

Brooklyn Community Board #4 Regular Monthly Meeting  
Wednesday, May 16, 2018  
RiseBoro Youth Center  
1474 Gates Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York 11237  
6:00PM

The Brooklyn Community Board #4 May 16, 2018, meeting. The Chairperson, Ms. Julie Dent opened the monthly Community Board #4 meeting at 6:02PM.

This is not the regular meeting location for the Community Board Monthly meeting. We want to thank RiseBoro for letting us have our meeting here. Currently 195 Linden Street is still under construction.

- Public Hearing Items -

**1) Marvin Mitzer, Land Use Counsel, owner of 93 Starr Street: Seeking the Community Board's support for the auction of a city-owned lot at 93A Starr Street.**

Marvin Mitzer: Representing the owner of 93 Starr Street which is a 21x65 lot on the north side of Starr Street between Knickerbocker & Wilson Ave. The lot is shallower because other lots are 25x100. There is a pathway separating 93 Starr Street and 93 A Starr Street. At one point in time those addresses were one 25x100 lot like other lots in the neighborhood, in the '50s due to the owner nonpayment the city took the lot over.

Now the city owns the lot. We have on our lot an existing one story building that the owner wants to enlarge to a one family home. The objective is since the way the building is situated is 21x65, it's impossible for him to build up from the site because the building is not complying, doesn't have proper rear yard, and the side is too shallow to create the additional 2 stories. They have to acquire the city for him to build the family home of 3 stories. As a quality housing development there are limitations which they'll be within. That includes the floor area ratio 2.2 which gives a maximum floor area of 5,500 square feet but only building 4,760 square feet on the site the zoning allows us to go from the street wall up to 45 feet then step back 15 feet and go up to a max 55 feet so we're going to have our front wall at 42 feet and then a height of 51 feet, so we're in the parameters of R-6 Zoning and all they want to do is take advantage of the regular 25x100 lot like all the other owners take advantage of. So, we've asked DCAS (Department of Citywide Administration Services) for the opportunity to purchase this site. They're willing to participate in the process and to facilitate the sale to our client through the sale away program. The sale away program allows properties that cannot be developed on their own which is the flag lot because it's just a small parcel that under current zoning can't be developed at all but allows them to take a part of the lot for the property owner. We are the adjacent property owner, so DCAS has a right to sell it to us, and that's what we intend to do with it. You should know that a few years ago, DCAS did engage in a process, unfortunately the time our parcel was bunked in with another parcel at 9 Moffat Street that's actually a development site that this board objected to and ours is not a development site, just a one family home site, unfortunately DCAS promoted the application but we weren't involved and we didn't have the opportunity to explain in detail to the community board what our plans are and what we intend to do. This time around we're taking a more proactive approach, coming to you to explain to you what we're doing, and

getting you to support the project so we can take this, and allow the owner to construct the one family home that he can live in, and he can bring his family with him.

Q: Do you have copies of the plans to share with the board?

A: Yes.

Q: Do you know if they're going to build anything on the backside of it?

A: Purchasing the flag lot will allow us to have a backyard the 25x35, in the back is going to be a backyard.

Q: What we're afraid of is that if they get the flag lot are they going to sell to developer to make an apartment building?

A: It'll be a 25x100 only big enough for a small home.

1. Daniel Cawley: The limits to this project Broadway to Irving Avenue It's 34 feet wide, very narrow, especially considering that it's a low bus and truck route. Also, of course, it's underneath the elevated M train tracks and these columns really make it complicated. The crash numbers, majority of them at are Myrtle-Broadway however they are distributed throughout there. The proposal is to install gravel curb extensions, make more pathways, and add signalized crossing. Also wants to install improved lighting under elevated train stations to improve visibility.

Q: Will the light get an extended time for pedestrians?

A: We are going to look into as many, what we call, leading pedestrian intervals, as we can at the locations, which gives an extra 7 seconds for pedestrians to cross.

Q: When is the day of completion?

A: Assuming we get the approval to proceed implementation will start late summer August – September. This is a marking only, primarily other than the lighting so it could be done in 6 through 8 weeks.

