

Brooklyn Community Board #4 Regular Monthly Meeting  
Wednesday, September 20, 2017  
Hope Gardens Multi Service Center  
195 Linden Street, Corner of Wilson Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York 11221  
6:00PM

The Brooklyn Community Board #4 Chairperson, Ms. Julie Dent opened the Public Agenda portion of the meeting at 6:25PM.

- Public Hearing Item -

1) Keith Kinch, BlocPower and NYC Community Retrofit: Presenting on the Community Retrofit Program

Community Retrofit NYC is a free program from the City of New York that helps multifamily building owners and managers reduce energy and water use. Energy and water retrofits can lower your utility bills, improve building maintenance and tenant comfort, and clean and green your neighborhood. Community Retrofit is geared toward multifamily buildings between 5 and 50 units located in Central Brooklyn and Southern Queens including parts of Marine Park, East Flatbush, Crown Heights, Greenpoint, Bushwick, East New York, Richmond Hill and Ozone Park.

Community Retrofit NYC is part of Mayor de Blasio's commitment to reduce citywide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 80 percent from 2005 levels by 2050 (80x50). The energy used in buildings account for nearly three-quarters of citywide GHG emissions, so scaling up energy efficiency retrofits in existing buildings is essential to achieving this goal.

Examples of common retrofits includes: Boiler Replacements, Sealing Drafts, Lighting Upgrades, and Low-flow Water Fixtures

How Can Community Retrofit NYC Help You? Our team can help you navigate every step of a retrofit, including: Understanding your building's energy use, Identifying upgrades, Finding contractors, Applying for incentives and financing and Connecting staff to trainings.

Community Retrofit NYC's expert team provides support at every step of the journey toward making your building more efficient. They guide and you decide!

Talk to Us: Provide us with your address, and we will give you general recommendations on how to fix common energy and water issues in buildings like yours.

Learn More: Once you are ready to move forward with a retrofit, we will ask for more details about your building:

- What is giving you a headache?
- What needs fixing?
- What is costing you too much money?

We will then create a detailed report on our building with how to lower your utility bills, along with money saving incentives and financing opportunities to lower the upfront cost of a building retrofit.

Decide: Our team will help you choose which retrofits to implement based on your budget, schedule, building needs and projected savings.

Examples of Retrofits: Shower head, Boiler, Thermostat, Air sealing and light bulb

Keep In Touch: We work with you until your project is complete and showcase how you're making your neighborhood cleaner and greener.

Retrofit: Tell us what support you need to get the job done! Our team can provide helped with: Applying for incentives and financing, selecting contractors, training building staff and monitoring project progress

To learn more contact: [www.nyc.gov/communityretrofitnyc](http://www.nyc.gov/communityretrofitnyc) or [info@communityretrofit.org](mailto:info@communityretrofit.org) or 347-762-4792

- 2) Lauana Lins, Thornton Tomasetti, for Department of Health & Mental Hygiene – Presenting on Bushwick Health Center Exterior Rehabilitation, located at 335 Central Avenue:
- Existing Bronze Curtain wall to remain. Clean and refinished Bronze panels
  - Remove and replace existing bronze windows. Install new windows
  - Remove and dispose of existing grates
  - Existing Sign to be replaced with new sign similar to existing
  - Existing Bronze curtain wall to remain. Clean and refinish Bronze panels (Dark Statuary Finish)
  - Remove and replace existing bronze windows, provide new bronze window (Dark Statuary Finish)
  - New concrete header with drip edge
  - Existing cast stone window sill to be repaired and cleaned
  - Guard rail post Bronze, Dark Statuary finish
  - 1-1/2" Round Pipe Bronze, 280 Muntz bronze #4 Satin lacquered finish (top rail & hand rail)
  - Guard Rail Rods Bronze, Dark Statuary finish
  - Existing Glass block wall, window and security grill to be removed and replace with new curtain wall system
  - Elevation: South Elevation – Proposed glass curtain wall system
  - Round Corner Detail
  - Modular cast stone benches - Grey color to match concrete
  - Cantilevered bench at main entrance – Limestone with bronze armrests

The project will cost approximately \$12 million. The boiler will be upgraded, the roof will be replaced, meeting the energy codes, new windows. Complete design in Spring (no date as of yet)

Contractors will bid by Winter 2020, project should be completed by 2022.

They will try to keep building open while work is being done, so that the agencies that are in the building now will be able to stay. Exterior lighting will be replaced by LED lighting.

Ms. Zulma Novoa will update the Community Board as she receives them from Department of Health.

Chairperson Ms. Julie closed the public hearing item. She asked Board Member Ms. Martha Brown to call the first roll call.

