

Brooklyn Community Board #4 Regular Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, May 18, 2016
Hope Gardens Multi Service Center
195 Linden Street, Corner of Wilson Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11221
6:00PM

Ms. Nadine Whitted the District Manager of Brooklyn Community Board's #4 opened the Public Agenda portion of the meeting at 6:53PM.

- Public Hearing Item -

Damon House – 1154 DeKalb Avenue: Presentation by Mr. Lincoln

Plans to be transformed to a men's shelter for two year only. NYC Department of Homeless Services (DHS) / NYC – Human Resources Administration (HRA) Neighborhood Association for Inter-Cultural Affairs, Inc. (NAICA) and Damon House

When is the shelter scheduled to open? The shelter serving 100 single adult men, is scheduled to open by the end of May.

How long will it remain open?

The site will operate as a single adult shelter for a period of two years; thereafter the plan is to transition the site into permanent supportive housing.

Who is the social services provider?

NAICA, they will be responsible for operating the facility. NAICA has played a major role in rehabilitating housing, developing tenants' associations, addressing building code violations and developing new housing throughout the New York City.

Who will stay at the shelter?

This shelter will operate as a shelter for 100 single adult men.

How does placement in the shelter work?

The residents in the shelter will be prioritized from those already in the system who have given a last address in Bushwick or Bedford-Stuyvesant.

What is the average duration of stay?

The average length of stay is expected to be about nine months, which is the same as the current DHS system wide average for single men.

How will meals be structured?

- Breakfast, lunch and dinner meals will be delivered daily
- Clients with special nutritional needs will be accommodated
- All of the meals will meet the NYC food standards

Is there a curfew for clients?

There is a 10:00PM curfew. Clients who are employed with late work hours will get passes to return to the facility after Curfew, based on their documented work schedule.

Will there be sex offenders at this location?

No.

What services will be available?

- NAICA will provide an array of on-site social, clinical and rehousing services to assist the clients in quickly moving To self-sufficiency and housing permanency. Independent living skills such as budgeting and money/time management, as well as social and recreational programming, including game nights and local trips, will also be available.
- In addition there will be an intense focus on individualization care to ensure that clients are receiving vocational Training, basic business communications skills workshops, and job placement services.
- What aftercare services will be available? 1) After clients have been placed in appropriate housing, NAICA will implement aftercare services for up to one year to monitor and follow-up with client so as to ensure that the client is not at risk for re-entry to the shelter system 2) Preventative services will include case management,

employment services, money management, legal assistance for housing court intervention (tenant/landlord litigation), and referrals for other services. Rapid rehousing services will include assistance in finding housing, securing rental assistance, security deposit assistance, storage costs, moving expenses and transportation. 3) Clients will also have access to a 24/7 hotline to contact a counselor if they find themselves in a crisis situation or need to speak to someone about a matter that they are having difficulty managing.

What is the planned security program?

- DHS and NAICA have developed and will implement a security plan and will be in close communication with the 83rd Precinct to ensure the safety of shelter residents and the community.
- There will be 24/7 on-site security with four security officers per shift and 47 CCTV cameras covering the exterior and interior areas of the entire building.
- Exterior security patrols will be doubled during school opening and afterschool hours.
- Hand wand metal detectors will be employed at the entrance to ensure client safety.

Addressing Ongoing Community Concerns:

In the near future a Community Advisory Board (CAB) will be organized. The CAB will hold regular meetings to ensure that any community concerns are proactively addressed and to work with interested community members who may wish to volunteer their time and talent to further assist the shelter residents.

First Roll Call, 7:35PM: 25 Members Present

Ms. Dent asked for the acceptance of the agenda with any necessary corrections. The agenda was accepted by Mr. Cirilo Nunez and second by Mr. Austen Martinez as written. All members present agreed. Motion moved.