Q: Is this temporary, so if everything goes well will it become permanent?

A: It certainly can this a set of complicated intersections here, so we have already gotten approval of FDNY to at least proceed with this design we get your go ahead.

Q: During the committee meeting you mentioned that instead of using gravel there's potential to add cement flowerpots as long as there's a maintenance partner?

A: Yes, that's correct.

2. So, I had the opportunity to meet with the Environmental Committee, and I presented this. The member recently introduced what is her SEA of 2018. The bill does 3 things, it reinstates what's known as the Superfund tax, and it will amend the IRS code and impose a tax on the chemical and oil industry. Why do we need the Superfund tax? The way the EPA carries out remedial work known as superfund site, and there are three within this district. A lot of the work often is hindered because of lack of funding. The superfund tax expired in the late 1990's and it wasn't reinstated, and these are funded is by taxpayer money. It creates a new deduction for small businesses. It creates a new disaster loan program administered through the EPA and what it'll do is it'll have a new

set of programs for businesses to access in case they want to set up shop near the community. So, why? In the past years, the superfund was funded at a 1.1 billion level, since it has decreased substantially. For 2019 the Trump Administration proposed just the one-billion-dollar funding level, and they're asking for an increase to 1.35 billion, they believe that it's an appropriate number.

Q: You indicated some of the building would be indicate which?

A: Only if it's too hazardous.

3. A NYC landmark is any physical improvement and/or landmark feature that is 30 years or older, has a special interest. Four types of landmarks include Historic Districts, and Individual, Interior, Scenic Landmarks. The Designation Process is 1<sup>st</sup> the LPC adds a proposed district or landmark to its calendar for a Public Hearing. 2<sup>nd</sup> LPC has a public hearing. 3<sup>rd</sup> LPC votes on designation and 4<sup>th</sup> Designation is affirmed/ denied by the city planning commission, City Planning, and the mayor goes to city planning commission for vote. Financial assistance programs: LPC Historic Preservation Grant Program, low- and moderate-income homeowners are eligible for grants up to \$30,000 to assist with exterior repairs, LPC staff will also assist in preparing documents and working with contractors. Landmark Conservancy Restoration Loans, low interest loans of \$40,000 to \$300,000 and project management assistance for exterior work or structural repairs. Contextual Zoning, sets height limits, sets square footage limits, requires uniform street wall, and no regulations on architectural style. Historic District requires LPC review and approval of any new exterior construction, including a presentation to the community board, and architecture and design must be appropriate for the character of the historic district. There are 12 existing landmarks in Bushwick, but no historic districts. Proposed Recommendations: LPC should study historic resources in Bushwick Community Board 4 with a focus on the potential for Historic Districts and/or additional land marking on the historic corridor on Bushwick Avenue, Historic district in Northeast Bushwick, and Moffat Street, and Individual landmarks. Carlotta Williams recommends her street be landmarked as she's been living there for 30 years, and others have lived there longer and don't want others to come over and changed up the neighborhood. Sandra Young-Quiroz wants Bushwick to be preserved because developers are taking buildings and making more apartments cramping the neighborhood.

Q: What is the benefit to the Community?

A: It would require new buildings to be appropriate to the neighborhood, and any significant changes must be reviewed by the community.

Q: What if the owner of a house in a Historic District doesn't want their house to be landmarked?

A: It, unfortunately, still gets landmarked.

The Chairperson closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Chairperson Ms. Julie asked the District Manager, Celestina Leon to call the first roll call.

**First Roll Call: 7:02PM** – 30 members present this does constitute a quorum.

The acceptance of the agenda was made by Mr. Robert Camacho and second by Ms. Elvena Davis.

The acceptance of last month's minutes was made by Mr. Robert Camacho and second by Ms. Annette Spellman.

**Chairperson's Report: 7:18PM**

Ms. Julie Dent welcomed all to the Community Board #4 Wednesday, May 16, 2018, monthly meeting. She wished everyone a Happy Belated Mother's Day!