**First Roll Call: 6:51PM** – 30 members present constituting a quorum

Ms. Dent asked for the acceptance of the agenda with any necessary corrections. Ms. Barbara Smith motioned to accept the agenda as presented. It was second by Ms. Barbara Jackson. Motion moved.

Ms. Dent asked for the acceptance of the previous meeting minutes with any necessary corrections. Ms. Barbara Jackson motioned to accept the previous meeting minutes as presented. The motion was second by Mr. Freddy Fowler. Motion Moved.

### **Chairperson's Report: 6:54PM**

Ms. Julie Dent welcomed all to the Community Board #4 Wednesday, September 20, 2017 monthly meeting.

Chairperson, Ms. Dent asked for a moment of silence in memory of Mrs. Lillian Feliciano, grandmother of District Manager, Celestina Leon and also for L.A. Blacksmith's son, who both sadly passed away during the summer recess. Ms. Dent stated that our thoughts and prayers are with them both and their families during this difficult time.

Ms. Dent asked to take a moment to acknowledge the victims of the various hurricanes and earthquakes that have tragically struck and devastated many families and communities. She asked that you remember those impacted by these events in your prayers.

Ms. Dent invited Deputy Inspector Sergio Centa to update the Community Board on what is happening in the community. She thanked him for taking time out of his busy schedule in order to attend the Community Board meeting.

D.I. Centa: Thanked everyone for coming out. The summer was successful. With approximately 5 block parties being held every weekend during the summer months everything went well. Police Officers Gomez and Lopez worked closely with the Community Board in order to make sure everything went smoothly.

Crime is down for the year 5%. There has been a decrease in robbery, grand larceny and grand larceny auto. There is a continue struggle with burglaries. Which is up 13% for the year. The type of burglaries that is a problem are burglaries that occur when delivery packages are left in lobby areas and on the front steps of an apartment and homes.

We are working with Amazon, FedEx, and UPS on procedures that they can take to secure packages rather than dropping orders off and leaving them on the steps.

D.I. Centa asked that those living in a building can help stop burglaries by bringing packages into the building once they are delivered and then distribute them to the appropriate owner when they start coming home from work. You can also have your package delivered to you at work if it is ok with your employer. You can also track your packages online, so when your package is delivered you can have a family member or neighbor pick the package up for you.

An arrest was made today on a woman who stole packages yesterday. We were able to catch her because of the video cameras in the area. Anytime we have video we can make an identification. After looking at the video D.I. Centa was able to make a "Wanted" flyer. The flyer was given to the police officers and within a half an hour an arrest was made.

Video cameras are good to have especially since the prices of them are going down.

The NCO (Neighborhood Coordination Officer) program can be found throughout the city. North Brooklyn is the last precinct to have it. The program started in mid-July. The precinct is split into 4 zones and Hope Garden:

1. A = Adam
2. B = Boy
3. C = Charlie
4. D = David
5. Hope Garden Development

Two NCO are assign to each zone. It is like having your personal officer. You can have their phone number and email address so as to get in contact with them. Any problem that is not an emergency and that is an ongoing issue, you can talk to them about it and they will work on solving the problem. Ongoing issues such as a noise complaint, someone parking in front of your house, people you do not know are sitting on your steps or are hanging out down the street, etc. can be brought to their attention.

Starting on October 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be several safety meetings being held and you will be able to meet your NCO at these meetings.

The 83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct Neighborhood Safety Meetings:

- NCO (David) Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> - New Jerusalem United Methodist Church, 484 Knickerbocker Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11237 at 6:30PM
- NCO (Sector Adam) Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> - Audrey Johnson Learning Center, 272 Moffat Street, Brooklyn, NY 11207 at 6:30PM
- NCO (Sector Boy) Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> – Bushwick United Methodist Church, 1139 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11221 at 6:30PM
- NCO (Sector Charlie) Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, Bethesda Christian Church, 116 Wilson Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237 at 6:30PM
- NCO (Housing) Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, Hope Gardens Community Center, 422 Central Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11221 at 6:30PM.

A light snack & refreshments will be served at the meeting while you mingle with fellow community members.

These NCO meeting will be held every 3 months.

Chairperson, Ms. Julie Dent thanked D. I. Centa for making time in his busy schedule to come to the Community Board meeting.

PO Gomez had flyers for the upcoming NCO meetings.