Ms. Dent asked for the acceptance of the previous month's minutes with any necessary corrections. Mr. Raul Rubio motioned to accept the previous month's minutes with any necessary corrections. The motioned was second by Ms. Barbara Smith. Motioned Moved.

Election of Officers: 7:40pm

Results:

- Ms. Julie Dent – Chairperson
- Ms. Martha Brown – 1st Vice Chair
- Ms. Victoria Fernandez – 2nd Vice Chair
- Mr. Cirilo Nunez – Recording Secretary
- Mr. Eliseo Ruiz – Financial Secretary
- Mr. Raul Rubio – Treasurer
- Ms. Elvena Davis – Correspondence Secretary
- Mr. Robert Camacho – Parliamentarian

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: 8:11 PM

The Chairperson Ms. Julie Dent welcomed all to Community Board#4's Wednesday, May 18, 2016 monthly public meeting.

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

- 1) Jacklyn Reyes Representing Assemblyman Eric Martin Dilan, 366 Cornelia Street, Brooklyn, NY 718-386-4576
- 2) Celeste Leon Representing Councilman Rafael Espinal, 786 Knickerbocker Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207, 718-642-8664
- 3) Yamilky Crisostomo, Representing the Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams, 209 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, 718-802-3809
- 4) Kevin Worthington, Representing Councilmember Antonio Reynoso, 244 Union Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11211, 718-963-3141

City, State or Federal Agency Representatives were asked to introduce themselves and state their respective contact information.

- 1) Maggie Mangual, Program Manager – Wyckoff Heights Hospital, Sexual Health Behavior, 718-508-4669
- 2) Deputy Inspector Max Tolentino, 83rd Pct. 480 Knickerbocker Avenue, 718-574-1697
- 3) Detective Franco, 83rd Pct., Community Affairs Unit, 480 Knickerbocker Avenue, 718-574-1697
- 4) Boniface WeWe, Brooklyn Public Library, Washington Irving Branch, 360 Irving Ave., 718-628-8278

April 27, 2016

MTA-Transit Authority requested to host a meeting at the board’s office where elected officials - or their representatives would be present to discuss the issues associated with the much needed repair of the M Train. According to the Transit Authority the project is to demolish and reconstruct the Myrtle Avenue Viaduct, a 310 foot- elevated, S-shaped viaduct segment located at the intersection of the Myrtle Line and the Jamaica Line. The work involves demolition and removal of existing pier, deck and structures and placing new piers, decks and tracks into place.

The Viaduct cuts through Block 3193, a triangularly shaped parcel bounded by Myrtle Avenue, Broadway and Ditmars Street. In order to complete the much needed repairs associated with the project the following parcels of land would be impacted, those captioned by (R) are residential.

1178 Myrtle Ave	25 Ditmars St.	13 Ditmars St. (R)
1168 Myrtle Ave.	23 Ditmars St. (R)	11 Ditmars St. (R)
1158 Myrtle Ave.	21 Ditmars St. (R)	979 Broadway
1156 Myrtle Ave.	19 Ditmars St. (R)	977 Broadway
29 Ditmars St.	17 Ditmars St. (R)	975 Broadway
27 Ditmars St.	15 Ditmars St. (R)	971 Broadway
973 Broadway		
969 Broadway		
967 Broadway		

The MTA-TA will seek to reach negotiated agreements to temporarily vacate occupants, gain necessary access rights to all properties during construction and obtain permanent easements for future access and maintenance of the new Viaduct and will commence eminent domain proceedings in state court with respect to those temporary relocations and foregoing access rights and property interests that cannot be obtained by agreements with the affected parties.

Eminent domain will not be used to acquire any of the 7 homes or 2 commercial buildings. Any acquisition of those sites only will proceed on a voluntary basis.

Later that evening along with the District Manager Ms. Dent attended the Brooklyn DOT - Vision Zero Public Workshop with respect to the Myrtle-Wyckoff Avenues/Ridgewood Terminal Intersection and Plaza. NYC DOT is proposing to enhance safety and public space at Wyckoff Avenue from Palmetto Street to Gates Avenue.

