

Brooklyn Community Board #4 Regular Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, December 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 monthly Community Board #4 meeting at 6:24PM.

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

First Roll Call: 6:24PM – 26 members present constituting a quorum.

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

Ms. Dent asked for the acceptance of the previous meeting minutes with any necessary corrections. Mr. Robert Camacho motioned to accept the previous meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Edwin Delgado. Motion Moved.

Chairperson's Report: 6:29PM

Ms. Julie Dent welcomed all to the Community Board #4 Wednesday, December 20, 2017 Monthly Meeting and the Annual Holiday Party. Everyone present was invited to stay for the event that is to be held after the regular meeting portion concludes.

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) Julio Salazar Representing Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez, 266 Broadway, Brooklyn, NY 11211, 718-599-3658
- 3) Jackelynn Reyes Representing Assembly member Erik M. Dilan, Brooklyn, NY 11237, 718-386-4576
- 4) Fredrick Mitchell Representing Senator Martin Malave Dilan, 3215 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11208, 718-573-1726
- 5) Paula Melendez, Representing Assemblywoman Maritza Davila, 249 Wilson Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237, 718-443-1205

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

- The Chairperson attached updates from the MTA regarding the impending L train shutdown and the plans for alternative services. Hurricane Sandy severely damaged the tunnels and the MTA has no alternative other than shutting down the L train tunnel for 15 months. Street work is already on the way on Bedford Avenue and 14th Street lines. Repairs are being broken down into four (4) zones. For example: Bushwick to Canarsie, Williamsburg to Bushwick, East Williamsburg to Manhattan and the Manhattan side itself.

Information provided by the New York City Transit Authority will continue to be shared as soon as they become available.

Ms. Dent personally thanked Community Board #4 staff member Mr. Willie Morales for listening to the MTA conference call and for putting the report together.

- Shape Up NYC is a free citywide fitness program run by NYC Parks, in partnership with NYC Service and Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield, that targets neighborhoods with high rates of obesity and obesity related diseases. Shape Up NYC is looking for new sites to host fitness classes in Brooklyn! Do you know of any community partners that may be willing to host a free weekly fitness class? Please put me in touch with them. The only requirements are: a) Class must be free and open to the public. b) Have a clean room that is ready to hold 20-25 people. c) Willingness to assist with light class promotion. d) A stereo, iPod/iPhone dock, or CD player to be used for 1 hour each week.
- The Department of Sanitation is hiring Emergency Snow Laborers. Register with the DSNY weekdays between 7am and 3pm, at one of their locations. The nearest locations are 525 Johnson Avenue or 1755 Atlantic Avenue. Snow laborers will earn \$15 per hour, and \$22.50 per hour after 40 hours are worked in a week. Snow laborers must be: At least 18 years of age, eligible to work in the U.S., and capable of performing heavy physical labor. You can also visit www.nyc.gov/dsny for more information.
- Have you heard about Neighborhood Rat Reduction in Brooklyn? Neighborhood Rat Reduction program aims to remove rats from Bedford Stuyvesant, Bushwick and other targeted areas in the city by dramatically reducing food sources and places rats can live. Rats only need an ounce of food a day to survive, rarely travel more than a few blocks, and have an average lifespan of a year. This means that if food sources are dramatically reduced in a concentrated area, a burrow's population can decline significantly. The City has seen 90% reductions using methods in the past and the de Blasio administration is seeking to expand this success to large swaths of the city. Since rats thrive in open space and areas with heavy foot traffic, like parks and apartment complexes with lots of open space the City is tapping the Department of Parks, Sanitation and NYCHA to join the Department of Health in its anti-rat work.
- On Monday, December 18, 2017 Ms. Dent attended the Street Co-naming Ceremony to commemorate and honor A. Chineda Carter for all that she accomplished for Bushwick. Her cousin, Jerry Carter along with several other family members were able to attend and take part in the ceremony. Chairperson Julie Dent was joined by board members, Barbara Smith, Elvena Davis, Robert Camacho, Mary McClellan, Virgie Jones, Joshua Brown, as well as the District Manager, Celestina Leon. Ms. Dent thanked all those that attended for coming and paying tribute to a neighborhood hero. A special thanks went to Barbara Smith for her assistance in securing the Muster room at the 83rd Precinct, as

well as, coordinating the light lunch of soup and salad that was provided by Celeste Leon and Julie Dent.