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

- 1) Boris Santos Representing Councilmember Antonio Reynoso, 244 Union Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11221, 718-963-3141 & 212-788-7095: He represents the section West of Hart Street and South of Central Avenue up to Cornelia Street.
- 2) Paula Melendez Representing Assemblywoman Maritza Davila, 249 Wilson Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237, 718-443-1205
- 3) Assemblywoman Maritza Davila, 249 Wilson Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237, 718-443-1205
- 4) Yamilky Crisostomo Representing Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams, 209 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, 718-802-3809
- 5) Anayeli Gomez Representing NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer, 1 Centre Street, NY, NY 10007, 212-669-3568
- 6) Darryl White Representing Public Advocate Letitia James, 1 Centre Street, NY, NY 10007, 212-669-7200
- 7) Julio Salazar Representing Congress Member Nydia Velazquez, 266 Broadway, Brooklyn, NY 11211, 718-599-3658
- 8) Jonathan Pomboza Representing Acting District Attorney Eric Gonzalez, 350 Jay Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, 718-250-2817

Ms. Dent asked those from Federal, State or City Agencies to introduce themselves and state their respective contact information with their address and phone numbers.

- 1) Boniface WeWe, Brooklyn Public Library Irving Branch, 260 Irving Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 718-628-8378
- 2) PO Ezequias Gomez, 83<sup>rd</sup> Pct., 480 Knickerbocker Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11237, 718-574-1697
- 3) PO Oscar Lopez, 83<sup>rd</sup> Pct., 480 Knickerbocker Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237, 718-574-1697
- 4) Deputy Inspector Sergio Centa, 480 Knickerbocker Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237, 718-574-1697

- 5) Magdalena Mangual, Wyckoff Heights Medical Center, 374 Stockholm Street, Brooklyn, NY 11237
- 6) Ms. D. Ramos, Community Outreach Coordinator, St. Nicks Alliance, 790 Broadway, Brooklyn, NY, 718-302-2057 ext. 435.
- 7) Patria F. Colon for Kings County Civil Court Judge, Madison Street, Brooklyn, NY
- 8) Sandra Sanchez, FDNY, Community Affairs Unit, 9 Metrotech Center, Brooklyn, NY 11201, 718-999-0827
- 9) Rossana Martine, RiseBoro/Beacon, 125 Covert Street, Brooklyn, NY

Ms. Dent welcomed Ms. Patria F. Colon:

Patria Frias Colon was born in the Dominican Republic. At the age of 7 her parents emigrated to the Bushwick Community in Brooklyn, and have laid their roots and flourished there ever since. Patria attended PS 274, IS 383 and Bushwick High School. After graduating from high school, Patria began to pursue a career in public service and law. She attended and obtained a B.A. in Political Science with a minor in African and Caribbean Studies for the University of Rochester. She interned for Hudson County Legal Services, the Legal Aid Society, Criminal Defense Division and the Kings County District's Office. Upon receiving her Juris Doctor from Hofstra University School of Law, Patria returned to the community she came from to serve. She is asking for your vote for Democrat Kings County Civil Court Judge. She believes in fairness, equality and justice for all.

The Chairperson was pleased to announce that the District Manager was able to speak to the cousin of Ms. Chineda Carter as it relates to the co-naming of Bleecker Street in her honor. According to her cousin, the family will be contacted for an ideal date for the event and will get back to us. This matter will be turned over to the Civic and Religious Committee chaired by Ms. Elvena Davis.

In addition, the Civic and Religious Committee will be reaching out to the family of Mrs. Hansley for the co-naming of Linden Street between Bushwick and Broadway in her honor.

Community Board 4's Committees and Chairpersons information with updates:

- I attended the many meetings and events this summer with the District manager and various CB4 members.
- This year we are welcoming co-chairs for the CB4 committees.
- Some committees are merging together. For example: Health/Hospital Human Services will merge with the Senior Citizen Committee. Environmental Protection Transportation Committee will merge with the Sanitation Committee. This will help to streamline the meeting schedules and build membership.

Public Safety reminder: Please remember to be observant of the people around you and be aware of your surroundings while out at all times.

Information:

- Volunteers for the CB4 Budget Committee is needed in order to complete the FY19 Statement of Community District Needs and Budget Request form. The committee will be meet on October 6<sup>th</sup>. This will provide adequate time so that the budget can be submitted well in advance of the Tuesday, October 31, 2017 submission date.

- The NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene will be sponsoring...
- Free Healthy Homes Workshops at your local branch library.

The topics will include:

- Lead poisoning and sources of lead
- Preventing and getting rid of bed bugs.
- How to control pest's safety.

Location:

Bushwick Public Library  
340 Bushwick Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York 11206

October 2, 2017 – English only 10:30AM to 11:30AM  
October 13, 2017 – Spanish only 10:30AM to 11:30AM  
Certificates will be provided to all participants.