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. Fredrick Mitchell Representing Senator Martin Malave Dilan, 3215 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11208, 718-573-1726
2. Jonathan Pomboza Representing District Attorney Eric Gonzalez, 350 Jay Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, 718-250-2349
3. Julio Salazar, Representing Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez, 266 Broadway, NY, NY 718-669-5149
4. 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
5. Amaris Cockfield Representing Latrice Monique Walker, Esq., Member of Assembly 55<sup>th</sup> District, 400 Rockaway Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11212, 718-342-1256
6. Anayeli Gomez Representing Scott Stringer, NYC Comptroller, 1 Centre Street, NY, NY 10007, [AGomez@comptroller.nyc.gov](mailto:AGomez@comptroller.nyc.gov)

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) Police Officer Oscar Lopez and Police Officer E. Gomez, 83<sup>rd</sup> Pct., 480 knickerbocker Avenue, Community Affairs Unit, 718-514-1697
- 2) Captain Hugo Dominguez, NYPD, 480 Knickerbocker Avenue

Overview of the Community Board's role: The Community Board is the official municipal body whose primary mission is to advise elected officials and government agencies on matters affecting the welfare of the district. While the public is encouraged to attend and observe Community Board proceedings, only Board Members can discuss and vote on motions before it. The Community Boards were created by City Charter and their roles and responsibilities are defined in Chapters 69 and 70.

Community Board #4 also has nine committees that all members are encouraged to attend their elected committees.

On HPD's NYC Housing Connect website there is new Affordable Housing for Rent. 100 newly constructed units are now available at 10 Montieth Street. You can also apply by mail or online at: [www.nyc.gov/housingconnect](http://www.nyc.gov/housingconnect). To request an application by mail send a self-address envelope to: Montieth Street Apartments

Housing Partnership Development Corp. 242

West 36<sup>th</sup> Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10018

For assistance with applying, you can visit the office of Brooklyn Legal Services Corp A in Bushwick at 1455 Myrtle Avenue on Thursdays from 9am to 12pm or 1:30pm to 5pm.

All applications must be postmarked or submitted online no later than June 18, 2018. Late applications will not be considered.

On Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> Community Board 4 hosted a legislative forum at Wyckoff Heights medical Center. Thank you once again to Mr. Ramon Rodriguez, the CEO/President, for hosting us and generously providing refreshments for all in attendance. Thank you also to the elected officials and representatives for their participation, including Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez, Senator Martin Dilan, Assemblywoman Maritza Davila, Council Member Antonio Reynoso and Evelyn Cruz representing Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez. Each of them provided timely updates on their work, and they were able to answer questions from the audience. Thank you to everyone that was able to attend.

On Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> the 83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct Commanding Officer Sergio Centa along with NCO Sergeant Anna Serrano and several NCOs visited the Audrey Johnson Learning Center. Inspector Centa, Sergeant Serrano, PO Shankar, PO Atherley and PO Ceballos also had an opportunity to read and engage the children in their classrooms. It was a fun and heartwarming experience for all. The children also presented them with certificates for outstanding community engagement.

Assemblywoman Maritza Davila is hosting a Career/Job Fair on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 12:30pm to 3:30pm at the RiseBoro Youth Center located at 1474 Gates Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237. Ages 14 and up are invited to attend the event for employment opportunities and work skill development.

It is with a heavy heart that I share that the mother of board member, Sharline Moore and former District Manager Nadine Whitted mother passed away last week. I along with the District Manager attended the services for Ms. Cora L. Moore on Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and Lady Rose Rucker on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ms. Moore and Ms. Whitted during this difficult time. Thanks to board members for their support.

There will be a Federal Primary Election on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018, and the Voter Registration Deadline for this election will be June 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information on how to register you can visit the Board of Election website at [www.vote.nyc.us](http://www.vote.nyc.us) or contact the Community Board's office for additional assistance.

On Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, from 10am to 4pm the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) will hold its 11<sup>th</sup> annual Shredfest. The Shredfest, is one of the most popular annual events conducted by DCA. The event provides free paper-shredding services throughout the five boroughs to increase public awareness about identity theft prevention. For more information contact 311, visit [www.nyc.gov/shredfest](http://www.nyc.gov/shredfest) and join #shredfest conversations on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

You can now apply for the Zero Waste Building Maintenance Training presented by the NYC Department of Sanitation. The program is designed to help building maintenance staff run an

outstanding apartment building recycling program through a combination of classroom instruction, field trips, and practical activities. For more information and to complete an application visit [www.on.nyc.gov/zerowastetraining](http://www.on.nyc.gov/zerowastetraining).

The NYC Department of Education's Office of Adult and Continuing Education provides 100% tuition FREE classes for adults. You must be over 21 of age without a H.S. Equivalency. District 32 classes include Basic Education (GED/TASC Prep) available at the RiseBoro Youth Center, 1474 Gates Avenue, Brooklyn, NY; Scalabrini Center for Migrant Families, 1080 Willoughby Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11221; and Bushwick High School, 400 Irving Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237. English as a Second Language (ESL) is also offered at multiple locations throughout Bushwick. For more information you can call their office at 718-221-6703.

### **District Manager's Report: 7:44PM**

Monday, April 23, 2018

Meetings Attended: Irving Square Park Follow-Up Discussion with Council Member Espinal's office – The Friends of Irving Square Park scheduled a follow up meeting with the Council Member's office. Invited to the meeting was Parks and Recreation Chairperson, Robert Camacho and Vice Chairperson, Annette Spell and myself. The meeting was organized to discuss the status of funding for both a children's playground (tot lot) and a dog run. Those on the call also emphasized the need for enforcement for irresponsible dog owners and reclaiming the park for children and families.

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Borough Service Cabinet Meeting: The DM joined fellow Brooklyn District Managers for presentations from the tech organization localize and Brooklyn Public Library. Localize is an artificial intelligence insight engine that helps users understand what it's like to live somewhere. They aim to provide a complete view of what is going on at any given address. Zip code, or neighborhood in the five boroughs. The Brooklyn Public Library provided an overview of their community engagement efforts and highlight special initiatives including but not limited to *Televisit* which allows for incarcerated family members to participate in a shared family literacy program.

Monday, April 30, 2018

Myrtle Viaduct Reopening at the Myrtle Broadway M/J/Z station: New York City Transit MTA President Andy Byford and various MTA representatives for the on-schedule reopening of the M line between Broadway and Myrtle –Wyckoff. Ms. Leon took the train and was very happy to see MTA Ambassadors at various stations assisting the public. MTA Ambassadors are a vital resource as they typically visit stations to help guide and assist commuters. Their presence during the upcoming L train shutdown will be crucial.

Bushwick Community Plan Steering Committee Meeting at 1245 Gates Avenue: Joined fellow Steering Committee and community members for a report back on the long-awaited land use recommendations. Council Member Antonio Reynoso has in the past responded to the previous vote taken to move the process through ULURP with the stipulation of having a not yet defined team of advocates participating in negotiations. For more information on and /or an update on the status of the Bushwick Community Plan, please contact the Council Member's office or the Community Board's office.

Tour of Rheingold Art Projects: Joined representatives from El Puente and Council Member Reynoso's office for a tour of the art installation sites in the Rheingold Development. The tour was facilitated by representatives from ODA's OPEN art program, including board member Kweighbaye Kotee in her professional capacity. The tour was bittersweet, given the history of the development and ultimately continues to reinforce the need for the community to be informed and unify around land use changes.

#### Saturday, May 5, 2018

Bushwick Sports Leagues Open Day Parade and Ceremony: Joined in celebrating the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual festivities on the opening day for all Bushwick Sports leagues. Senator Martin Dilan, Assemblywoman Maritza Davila, Council Member Reynoso and representatives from Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez's office were in attendance. Congratulations went to board member and founder of Quebradillas Baseball League, Carlos Feliciano, for a successful event as well as, all of the event honorees.

#### Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Moffat Community Garden Meeting: several years ago, a city-owned lot located at 9 Moffat Street was transferred from the Department of Citywide Administrative Services to the Parks Department. Due to support from the Community Board and Council Member Espinal's office it is now a community garden registered with NYC parks Green Thumb. Any community members interested in getting involved should contact Carlos Soto at Council Member Espinal's office or the Community Board. The first work of the season is scheduled for Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 10am to 2pm and is open to all.