- Attended the Celebration and Farewell of Deputy Borough President Diana Reyna on Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at Brooklyn Borough Hall. It was a well-attended, beautiful event and everyone had a wonderful time. Many community leaders and elected officials were present including Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams. Everyone bid the Deputy Borough President farewell and best wishes on her next endeavor. She is a lovely, caring person and she will make a mark no matter where she goes!!!
- Ms. Dent wished everyone a happy holidays and the very best in the New Year. She ended her report by saying, "See you all in 2018!"

District Manager's Report: 6:40PM

Greetings to all from the District Manager, Ms. Celestina Leon and her staff. She stated that she hope everyone is enjoying the holiday season so far. This is the time of the year that is customary to show appreciation to others and typically reflect on the year that is soon ending.

This month I have heard from current and former board members about someone that I did not personally have the opportunity to know, yet has certainly left a mark on Bushwick, all those she met, and has strengthened my own resolve through hearing about her experiences. She is Ms. A. Chineda Carter.

Chineda, as she preferred to be called, was a pioneer, a trailblazer, and a true community advocate. It was through her determination and ability to work with and within communities that Hope Gardens and the 83rd Precinct exist as we know them today.

Meetings Attended:

Friday, November 17, 2017

Wyckoff Medical Center Positive Health Management Community Advisory Board (CAB)

Meeting: I was invited by Maggie Mangual to speak at the CAB meeting to introduce myself and share more about the Community Board's role in the community. The meeting was well attended. There were also presentations from various medical professional and updates from the Positive Health Management Team.

LIFE Audrey Johnson Learning Center's Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon: I joined our Chairperson, Ms. Julie Dent along with fellow board members, elected official representatives and other community leaders for a timely program and wonderful meal.

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

Attended Council Member Reynoso Thank you Luncheon: Council Member Reynoso invited community leaders and advocates to join him for a lunch to show his appreciation for all their efforts in his district. Chairperson Julie Dent and Willie Morales from the Community Board office also attended.

Wednesday, November 22, 2017: Building Bridges for Small Businesses Event at Wyckoff Medical Center: Invited by the Office of Administrative Trails and Hearings to join our Deputy Borough President Diana Reyna along with other city agency liaisons for a small business panel. Merchants, primarily from Wyckoff Avenue, attended and shared their concerns about the various violations they have encountered. One business owner also shared that they had

been approached by an individual impersonating a FDNY employee, advising them to purchase a fire extinguisher to avoid receiving a violation. The FDNY was clear that they do not send any representatives to sell fire extinguishers and urged business owners to report these types of encounters.

Tuesday, November 28, 2017:

Hosted the Housing and Land Use (HLU) Committee meeting

Wednesday, November 29, 2017:

Call with Kethia (Kat) Joseph from Small Business Services: Spoke with Kat in reference to the next steps for the recent Community District Needs Assessment findings for Knickerbocker Avenue and Myrtle Avenue, as they recently presented to the Economic Development Committee.

Thursday, November 30, 2017:

Bushwick Community Plan Open Space Subcommittee Meeting: Joined Parks and Recreation Chairperson Mr. Robert Camacho along with other open space subcommittee members at the El Puente Bushwick leadership Center to continue discussing the proposed draft open space recommendations.

Monday, December 4, 2017:

Hosted the Health/Hospital/Human Services and Senior Citizens/Veterans Committee (HHHSV) Meeting

Wednesday, December 6, 2017:

Meeting with Council Member Antonio Reynoso at the Community Board 4 office: I was joined by the Chairperson Ms. Julie Dent at a meeting about the concerns regarding the livestreaming service he has funded to cover Community Board 4 regular monthly meetings, which primarily consist of equipment breakdown times. The Council Member was glad that we made him aware of our concerns and he let us know that we have his support in working to improve the service.

Hosted Executive Committee (EXE) Meeting

Thursday, December 7, 2017:

Hosted the EPTS Committee Meeting

Friday, December 8, 2017:

Brighten Broadway Meeting: Was invited to attend a meeting to listen in and provide feedback on updates for the Brighten Broadway project. The project began in 2015 with Ms. Garcia's government class at EBC High School.

Saturday, December 9, 2017:

Bushwick Food Coop Winter Bash

Monday, December 11, 2017:

Mayor de Blasio's Holiday Reception for Community Boards at Gracie Mansion

Tuesday, December 12, 2017:

Borough Service Cabinet Meeting at Borough Hall: Joined fellow District Manager at the monthly Borough Service cabinet Meeting. We heard a report back from the USPS in reference to postal concerns across the borough. National Grid also provided information on their new Leave on for Landlord program. There was also a presentation on Y-Plan, a classroom approach to resolving neighborhood issues.