Lower East Side Ecology Center: E-Waste Recycling  
Saturday, September 23, 2017, 11AM to 4PM, rain or shine  
Location: Irving Square Park

Knickerbocker Avenue between Weirfield and Halsey Street  
Computers, monitors, printers, scanners, keyboards, phones, etc.

For more information please contact (212) 477-4022

Chairperson Julie Dent welcomed Assemblywoman Maritza Davila to speak before the board and those present.

Assemblywoman Maritza Davila: From January to June Assemblywoman Davila was in Albany dealing with legislation.

Assemblywoman Davila is sponsoring a North Brooklyn United Puerto Rico Hurricane Relief Collection and closed block on September 30, 2017, from 9am to 7pm on Melrose Street between Bushwick and Broadway. Accepting can goods, water, pampers, bathroom tissue, first aid items and socks.

You can also leave donations at her office: 249 Wilson Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237 until October 7, 2017.

Assemblywoman Davila also thanked District Manager Celestina Leon for the excellent job she has been doing as the District Manager of Community Board #4.

**District Manager's Report: 7:20PM**

Greetings to all, from the District Manager, Ms. Celestina Leon and the staff of Brooklyn Community Board #4.

She asked for a moment for all to recognize how fortunately we are to gather here safely this evening without facing the conditions that we have seen and heard about through the news due to the slew of hurricanes and the earthquake in Mexico.

Efforts are already underway in the city and more specifically in Bushwick to offer much needed aid to those in need during their long road to recovery ahead. Our thoughts and prayers are with community members with families in the affected States, as well as, the Caribbean. To the Puerto Rican and Mexican communities in Bushwick and across the city, we are here for you and are prepared to help in whatever way we can.

She thanked State Assemblywoman Maritza Davila for swiftly organizing a team, including members of the clergy and nightlife communities, as well as, the Community Board's office, the 83<sup>rd</sup> precinct and the Office of Council Member Reynoso.

Throughout the summer Ms. Leon has worked with the (DOITT) Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications on redesigning the Community Board #4 website to make it easier to navigate and with the goal of having it serve as a primary portal for information on what's happening in the neighborhood. The updated website will also have links and additional information to popular city services, such as the block party and street festival permits, as well as online tolls created by various city agencies. You can visit our website online at [www.nyc.gov/bkcb4](http://www.nyc.gov/bkcb4).

Community Board #4 will also soon join Twitter, Instagram and Facebook to further enhance our notice and outreach efforts.

Meetings Attended:

Bushwick Community Plan (BCP) Meetings:

Thursday, June 22 – BCP In-person monthly check-in at the Brooklyn Legal Service Corp. A Office

Friday, June 30 – BCP Open Space Subcommittee Meeting at the El Puente Bushwick Leadership Center

Thursday, July 6 – BCP Industrial Working Session #2

Monday, July 10 – BCP Historic Preservation Meeting at the Audrey Johnson Learning Center

Tuesday, July 25 – BCP Open Space Subcommittee Meeting at the El Puente Bushwick Leadership Center

Thursday, August 3 – BCP Zoning and Land Use Working Session: East Bushwick Industrial Areas (Willie Morales attended the meeting)

Monday, August 14 – BCP Arts and Culture Working with Council Member Reynoso

Wednesday, August 26 – Zoning and Land use Working Session: Neighborhood & Mixed-Use Corridors at the Gates Garden Senior Residence

Friday, September 1 – BCP Executive Committee Follow up meeting at the Make the Road NY office.

Community Board 4 Committee Meetings:

Tuesday, June 27 – Housing and Land Use Committee meeting

Wednesday, July 19 - Special Housing and Land Use Committee meeting held at the Family Service Network large conference room at 1420 Bushwick Avenue.

Monday, July 24 – Public Safety Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 23 – Public Safety Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 6 – Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, September 8 - 1<sup>st</sup> Budget Consultation Meeting

Saturday, September 9 – The co-naming of Luz Yolanda Coco

Monday, September 11 – Arts and Culture Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 13 – Economic Committee Meeting

Borough Service cabinet Meeting at Brooklyn Borough Hall

Friday, September 15 – The 2<sup>nd</sup> Budget Consultation Meeting

Tuesday, September 19 – Youth and Education Committee Meeting

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Budget Consultation Meeting

The Dept. of Transportation has notified the Community Board of the findings of their studies. Knickerbocker Avenue and Himrod Street have been approved for a traffic light and should be completed by November 30, 2017.

### **Committee Reports, 7:42PM**

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

Meeting Held: Monday September 11, 2017 6:00PM, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207-1422

Members Present: Zulma Novoa Committee Chairperson, Ms. Jo-Ena Bennett and Kweighbaye Kotee

Others Attending: Celestina Leon, Community Board #4 District Manager

#### **Items Discussed:**

- A. An invitation from Emilyn Kowaleski of the League of Independent Theater to collaborate at an event at The Bushwick Starr on October 17<sup>th</sup>. A planning meeting was scheduled for September 11<sup>th</sup> at The National Opera Center however, it was in conflict with the Committee's first meeting of the season.