Make the Road New York is holding a March against Displacement on Thursday, May 17, 2018, at 10am. Join tenants, workers and community leaders in this march to say loud and clear, NO MORE bad developments that only contribute to the displacement of families. Meet at 301 Grove Street at 10am. For more information contact Angel Vera at 917-225-7253.

Bushwick Film Festival: 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Bushwick Film Festival – As they begin their second decade of showcasing independent filmmaking, they ask that you spread the word about their festival to any filmmakers in your network. Please visit their website for more information at [www.bushwickfilmfestival.com](http://www.bushwickfilmfestival.com)

NYC Rent Guidelines Board: In accordance with Chapter 45 of the New York City Charter (the "City Administrative Procedure Act"), the NYC Rent Guidelines Board has proposed rent guidelines, which are now being followed by a notice and comment period, public hearing and the promulgation of final rent orders. The proposed rent guidelines will be published in accordance with the City Administrative Procedure Act and the public will have a minimum of 30 days to review and consider the proposals prior to the public hearing scheduled for June 7, 11, 13, 19 and 21.

For more information, visit [www.nyc.gov/rgb](http://www.nyc.gov/rgb).

American Heart Association: Heart disease remains the #1 killer of those living and working in Brooklyn. Heart disease isn't just impacting the community it is the #1 killer Nationwide. What is even more incredible is that 80% of all heart disease cases are preventable!

If you would like to learn more about how you can help SAVE LIVES in our Brooklyn Community, please contact: Ryan McCabe, Director



112 East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, 19<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10168,  
212-878-5947, [ryan.mccabe@heart.org](mailto:ryan.mccabe@heart.org)

**Captain Dominguez:** The NCO is continually working on the relationship with the police department and the community. Everyone should find out who their NCO are. If you have any questions or concerns you can reach out to your NCO or the PO Lopez and PO Gomez of the Community Affairs Unit.

Captain Dominguez: Work Tuesday to Saturday in the evenings from 2pm – 11pm. He is off on Sundays and Mondays.

CompStat covering the time period of April 30 to May 6, 2018:

Year to Date:

Murder: 1 in 2018 compared to 1 in 1 2017

Rape: 7 in 2018 compared to 13 in 2017

Robbery: 97 in 2018 compared to 89 in 2017

Felony Assault: 101 in 2018 compared to 91 in 2017

Burglary: 118 in 2018 compared to 132 in 2017

Grand Larceny: 163 in 2018 compared to 145 in 2017

Grand Larceny Auto: 28 in 2018 compared to 31 in 2017

3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct located at 480 Knickerbocker Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237-5132, 718-574-1605

**Contact Information:**

Precinct: 718-574-1605

Community Affairs: 718-574-1697

Crime Prevention: 718-574-1688

Domestic Violence: 718-574-1830

Youth Officer: 718-574-1735

Auxiliary Coordinator: 718-574-1688

Detective Squad: 718-574-1796

Get to know your NCO (Neighborhood Coordination Officers) are your local problem solvers.

They spend all their working hours within the confines of their assigned sectors, actively engaging with local community members and residents. They get to know the neighborhood, its people and its problems extremely well.

Feel free to email your (NCO) officers directly, or contact your local precinct to discuss ongoing crime or quality-of-life issues.

NCO Supervisor - Sgt. Anna Serrano: [Anna.Serrano@nypd.org](mailto:Anna.Serrano@nypd.org)

A - PO Daniel Atherley: [Daniel.Atherley@nypd.org](mailto:Daniel.Atherley@nypd.org)

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Housing- Hope Gardens – PO Alexander Lopez: [Alexander.Lopez@nypd.org](mailto:Alexander.Lopez@nypd.org)

The 83<sup>rd</sup> Pct. Council Meeting takes place every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at the 83<sup>rd</sup> Pct. At 6:00PM.



