzary presented on the program which they are starting and have applied to become a 501-C organization.

The focal point of the program would be Arts and The Performing Arts as a magnet to attract young people. Through establishing a place to host these activities, youngsters could have a safe haven and an opportunity to exhibit their talents.

On October 27, 2012 they are having a St. Jude Walk for Kids with Cancer. (See announcements for more information)

- 4) **Bushwick Community Action Association Inc., Audrey Johnson Day Care Learning Center: After School Care-Come and Join Us!!!**

All HRA Vouchers and Private Children are accepted. Ages 5-12

Program offers a variety of engaging activities:

- Pick up from local public schools
- Nutritious meals
- Homework help
- Arts and craft
- Dramatic Play
- Computer Classes
- Performing Arts
- Trips and much more

Hours of Services: Monday –Friday 3:00PM to 6:00PM, during the summer hours are 8:00AM to 5:45PM

For more information call the Audrey Johnson Day Care Learning Center at 718-574-0130

Recommendations:

- 1) EPT - The recommendation that the board's vote in reference to the Bike Corral be tabled until the next Community Board #4 Meeting on November 28, 2012. The motioned was made by Ms. Laura Braslow and second by Mr. Victor Villamar. All board members present were in agreement to table until the next meeting except two members, Mr. A. Martinez and Mr. R. Rubio. Motion moved to table the vote on the Bike Corral until the next Community Board meeting on November 28, 2012.
- 2) HHH – The recommendation is that the board will work together to develop a listing of the District's supermarkets and fruit markets to be forwarded to the local shelters. The motion to accept the recommendation was made by Mr. Cyril Joseph and second by Ms. Elvena Davis. All members present were in favor. Motion moved.
- 3) PSC – Motion to accept the report as mailed was made by Ms. Brenda Lee Tramble-Johnson and second by Mr. William Harris. All members present were in favor. Motion moved.

Announcements:

Judy Kamilhor, Brooklyn Public Library:

The Brooklyn Public Library has received Federal & City Grants to bring laptops and job readiness classed to 8 libraries. The laptops can be used for up to two hours at a time.

The libraries that are in the area are:

Dekalb Library, 790 Bushwick Avenue, 718-455-3898

Washington Irving Library, 360 Irving Avenue, 718-628-8378

Saratoga Library, 8 Thomas S. Boyland Street, 718-573-5224

Laura Braslow, ACC Chairperson: Will hold their next meeting on Monday, October 29 at 1420 Bushwick Avenue, 6:30 PM

The chair asked for board members and non-board members to join the Art & Culture Committee.

Art Workshop will be held on Saturday, October 20th for kids at 1087 Flushing Avenue from 12pm to 3pm.

!Calabazafest! – Sunday, October 28 from 1:00 to 5:00PM at the Maria Hernandez Park, Live Music, Free Activities

Boswyck Farms – Thanked the community for their support at their Open House on October 7th, 2012. Come grill with us until mid-November!!! @ The Bushwick Starr Theater (rooftop) Location: 207 Starr Street, 2nd Floor
Take the L train to Jefferson Street Station

Jacquelyn Hernández Adult Day Health Center, 822 Lexington Avenue, off Broadway Brooklyn, NY 11221
Open Monday thru Friday, 9:00AM to 5:00PM, Saturday 9:00AM to 3:30PM,
Provide medical services, transportation available, rehabilitation, long term care, and more

Maria Figueroa, Kids Make a Change: A walk for kids with cancer. Money will be donated to St. Jude's Hospital October 27, 2012, 9:00AM-3:30PM, participants must be registered, donations of \$10.00 per participant
Meeting at Cadman Plaza (north side) at 9am and will walk across the Brooklyn Bridge towards City Hall Park at 10:30AM sharp. There will be a performance at City Hall until the end of the event.

Lucy Belardo, Community Improvement Athletic League: Join the female softball league ages 4-17
Location: IS 347/349, 35 Starr Street, Brooklyn, NY 11221
Contact: Lucy Belardo at 347-204-8854 or email at cial2010@aol.com
Website: www.leaguelineup.com/cialsoftball

Board Member Mr. O. Wright announced the birth of his grandson on October 11, 2012

Brooklyn North Coalition Against Family Violence – You are not alone, help is available. Call 718-302-4073
For: Domestic Violence, Physical Violence, Emotional Abuse, Sexual Abuse, Economic Abuse, and Psychological Abuse
Counseling is available. Call 911 in an emergency or for 24 hour a day support call 1-800-621-HOPE
www.northbrooklyncoalition.org

Mr. A. Martinez suggested that the board make sure that restaurants applying for a liquor license are restaurants and not just places that serve only beer and liquor.

Ms. B. Smith stated in reply to Mr. A. Martinez that her team as well as the 83rd Precinct's police goes to each establishment that requests a liquor license in order to make sure that they meet the necessary requirements. The Chairperson thanked Mr. Martinez for his suggestion and stated that eyes and ears are needed, sometimes one person might see something that another person does not see. She requested that if anyone sees something, please bring it to the Committee Chairperson or one of its members.
The Board appreciates what everyone does to make Bushwick a better community for all residents as well as for visitors.

Ms. Nadine Whitted – Sunday, October 21, 2012 the District Manager along with the Chairperson, Ms. Dent will be walking in the "American Cancer Society's" walk-a-thon for breast cancer. Ms. Whitted thanked everyone who helped them collect \$1800.00.

Ms. Dent thanked the members of the Community Board for their generous donations and mentioned that they are trying to raise \$2,000.

Ms. Dent thanked the Hope Gardens Multi service Center for allowing Community Board #4 host their meetings at

their facility.

Mr. A. Martinez suggested that he pass a hat around to collect more donations for the American Cancer Society.

Ms. Dent thanked Ms. Ovalstreet and Mr. Polanco representatives from the Board of Elections for attending the meeting and bringing the voting machines and showing how to work them.

With the help of those in attendance they were able to collect \$150 additional monies for the American Cancer Society, bringing the total amount collected to \$1950.00.

Also in attendance at the meeting were:

- Sam Goldman – Ridgewood Times – 718-821-7500

2nd Roll Call: Meeting adjourned 8:55PM