The goal of the event is to engage and educate through performances and interactive activities. The events will be presented in a talk show/game show format hosted by artists who regularly create in these styles. Several examples include a lively presentation on local government 101, an interview with community board representatives, a musical performance, and a community context roundtable discussion with other arts advocacy and community organizations.

The committee members in attendance asked for additional information and plan to participate to the extent they are able to do so.

- The ongoing efforts to gather community support to propose the Landmarks Preservation Commission review two areas for consideration as historic districts.

Two meeting have already been held as an offshoot of the Bushwick Community Plan process to begin the conversation about historic districts. A sector of Bushwick Avenue and the historic



row houses between Wyckoff Avenue and Knickerbocker Avenue east of Myrtle Avenue are being considered. For more information, please visit [www.bushwickcommunityplan.org](http://www.bushwickcommunityplan.org) or call the Community Board office at (718) 628-8400.

- A representative from the Miami Arts + Entertainment District reached out to the Board via a public relations firm looking to partner with / become a sister arts district to Bushwick.

The District Manager mentioned that the public relations firm had been referred to the Board after initially calling and speaking to a representative from Brooklyn Borough Hall. The District Manager also shared concerns regarding the marketing of the district and that the “art district” label has been used by developers in the past, spurring gentrification and ultimately displacement of residents unable to afford higher rents.

The committee members agreed and echoed those concerns, asking for additional information and the history of the district in Miami before considering their offer to meet and share more information any further.

- B. The District Manager proposed the following projects for the Committee to review and potentially undertake

Working with local organizations, community groups, and other stakeholders to establish a neighborhood Arts Council

Updating the Community Board contact list/creating a registry of all arts and culture organizations, institutions and business in the district.

The committee members recommended updating the contact list and sending community groups an outreach letter introducing the committee, as the next step, and suggested beginning outreach for the creation of an arts council for the beginning of next year after the holidays. The District Manager has already mentioned briefly the arts council project to representatives from El Puente and the Hope Gardens Community Center. Both organizations were interested in being involved.

- C. Updates & Announcements:

Zulma Novoa attended the Bushwick Community Plan Arts & Culture Working Group meeting on August 23, 2017.

Kweighbaye Kotee announced that the Bushwick Film Festival will take place from October 12<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Economic Development Committee (EDC)**, Committee’s Chairperson Mr. Odolph Wright  
**Meeting Held:** Wednesday, September 13, 6:00PM, Community Board #4, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207-1422

**Members present:** Mr. Odolph Wright, Mr. Edwin Delgado, Mr. Desmond Monroe, and Mrs. Nancy Liao

**Others in attendance:** Celestina Leon, CB4 District Manager, Meg Rose and Bridgette Blood  
The District manager asked Ms. Meg Rose present the first agenda item.

Ms. Bridgette Blood provided a brief summary of the economic development services and opportunities by the Ridgewood Bushwick Senior Citizen Council (RBSCC). She noted that their annual gala, 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary was happening the same evening as the Community Board’s

committee meeting and they were planning to announce a rebranding for the organization along with a new name.

The organization is about to build a training facility on De Sales Place that will include service offices, sustainability features and solar equipment and has recently taken over the Bushwick Farmer's Markets.

Board member Mr. Desmonde Monroe asked for any numbers or statistics they are able to share to show how the farmer's market is operating in the community. Bridgette stated that they are only several months in and she would have more detailed information prepared by the end of the first market season.

They plan to return to the Community Board later in the season.

- 1) Meg Rose, Director of Workforce Development, RBSCC's (now RiseBoro Community Partnership) Community Empowerment Center – Presenting on the Level Up! Workforce Center.

Level Up! Offers best-in-class workforce programs to low-income New Yorkers, along with wrap-around support services to alleviate barriers to employment. Program participants (members) are empowered to achieve self-determined goals related to employment, training and education - and equipped with modern-day job search strategies, connections to meaningful job opportunities, pathways to increase potential wages, and preparation for long-term self-sufficiency. Using innovative technology and data-driven insights, Level Up! Employs a Lean Startup mindset to design feasible solution with members in mind, and ultimately achieve remarkable outcomes at scale.

They work to maintain a familial sense and comfortability while working with their clients, providing career counseling, job readiness training, vocational credentials and employment referrals.