**Committee Reports, 7:54PM**

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

Meeting Held: Monday, May 7, 2018, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207, 6:00PM

Members Present: Zulma Novoa, Kweighbaye Kottee; L. A. Blacksmith, and Jo-Ena Bennett

Others Present: Celestina Leon, CB4 District Manager

Items Discussed:

Planning Session for the June 11<sup>th</sup> Arts Mixer – All are welcome to join the Arts and Culture Committee to plan the upcoming mixer on Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. The date of the mixer is also the last time the committee will convene before the summer recess.

Who: CB4's ACC, Local Arts organizations, Bushwick Artists and the larger Bushwick community?

What: A networking mixer with brief and /or performances from local arts organizations

When: June 11, 2018, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Where: To Be Announced, looking for hosts centrally located in the neighborhood.

How: Please help spread the word and/or contact the District Manager, Celestina Leon, for additional information on how to get involved.

Tentative location suggestions include First Live located at 219 Central Avenue. Kweighbaye volunteered to check-in with them. The District Manager also suggested the Hope Gardens Community Center located at 422 Central Avenue, as another alternative.

Announcements:

L.A. Blacksmith let everyone know that he was scheduled to play a show on June 11<sup>th</sup>, but he would try to make it.

Kweighbaye shared that the Bushwick Collective Block Party is coming up on May 31<sup>st</sup> through June 2<sup>nd</sup>. She also provided an update on ODA's Mural Project at Rheingold, inviting everyone to attend a Meet the Muralist event on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 3pm at the Brooklyn Public Library Bushwick located at 340 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206. Learn all about the artist's creative processes and how the Bushwick community inspired their designs! Additionally, she announced that the Bushwick Film Festival is still accepting submissions.

Motion to adjourned meeting was made by Zulma Novoa and seconded by Kweighbaye Kottee.  
Meeting Adjourned at 7:42PM

**Civic and Religious Committee (CRC) 7:57PM**, Committee Chairperson, Ms. Elvena Davis and Vice Chairperson, Ernest Estimate'

Meeting Held: Thursday, May 10, 2018, 3:00PM, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207-1422

Members Present: Elvena Davis, Ernest Estimate', Barbara Smith and Mary McClellan

Others Present: District Manager, Celestina Leon, Kurt Barnes Jr., Cooper, Street Community Association; Nelsey Rodriguez, Wyckoff Heights Hospital; Carmen Kawalick, LIFE - Audrey Johnson Learning Center; Sherry Davis, Woodhull Hospital; Jennifer Clarke, Healthcare Education Project; Daniel Torres, Swerve Church and Jason Ayala, TENT NYC

Items Discussed:

Final 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Parade and Shape-Up Bushwick VI Planning Meeting – Convened to discuss updates and needs in advance of the event.

**Environmental Protection / Transportation / Sanitation Committee (EPTS) 8:03PM,**

Committee Chairperson, Mr. Eliseo Ruiz

Meeting Held: Thursday, May 3, 2018, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207-1422, 10:00AM

Members Present: Mr. Eliseo Ruiz and Ms. Barbara Jackson

Others Board Members Present: Mr. Robert Camacho

Excused Committee Members: Raul Rubio, Committee Chairperson; Nancy Liao, Committee Vice Chairperson; and Martha Brown

Others Present: Celestina Leon, CB4 District Manager; Dan Cawley, Kessia DeLeo, Leroy Branch and Chris Brunson, Dept. of Transportation; Julio Salazar, Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez's office.

Item Discussed:

- 1) Daniel Cawley, Research/Implementation and Safety (RIS) Group, NYC Department of Transportation – presenting a traffic and pedestrian safety improvement proposal for Myrtle Avenue between Broadway and Irving Avenue. They are seeking a letter of support from the community board.
  - Myrtle Avenue is a Vision Zero priority corridor and has two priority intersections
  - The corridor also facilitates the B54 bus, is a local truck route, and has sharp angles throughout
  - It is 34 feet wide
  - Recently there have been 11 KSI (pedestrians killed or severely injured) however, no fatalities since 2012.