May 6, 2016

The first MTA-TA Public Hearing with respect to the L –Train Line Canarsie Tunnel was held at the armory located on Marcy Avenue in Williamsburg. A pamphlet was enclosed containing the particulars with respect to the proposals.

Over the last decade, the sleepy L has grown into one of the busiest subway lines. Since 1990, ridership on the L has more than triples and it has quintuples at the Bedford Avenue Station alone. This growth has fueled unprecedented revitalization of housing and business development in several neighborhood along the line. For many riders the L is by far the most convenient option to Manhattan. Every weekday more than 225,000 commuters from neighborhoods across Brooklyn from Canarsie, East New York, Bushwick, and Williamsburg rely on the L train to get them into Manhattan. In Manhattan, more than 50,000 customers use the L train each day for crosstown service.

In 2012, Superstorm Sandy flooded the 92 year old tubes with 7 million gallons of salt water, damaging the 7,110 foot tunnel lining and vital infrastructure and systems. While the MTA was able to drain the tubes and restore service within 10 days after the storm, it was also clear that the damage Sandy left in her wake significantly shortened the useful life of the tubes inside the Canarsie Tunnel. The tubes are safe and are being monitored however the damage done simply cannot go untreated. The repairs must be made.

Work Needed: Canarsie Tunnel -

- 1) Install all new tracts and third rail
- 2) Reconstruct concrete duct bank
- 3) Repair of pump room
- 4) Repair communication, power and signal cables
- 5) Repair of two circuit breaker houses
- 6) Installation of two tunnel lighting system
- 7) Repair concrete lining
- 8) Repair fire protection system

At the board's June 15, 2016 meeting MTA-TA will present at the Public Hearing on the Rebuilding of the Canarsie Tunnel

May 7, 2016

The Mayor's Office, NYC Council Member Reynoso, NYC Department of Homeless Services/ HRA convened a meeting to discuss the future of Damon House located at 1154 DeKalb Avenue. At the April meeting of Community Board #4 I reported that NYS Senator Martin Malave Dilan informed me that this was in the planning stages, and that in the spirit of transparency more information will be made available to you once we had the opportunity. Thus, the public hearing of this evening.

May 16, 2016

Bushwick Community Neighborhood Planning - Since 2013 when Community Board #4 wrote a letter to the elected officials concerning zoning concerns within the community meetings with the community, stakeholders, and community based organizations, etc., have been ongoing. Below is the proposed timeline that will update you on the process from 2014 moving toward November 2017. For further information on future meetings and literature contact Nadine Whitted-DM, or Celeste Leon-of Council Member Espinal's Office or Kevin Worthington of Council Member Reynoso's Office.

Bushwick Community Plan: Draft Process Timeline –

July 2015 – Letter to DCP

June and July 2016 – Full Public Outreach Begins, Open House and Sub-Area Zoning Workshops

Summer & Fall 2016 – Public Outreach Continues, Topic Subgroup Workshops

October 2016 – Public Presentation of Draft Zoning Proposal

February 2017 – Public Presentation of Draft Community Plan

April 2017 – Public Presentation of Revised Final Community Plan

May 2017 – ULURP Begins

November 2017 – ULURP Ends, Rezoning goes into effect and Bushwick Community Plan is adopted

DISTRICT MANGER'S REPORT: 8:23PM

April 21, 2016

Hosted the Rat Academy and disseminated over 75 Rodent Resistant Hinged Garbage Cans through-out the Community. The Residents, building owners, and caretakers received valuable information on rodent control and an enhanced understanding of the design of these creatures inclusive of breeding, eating habits, travel preferences, and longevity of rodents (rats and mice).