They operate at 85 Melrose Street, Monday through Friday for 9:00AM to 5:00PM, and are looking to extend their hours in the future. Currently, they offer opportunities in the following sectors:

- Unarmed Security Guards
- Healthcare (Home Health Aide)
- OSHA General Industry/Construction

They noted that they have faced challenges connecting to employers for construction related work.

Mr. Monroe suggested that they refer to HUD section 3, a tax credit and asked how the committee can help.

Meg Rose responded by stating that their feedback was helpful and they would follow up on his suggestions.

## 2) Announcements

Edwin Delgado shared a brief update on the Bushwick Community Plan Economic Development Subcommittee. They are currently preparing to present a preview to the Steering Committee next month and have primarily focused on keeping small businesses in the community and preserving manufacturing.

Mr. Moore asked about the economic development goals for the neighborhood. The District Manager responded that through the Bushwick Community Plan the Economic Development Subcommittee has been reviewing the current needs of the district and both the Community Board committee and the Planning Committee would be able to discuss goals at an upcoming meeting.

**Public Safety Committee (PSC)**, Committee Chairperson Ms. Barbara Smith

**Meeting Held:** Monday, July 24, 2017, 6:00PM, Community Board #4, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207

**Members Present:** Barbara Smith, Committee Chair; Mary McClellan, Freddy Fowler, Jerry Valentin, Cirilo Nunez, and Julie Dent

**Others in Attendance:**

Celestina Leon, CB#4 District Manager; PO Ezequias Gomez & PO L. Prezzano, 83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct Community Affairs Unit; Vanessa Li, Kurt Barnes, Kareem Bunton, Wilfredo Ortiz, Julian, and Davier Mena.

**Invited to meeting but did not attend:**

611A Wilson Avenue, 614 Wilson Avenue, 1386 DeKalb Avenue, 250 Wyckoff Avenue, 191 Knickerbocker Avenue, and 334 Menahan Street.

**NYC Liquor License Application review:**

- 1) Mood Ring LLC – 1260 Myrtle Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11221: New Liquor, wine, beer and cider license.  
Committee Recommendation: Approve with no sales of alcohol beyond 12 midnight on Sunday.
- 2) 105 Broadway LLC aka Bunton's World Famous – 1005 Broadway, Brooklyn, NY 11221: New liquor, wine, beer and cider license. Applicants attended meeting however, stated that the establishment is undergoing construction. They have yet to complete the work or obtain a Certificate of Occupancy.  
Committee Recommendation: Hold until construction has concluded and the appropriate permits/approval are issued by the Department of Buildings.
- 3) Wilfredo Ortiz – 894 Wyckoff Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237: New Liquor, wine, beer and cider license.  
Committee Recommendation: Approve with no sales of alcohol beyond 12 midnight on Sunday.
- 4) D. Mena – 41 Wilson Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237: New liquor, wine, beer and cider.  
Committee Recommendation: Approve with no sales of alcohol beyond 12 midnight on Sunday.

Note: Due to the high volume of applications the Community Board receives, renewal applications are being recommended for approval without returning to the committee once the 83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct confirms that the location is in good standing. The Community Board still requests that locations with multiple 311/911 calls attend a committee meeting to address any issues or concerns.

**Public Safety Committee (PSC)**, Committee Chairperson Ms. Barbara Smith

**Meeting Held:** Wednesday, August 23, 2017, 6:00PM, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207-1422

**Members Present:** Barbara Smith, Committee Chair; Freddy Fowler, Mary McClellan, Annette Spellen, and Rev. Grace Aytes

**Others in Attendance:** Celestina Leon, CB4 District Manager; Andrew Agoliati, Kenneth E. Belkin, Esq., Karla Munoz, Victor Gralawashan, Officer O. Lopez, and Lt. Dominquez

Invited to meeting but did not attend:

1006 Flushing Avenue, 354 Cornelia Street, 383 Troutman Street, 84 Central Avenue, 259 Melrose Street and 1485 Myrtle Avenue

NYC Liquor License Application Review:

- 1) 101 Wilson Bar LLC – 101 Wilson Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237: New Liquor, wine, beer and cider license.  
Committee Recommendation: Approve with no sale of alcohol beyond 12 midnight on Sunday.
- 2) 6 Suydam LLC aka Bodeguita BK – 6 Suydam Street, Brooklyn, NY 11221: New Liquor, wine, beer and cider license. The applicant informed the committee that they are waiting for permits from the Department of Buildings.  
Committee Recommendation: Hold until the appropriate permits/approvals are issued by the Department of Buildings.
- 3) Skips Covert Corp. – 1643 Broadway, Brooklyn, NY 11207: New Wine, beer and cider license.  
Committee Recommendation: Approve with no sales of alcohol beyond 12 midnight on Sunday.
- 4) Note Thai Corp. aka Note Thai – 279 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206: New wine, beer and cider license. Applicant was advised to contact the NYS SLA and Community Board #1.  
Committee Recommendation: N/A, the applicant noted the incorrect Community Board on their application.