Hosted the YEC Meeting

Bushwick Community Plan Joint Subcommittee meeting at the Gates Garden Senior Residence (1349 Gates Avenue): Joined various subcommittee members, agency liaisons, elected official representatives along with technical assistance providers from Hester Street Collaborative to begin the conversation on the culminating Bushwick Community Plan.

Wednesday, December 13, 2017:

District Service Cabinet Meeting: Hosted the bi-monthly meeting. I listened to updates from the Office of Emergency Management, Con Edison, FDNY, Dept. of Transportation, Congresswoman Velazquez's office and the Department of Buildings. The next meeting is February 14, 2017 at 10:30AM.

Thursday, December 11, 2017:

Hosted the CRC Meeting

Hosted the PRC Meeting

Saturday, December 16, 2017:

Irving Square Park Winter Celebration: Another successful event for the Friends of Irving Square Park with the help of the Office of Council Member Espinal. Joined by the Chairperson, Ms. Julie Dent, Parks and Recreation Co-Chairperson, Mr. Robert Camacho and Environmental Protection/Transportation/Sanitation Co-Chair Mr. Eliseo Ruiz. Those in attendance enjoyed seasonal refreshments, performances and taking photos with Santa.

Monday, December 18, 2017:

Street Co-naming Ceremony for A. Chineda Carter

Tuesday, December 19, 2017:

Brooklyn's Farewell Celebration for Deputy Borough President Diana Reyna

Additional Information:

St. Nicks Alliance Workforce Development is looking for participants that are interested in free training with assistance in employment. They have an array of programs for ages 18 to 24 and 25 and up. For those who interested please call 718-302-2057 ext. 435. The program starts in January and you have until the end of December to sign up.

The Brooklyn Transition & College Access Center (TCAC) is hosting a workshop on Summer Fun by Gary Shulman on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 from 9:30AM to 12:30PM. The workshop is intended for parents, guardians and professionals. The workshop is taking place at 1700 Fulton Street, room G170, Brooklyn, NY 11213. Bklyncac@Schools.nyc.gov

New Masonry Restoration Technician Training Program: Through a 10 – week paid training program, selected interns will learn how to care for historic stone monuments and buildings and are prepared with certification for entry-level construction positions in stone restoration and associated trades. Applicants must have a High School Diploma or equivalent, be 18-27 years of age and be eligible to work in the U.S. Call 718-369-0303 for more information.

Citizens Committee for New York City is a nonprofit organization that supports grassroots, volunteered neighborhood groups who are implementing community improvement projects in their neighborhood. Grassroots groups mean block and tenant associations, community gardens, PTA's, art collectives, or any other configuration of people coming together to improve the quality of life in their neighborhood. Projects range from converting an empty lot into a community garden, bringing the community together to learn about nutrition and health or supporting new after school initiatives such as art programs. One of the grants is The Neighborhood Grant, which awards up to \$3,000 for community and school improvement projects. The deadline for the grant application is January 22nd, 2018. The grants are not for individuals, for-profit businesses, religious, fraternal. Or partisan organizations, or groups with an annual budget of greater than \$40,000. For more information about the grants and other services that are provided please call Shawn Whitehorn at 212-822-9563 or visit the website at www.citizensnyc.org

Committee Reports, 6:52PM

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

Meeting Held: Thursday, December 14, 2017, 3:00PM, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207

Members Present: Committee Chairperson Elvena Davis and Ernest Estimate, Co-chair (called in)

Others Present: District Manager, Celeste Leon, Captain Dwayne Barnes and Lieutenant Kendacy Barnes, the Salvation Army Bushwick Community Center

Items Discussed:

Captain Dwayne Barnes and Lt. Kendacy Barnes, The Salvation Army Corp Community Center, 1151 Bushwick Avenue – General Introduction/Meet and Greet. The Salvation Army is an integral part of the Christian Church, although distinctive in government and practice. The Army's doctrine follows the mainstream of Christian belief and its articles of faith emphasizes God's saving purposes. Its objects are 'the advancement of the Christian religion... of education, the relief of poverty, and other charitable objects beneficial to society or the community of mankind as a whole.'

Captain Barnes has worked with the Salvation Army Corp for the last nine to ten years. He has been in Bushwick for a little over a year.

Currently, they are focused on ringing the bells to raise funds for food baskets for families in need. They have also organized toy distributions with their supplies coming from outside of the borough. This year they gave away over 100 turkeys for Thanksgiving and provided over 300 families with food hampers.

The Salvation Army is also a Christian church with regular Sunday services and bible meetings during the week.