A very special thank you to Ridgewood Bushwick - employees, Angela Battaglia, Ana Lugo and Brigitte Blood for ensuring that the site was available to host and most importantly to store the garbage cans. The employees of the NYC Dept. of Health-Carla Rossi, MS, MPH - City Research Scientist did a superb job. She engaged with the audience, her presentation was pointed and direct and she was well versed on the topics. The other representatives were helpful and made sure that each person who signed the attendance sheet received a garbage can.

April 21, 2016

EBC High School for Public Service - Town Hall Meeting -The idea is to engage the community in a discussion about what they would like to see along the Broadway corridor.

April 27, 2016

M-Train meeting with elected officials (See Chairperson's Report)

Vision Zero Workshop- Wyckoff Plaza

April 28, 2016

Civic Religious/Health Hospital & Human Services-Committees

Planning of Parade and Festivities (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN DATE TO THURS., JUNE 9TH)

May 4, 2016

Kings County District Attorney's Kenneth P. Thompson-Community Stakeholders Meeting. The District Attorney –committed to public safety, fairness, and equal justice. (See enclosed)

May 5, 2016

L-Train Public Hearing sponsored by the MTA-TA. Once again the TA will be present at the June Public Hearing /Meeting.

May 17, 2016

83rd Precinct Community Council Meeting

HOUSING PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT- HPD

FULL VACATE ORDERS 1429, 1427, 1423, 1421, 1417: Partial Vacate Order 1415 DeKalb Ave.

Disaster Loan Outreach Center - New York businesses and residents affected by the fire that destroyed multiple apartment buildings and damaged several businesses on March 29th can apply for low-interest loans from the US – Small Business Administration. SBA's customer service representatives will be available at the Disaster Loan Outreach Center to answer questions about the disaster loan program and help individuals complete their applications. The Center is located at:

NYPD PATROL BUREAU BOOKLYN NORTH - 179 WILSON AVENUE – SATURDAY MAY 22, FROM 10:00AM TO 2:00PM and on THURSDAY MAY 26, AT 3:00PM.

Interest rates are as low as 4 percent for businesses 2.625 percent for nonprofit organizations, and 1.813 percent for homeowners and renters with terms up to 30 years.

Applicants can apply online using the electronic loan application (ELA) via SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

The filing deadline to return the application for physical property damage is July 11, 2016. The deadline to return economic injury applications is February 10, 2017.

880 Willoughby Ave. between Broadway and Bushwick Ave. (Anna Gonzalez's Apartment Building) Studio Apartment available at \$717.00 monthly for those who qualify. Minimum Income \$21,800 Maximum Income \$30,250

Application can be requested by sending self- addressed stamped envelope to the Managing Agent: Shinda Management Corp., 221-10 Jamaica Avenue- 3rd Floor Queens Village NY 11428. Attention 880 Willoughby LP. You can also obtain an application directly from the site office located on the 1st floor of the property Monday through Friday from 9am to 5pm.

NYCHA TOWNHALL MEETING -THURSDAY, MAY 19TH: St. John's The Evangelist Lutheran Church, 6:00PM For Fair & Equitable Public Housing. NYCHA Residents, Community Organizers & Supporter with Senator Dilan & NYCHA Representatives Come Prepared to Speak. Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams in collaboration with Brooklyn Legal Services Corp.

US - Postal Service Meeting Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez – District Rep. Evelyn Cruz has invited the post master to meet with the leadership of the Board on Thursday May 19, 2016 at 10:00AM. The Board and leaders will explain to him the challenges with which the residents of Bushiwick are faced with concerning mail/package delivery as well as invite him and the appropriate managers to attend the next meeting in June.

RBSCC INC. (555 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206) has launched an opportunity for local food based entrepreneurs with a scholarship program.