**Recommendations – 8:12PM:**

- 1) Motion to accept the PSC report as stated. Motioned moved by Mr. Robert Camacho and second by Mr. Edwin Delgado. All board members were in favor with 1 abstention by Rev. N. Angustia. Motion moved.

**Old Business, 8:14PM: NONE**

**New Business, 8:14PM:**

Ms. Barbara Smith: On July 11, 2017 the 83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct Community Council present FREE ID for children. Children will get their picture taken and their thumb print put on a card for identification purposes in case anything happens to them. Children must be accompanied with a parent.  
Hours: 2:00PM to 4:00PM.

**Announcements, 8:19PM**

North Brooklyn Coalition Against Family Violence: Annual Candlelight Vigil Commemorating Those who have lost their lives as a result of domestic violence.

When: Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 5:30PM

Where: Meeting location will be at the intersection of Myrtle Avenue and Knickerbocker Avenue (near the 83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct) will be marching towards Hope Ballfield via Myrtle Avenue and Grove Street for a candlelight ceremony featuring survivors and community leaders. For more information call Ruth Pena at 718-487-1319 or email [rpena@northbrooklyncoalition.org](mailto:rpena@northbrooklyncoalition.org)

North Brooklyn Coalition against Family Violence:

- Case Management and Legal Advocacy, including court accompaniment
- Domestic violence counseling
- Support Groups
- Therapy

- Community Education workshops
- Information and Assistance with filing an office of victim services (OVS) claim application
- Training for staff of local organizations

If you or someone you know needs support or to make an appointment, please call: 718-302-4073, [help@nothbrooklyncoalition.org](mailto:help@nothbrooklyncoalition.org)

St. Nicks Alliance Workforce Development Center, 790 Broadway, 21nd Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11206, 718-302-2057

FREE Training & Placement Assistance! Work in Construction, Be a Commercial Driver, Remediate the Environment

Earn a High School Equivalency Diploma! Certified Nursing Assistant, Information Technology, Construction Laborer.

C & J Wellness Pharmacy, 1425 Broadway, Brooklyn, NY 11221, 718-443-0591 or 718-443-0592. Open 6 days a week.

Community Retrofit NYC: Community Retrofit NYC is a free program from the City of New York that helps multifamily building owners and managers reduce energy and water use. Energy and water retrofits can lower your utility bills, improve building maintenance and tenant comfort, and clean and green your neighborhood.

To learn more contact: [www.nyc.gov/communityretrofitnyc](http://www.nyc.gov/communityretrofitnyc) or [info@communityretrofit.org](mailto:info@communityretrofit.org) or 347-762-4792

New York City Comptroller Scott M. Stringer cordially invites you to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

Tuesday, September 26, 2017, 6:30pm to 8:30pm at Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College, 2180 Third Avenue (at East 119 Street), New York, NY 10035

To RSVP, please email [EventsRSVP@comptroller.nyc.gov](mailto:EventsRSVP@comptroller.nyc.gov) or call (212) 669-3450.

NYC Comptroller Scott M. Stringer Bureau of Public Affairs-Community Action Center

The Community Action Center is the constituent services arm of the City Comptroller's Office, And assists New Yorkers with complaints or inquiries about government services. You can contact the Community Action Center with questions on topics ranging from NYCHA repairs to City pension payment, tenant harassment or filing a claim against the City. No matter what your question is, the Comptroller's Office is there to help. Call 212-669-3916, fax 212-669-2707, [action@comptroller.nyc.gov](mailto:action@comptroller.nyc.gov), visit [comptroller.nyc.gov](http://comptroller.nyc.gov) or walk in: Community Action Center, 1 Centre Street, Room 517, New York, NY 10007- Monday thru Friday: 9am to 5pm.

Status-Neural Care Coordination Wyckoff Heights Medical Center Positive Health Management  
Who is eligible for this program? People who are HIV negative or do not know their HIV status, partners of individuals who are HIV positive, people who do not have regular primary care, people who want to learn how to be in charge of their body, their sexual health and sex choices and people who have been diagnosed with STIs in the past 6 months.