Existing Conditions:

- No Crosswalks where people are walking
- Complex turns, elevated columns

Proposal Includes:

For Myrtle and Broadway

- Realigning crosswalks on the East curb

For Myrtle, Willoughby and Charles Place

- (Similar) installation of gravel curb extension

For Myrtle, Suydam and Evergreen

- Install new crosswalks and gravel curb extensions

- There is also a need for better signal infrastructure, DOT is looking into it

#### For Cedar, DeKalb and Central

- About 110 pedestrians pass through during the morning / evening rush
- There is an existing left turn ban
- Installation of gravel curb extensions on Cedar between Myrtle/Evergreen and the North side triangle
- Installation of new crosswalks
- ADA compliant crossing require space to get on the curb

#### For Myrtle, Wilson and Himrod Street

- 2 new crosswalks
- Gravel curb extensions
- The goal is to provide legal facility to cross the street

Additionally, the proposal includes Improved Lighting for both the curb and roadway. Effective at stations with a floor, including:

- Broadway J/M/Z train stop
- Central Ave M Train Stop
- Knickerbocker Avenue M Train Stop

#### Summary:

- 8 new crosswalks
- Installation of gravel curbs extensions at 7 intersections
- Improved lighting at 3 train stations

2) Julio Salazar, Community Liaison, Office of Congresswoman Velazquez – Presenting on the Superfund Enhancement Act of 2018. From 1980-1995, the federal government-imposed taxes on the oil and chemical industry for the cleanup trust fund. Congress did not renew the taxes after they expired in 1995, and the fund ran out of money by the end of fiscal year 20013. Congresswoman Velazquez’ legislation, the Superfund Enhancement Act of 2018, would reinstate the “Superfund Tax” and replenish the fund up to \$3.5 billion. The Congresswoman would like to ask for statement of support for her piece of legislation from Community Board 4.

- The Wolff Alport site is close to community district 4 in Queens. District Manager: We are familiar with the site. Chairperson Dent has hosted several meetings with the EPA at the Audrey Johnson Learning Center.
- This legislation would reestablish the superfund tax.
- The EPA presented about 39M is needed and funding is one of the main stumbling blocks.
- The Trump Administration is cutting back funding

The Congresswoman’s legislation would:

- Raise Funds to carry out the work
- Create a deduction for small businesses allows displaced business a deduction of their moving costs and is capped at \$10,000. Currently, this does not exist and would be established.

- Working with the Small Business Administration (SBA) to make sure businesses have additional resources. The Congresswoman is a ranking member.

It does not:

- Touch on the technical work of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

This is an additional resource for those tenants (located on the Superfund site). EPA also carries out work on Brownfield sites, as well, including Newton Creek, Wolff Alport and the Gowanus Canal. They are currently stifled by a lack of funding. That's a summary of the bill. Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Mr. Robert Camacho and second by Mr. Eliseo Ruiz. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:12AM

**Housing and Land Use Committee (HLU) 8:06PM**, Martha Brown, Committee Co-Chairperson, and Joshua Brown, Vice Chairperson

**Meeting Held:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 6:00PM, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207-1422

**Members Present:** Julie Dent – CB4 Chairperson, Martha Brown – HLU Committee Chairperson, Joshua Brown – HLU Vice Chairperson, James Wiseman, Robert Camacho, Jo-Ena Bennet and Kweighbaye Kotee

**Others Present:** CB 4 District Manager, Celestina Leon; Magen Martin, Rohit Misra, Ken Charles, Julius Goldberg-Lewis, Steven King, Karina Jimenez, Viren Brahmbhat, Marvin Mitzner and Raoul Daruwala

(HLU Report was not read)

- 1) Marvin Mitzner, Land Use Counsel, Owner of 93 Starr Street – seeking support from the board for the auction of a city-owned lot at 93A Starr Street. The Department of Citywide Administrative Services previously came before the board in reference to the auction of this lot, however, it was withdrawn from the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP)

Mr. Mitzner's client, the property owner of 93 Starr Street would like to create a three story, one family building as his current one-story home is too small for his family. They need the adjacent lot to become part of 93 Starr Street in order to build.