Bushwick Cooks: Ridgewood Bushwick Senior Citizens Council's Bushwick Cooks is a multi-faceted expansion of the agency's existing food security initiatives with an emphasis on ensuring equitable access to health and healthy foods. Through Bushwick Cooks' varied and holistic approaches RBSCC seeks to positively impact community health and local preventable disease rates while fostering social sustainability and empowering the Bushwick community to develop healthful habits. Bushwick Cooks (BWC) focus on food access and community health education while creating opportunity for local economic development.

BWC has partnered with Bushwick based food-entrepreneur Galen Duncan (Duncan's Burgers) and The Bodega Wine Bar' "Patio-Del-Gato Food Court" to create and opportunity for Bushwick residents, and would be entrepreneurs, interested in launching a new healthy food business. Patio-Del- Gato Food Court will be opening at 434 Troutman in the Spring/Summer of 2016 offering a diverse array of locally produced foods and products.

Vendors and would be vendors can learn more and apply well as apply online at www.RBSCC.org.

For additional information of RBSCC's food vendor scholarship please contact: Bridget Blood, Bushwick Cooks Project Manager, 718-366-3800 or bblood@rbicc.org. For more information on Patio-Del-Gato: thepatiodelgato@gmail.com

Committee Reports: 8:35PM

Civic and Religious Committee (CRC) Chairperson: Ms. Elvena Davis

Health Hospital and Human Service Committee (HHH) Chairperson: Ms. Mary McClellan

Meeting held on Thursday, May 19, 2016, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207-1422

Members Attending: Ms. Elvena Davis - CRC Committee Chair, Ms. Mary McClellan-HHH Committee Chair, Annette Spellen, Raul Rubio

Others Attending: Nadine Whitted, District Manager, Selina LeBron, Darryl Thomas, Barbara Jackson, Kurt Barnes, Danny Torres – Swerve Church, Gloria Coppage, Sandra Young Quiroz, Anita Haines – UJIMA and Joanna Bosquet – Metro Plus Health Plan .

Ms. Elvena Davis updated the board on the Parade and Festivity planning scheduled for June 2, 2016.

Looking for donation of new bicycles for event.

Announcements -

Wyckoff Heights Medical Center: Be intimate with your health! Take Pride in Knowing! Friendly & Confidential Clinic Services

FREE Rapid HIV testing-resulting in 30 minutes, STD testing & Treatment, PEP (Post-exposure prophylaxis), PrEP (Pre-exposure prophylaxis), HIV & Hepatitis C Medical Care, and Health counseling & supportive services. CALL or TEXT to make an appointment 347-723-6925 or 347-528-5604.

You can walk-in Monday to Friday 9AM to 4PM. 1610 Dekalb Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237 (Take the "L" train (DeKalb Station) or the B13/B38 buses.

Brooklyn Public Library: Need Homework Help? We Can Help!! Washington Irving Library – 360 Irving Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11237, 718-628-8378

Tuesday at 3:00PM to 5:30PM, if you are in grades 1-8 we can help you with your homework. FREE!!!!
Call 718-628-8378

You Are More Than Your Credit Score! There's no evidence linking credit history to job performance. That is why NYC made it illegal to use credit reports in employment decisions. For most jobs in New York City employers cannot run your credit report; ask your credit history in an employment decision. The NYC Commission on Human Rights has resources for both job seekers and employers to understand their rights and obligations under the law.

If you believe an employer discriminated against you based on your credit history, contact the Commission on Human Rights by calling 311 and visit nyc.gov/humanrights. #creditchecklawNYC

Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams presents on June 4th 2016 from 11:00AM to 5:00PM: 1st Citizenship drive.

Silent Barns, Sunday May 29, 2016 MEO DAY!!!! Cats for Adoption

SBA (U.S. Small Business Administration

If you were affected by the DeKalb Avenue Fire: Disaster Loans, Representatives Available
Patrol Borough Brooklyn North, 179 Wilson Avenue, 2nd Floor. May 18th through May 26th
Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 6:00pm and Saturday 10:00am to 2:00pm or apply online at
<https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ELA>

2nd Roll Call: Meeting Ended