For more information call or text: Learn more @Wyckoff (718) 508-4669, (718) 508-4663 Cell (917) 586-2855 & (347) 723-2834

Walk-Ins are Welcome! Monday thru Friday 9am to 4pm. 1610 DeKalb Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11337. Take the "L" train to DeKalb Avenue Station or the B13/B38 Bus

Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams in Partnership with Sino America New York Brooklyn Archway Association invites you to celebrate 2017 Autumn Festival at Brooklyn Bridge

Park – Pier 1, Sunday, September 24, 2017 from 12pm to 5pm. Old Fulton and Furman Streets (Rain or Shine)

Eric L. Adams, Brooklyn Borough President and Diana Reyna, Deputy Brooklyn Borough President: Latino Heritage Celebration 2017 - Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Brooklyn Borough Hall, 209 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201  
RSVP: 718-802-3809 or [ycrisotomo@brooklynbp.nyc.gov](mailto:ycrisotomo@brooklynbp.nyc.gov)

Eric L. Adams Brooklyn Borough President: Is it an Emergency? Minor Issues/Life Threatening Leave the Emergency Room for those who really need it. Know the difference and avoid the wait.

Health Clinic, Primary doctor, or Urgent care:

- Allergies
- Allergic Reaction (minor)
- Bug bite or dog bite (minor)
- Burn (minor)
- Cold
- Cut (Shallow)
- Eye irritation or pick eye
- Fever without rash
- Flu shot
- Sore throat
- sprain
- vomiting

Emergency Room or 911

- Allergic Reaction (Severe)
- Abdominal Pain
- Breathing Problems
- Broken Bone
- Burns (Severe)
- Head Injury
- Seizure or Stroke
- Pregnancy Complications
- Self-Harm or Suicidal Thoughts
- Cut with Heavy Bleeding
- Chest Pain

Brooklyn Public Library: Upgrade Your Workplace Skills with Metrix Learning & Lynda – Upcoming Information Sessions

Are you looking to improve your skills to make yourself more attractive to employers in your job search? Come to find out more about Brooklyn Public Library's online learning platforms, which allow you to take skill-building classes in business skills, computers and technology, and more – for free.

- Metrix Learning System, a site that lets you rate your skills and choose courses to build your skills in the job market
- Lynda, a site with educational videos focused on technology and business skills

Attendance at an information session is required to gain a license to use the Metrix Learning System. Basic Internet skills and a BPL card are required for all of the learning platforms. Please register online: Go to [www.bklynlibrary.org/calendar](http://www.bklynlibrary.org/calendar) and search for keyword "Metrix".

Please note: Attendees must be present for the entire session to receive a Metrix license. Please plan to be present for approximately 1 ½ hours.

#### Resume & Career One-On-One Help

Are you struggling in your job search or looking to improve your current employment situation? FREE assistance is available at the Library.

Work on your resume, get education and career advice, learn interview skills, practice LinkedIn, and more with help from a trained Brooklyn Public Library staff.

Please call the branch or visit [www.bklynlibrary.org/calendar](http://www.bklynlibrary.org/calendar) to confirm the times available, as they are subject to occasional change. Patrons will be seen on a first come, first served basis.

Help is available at the following locations:

DeKalb Library: Tuesdays 9/5 and 9/26 - 11AM to 1PM, 790 Bushwick Avenue (at DeKalb Avenue), Brooklyn, NY, 718-455-3898

Bushwick Library: Mondays 9/18 and 9/25 3 to 5pm. 340 Bushwick Avenue, 718-602-1348

Washington Irving Library: Mondays 9/18 and 9/25, 11am to 1pm; Wednesday 9/20 and 9/27, 3 to 5pm; Saturday 8/23, 2pm to 4pm, 718-628-8378

Saratoga Library: Tuesdays, 9/5 and 9/26, 3pm to 5pm; Thursday, except 9/14, 3 to 5pm. 8 Thomas S. Boyland Street, (at Macon Street) Brooklyn, NY, 718-573-5224.

#### Washington Irving Library, Has Children's Programs.

Tuesdays: Toddler Time at 10:30AM

Wednesdays: Story Play at 10:30AM and Kids Tech Time at 5PM

Thursday: Build with Lego at 4PM

Fridays: Kids Create at 3PM

Saturdays: Ready, Set, Kindergarten at 11AM and Saturday Story Time at 2PM

Location: 360 Irving Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 111237, [www.bklynlibrary.org](http://www.bklynlibrary.org), 718-628-8378

Kweighbaye Kotee announced that the Bushwick Film Festival will take place from October 12<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup>. There will 40 screening and events. For more information:

[www.BushwickFilmFestival.com](http://www.BushwickFilmFestival.com)

**2nd Roll Call:** Meeting adjourned – 8:35PM – 33 Members present

Mr. Raul Rubio and Mr. Robert Camacho motioned to adjourn the Community Board #4 September 20<sup>th</sup> 2017 Meeting.