Council Member Reynoso was concerned about 93A Starr Street when it was originally in ULURP. Adverse development could lead to residential displacement and/or a larger building. The application was eventually pulled due to the lack of his support.

The Borough President's office responded with approval including stipulation.

Several committee members expressed concerns about the height of the building should the two lots be assembled, and the developer change their current proposal.

- 2) Karina Jimenez, Mayor's Tenant Support Unit, NYC Human Resources Administration - Presented on the unit's role and work thus far in Bushwick

There are outreach specialists across the five boroughs connected to HRA Anti-Harassment Tenant Protection/Displacement funding. They conduct door-to-door outreach to tenants in these areas. The office of Civil Justice assists this work through coordination of legal services. They are available to table at resources fairs and take referrals from elected officials. They assist with all tenant issues and help make referrals to the relevant agencies.

The Mayor's Tenant Support Unit provides case management and follows up with the tenants. They work with individual tenants and /or tenant associations. Currently they hold mobile hours at the Brooklyn Public Library at the Washington Irving Branch from 10:30am to 4:30pm during the week. They also host meetings in partnership with Assemblywoman Maritza Davila's office. The Tenant Support Unit is a city agency, and they work closely with HPD's Neighborhood Enforcement Division.

### **Recommendations:**

District Manager: At the end of the HLU meeting the District Manager suggested that the committee potentially recommend supporting /upholding Council Member Antonio Reynoso's current moratorium on ULURP applications until the Bushwick Community Plan/current rezoning process concludes.

Unless he feels that there is substantial community support from that proposal. For example, 349 Suydam Street. The Councilman felt that this project had a reasonable give back to the community including additional manufacturing development. However, the recommendation from the committee was to wait until the community plan concludes.

Ms. M. Brown: 349 Suydam is a large building with manufacturing and residential, the 93 Starr Street is correctly a homeowner with a residential one family house.

Mr. James Wiseman: This is not a rezoning request; this is only a request to consent to sell to combine the two properties. A ULURP would be to change the zoning, but this is not.

#### Agenda Item #1: (Roll Call Vote)

##### 93 Starr Street

Recommendation is allowed with the restriction on the residential height: 24- Yes, 3-Abstain, 0-Opposed

Motion Passed

#### Agenda Item #2

##### NYC Department of Transportation:

A traffic and pedestrian safety improvement for Myrtle Avenue between Broadway and Irving Avenue

Motion to approve was made by Raul Rubio and second by Robert Camacho. All board Members are in favor. Motion passed.

#### Agenda Item #3

Superfund Enhancement Act of 2018

### **New Business:** N/A

### **Announcements, 8:08PM**

District Attorney Eric Gonzalez, Parents, Teachers and Kids: No BULLY Zone, Stop Bullying Now! [www.Netsmartz.org](http://www.Netsmartz.org); StaySAFEOnline.org; Confidential antibullying hotline for NYC students (212) 709-3222, Monday – Friday from 2:30pm to 9:30pm. [www.brooklynnda.org](http://www.brooklynnda.org), Educational Hotline: 718-250-3395

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- For information on accessing shelter services including directions to family and single adult intake centers or drop-in centers, or

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Brooklyn: 179 N 6<sup>th</sup> Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11211, 718-360-8000

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Assemblywoman Maritza Davila- Save the Date!! In partnership with El Puente Leaders for Peace & Justice

Bushwick & Williamsburg Community Parade/Resource Fair; Saturday, August 18, 2018, from 10:30am to 4:00pm. For more information contact the Assemblywoman's office at 718-443-1205.

Assemblywoman Maritza Davila – Career Job Fair

Saturday, June 2, 2018, from 12:30pm to 3:30pm. RiseBoro's Youth Center, room: Gymnasium, 1474 Gates Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237. Ages 14 and up join us for employment opportunities and work skill development. This event is free and open to the community. Co-sponsors: Congresswoman Nydia Velasquez, Councilman Antonio Reynoso, Senator Martin Dilan and Assemblyman Erik Martin Dilan

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**2nd Roll Call:** Community Board #4 Wednesday, May 16, 2018, Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.  
29 Members Present.