They also have creative programs for elementary and middle school students and a daycare program. They offer brass instrument theory and practicum and also have a steel band, dance, and piano program. This has all been led by a Creative Director, who also incorporates a STEM curriculum into the after-school programs. Their aim is to continue to enhance the programs, which are funded by the government and Salvation Army. All programs are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. There is open enrollment for the daycare. Four times a week they host a food pantry and want the community to know what programs/services are there for them.

Ms. Davis said that she was happy to hear that they have a steel band and she is encouraging them to participate in the upcoming Community Board 4 “Shape up Bushwick” parade in June 2018.

Questions were entertained:

Ernest asked if there is a digital strategy for this location. Captain Barnes answered that they have a Facebook page and ads online to volunteer.

The District Manager asked if there is space for community meetings. Captain Barnes responded that they recently attended the 83rd Precinct Council meeting and are working with the NCO program to coordinate future meetings at the center. They are available to host after the after-school programs end. Captain Barnes also offered to host the Civic and Religious Committee meeting.

Ernest commented that their moving, digital sign is beautiful. He added that they should ask themselves: what can we do outside of the four walls (the building)? He also offered to help create ideas and solutions, as he is allied to other community partners, especially as it relates to Elvena’s suggestion of a pipeline for young adults to volunteer.

The District Manager, Ms. Celestina Leon mentioned the NYC Service presentation during November’s meeting. They are looking for community groups interested in hosting volunteer workshops.

Captain Barnes shared that several months ago they lost their caseworker, who resigned. They are looking individuals with a teaching degree from CUNY/colleges in general.

Elvena added that they should let the community know what is going on and take advantage of the posting in regular newsletters from the Community Board and 83rd Precinct.

Captain Barnes mentioned that in his previous appointment in Poughkeepsie they had an Advisory Council. He would like to reestablish the council in the Bushwick center. They are looking for guidance, to implement new programs, and need suggestions for individuals to serve on the council.

Elvena suggested setting up a meeting that the community can attend. Tell them what they want/need, a synopsis of the vision, and make sure there are refreshments. She also added that she is very interested in their music, steel band, as every year the Civic and Religious Committee works to organize a parade, which is also known as Shape Up Bushwick. It is usually held the

first Thursday in June and is in part a continuation of the Old Bushwick Sunday School Day celebrations (later known as Brooklyn Queens Day).

The parade is now geared towards health. Community groups, including, but not limited to daycares and schools, as well as, agencies have a banner and a table. There is potential for the brass quarter to perform. The event begins at 10am and ends at 3pm with setup at 9am in Irving Square Park. There is also a raffle with prizes for kids and activities, such as the NYPD rock climbing wall and the FDNY Safe House.

Captain Dwayne also shared that they utilize the radio station in his former position to help gather toy donations. They would like to work with and support more local business to collect toys for the toy drive.

Ms. Davis asked if anyone knows of businesses in the community that would like to help them with their toy drive to contact the Salvation Army through the District Manager.

Announcements

Monday, December 18th at 1pm at the corner of Knickerbocker Avenue and Bleecker Street is the Street Co-naming Ceremony for A. Chineda Carter, former Community Board 4 Chairperson. Elvena described Ms. Carter as a powerhouse, who worked with the Mayor's office and was instrumental in getting things done.

Her family did not know what Ms. Carter did for the community. We wanted to let them know that we loved her dearly.

The District Manager also shared that Ms. Avellar Hansley's Street Co-naming request is moving forward steadily and the family should be able to speak during the January public hearing portion of the regular board meeting.

District Manager called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ernest Estimé made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Elvena Davis. All board members were in favor. Meeting Adjourned: 3:49pm

Environmental Protection/Transportation/Sanitation Committee (EPTS), Committee Co-

Chairpersons Mr. Eliseo Ruiz Raul Rubio & Nancy Liao

Meeting Held: Thursday, December 7, 2017, 10:00AM, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207

Member Present: Eliseo Ruiz

Others Present: District Manager, Celestina Leon; Amy Pivak, Department of City Planning; Derek Jasmin, Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee; Boris Santos, Councilmember Reynoso's Office; Rachel Albetski, Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee and Abigail Ikner, NYC Department of Transportation.

Items Discussed:

Derek Jasmin and Rachel Albetski, Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee Members, Bushwick Community Plan and Amy Pivak, City Planner, Brooklyn Office, Department of City Planning – presented the recommendations from the Bushwick Community Plan Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee.

What is Transportation and Infrastructure?

Transportation: Metro Card, Pedestrians, Cars, Trucks & Freight, Mass Transit and Cyclists

Infrastructure: Plazas, Green Infrastructure, Energy, Sidewalk & Public Spaces and Access to Open Space & Wayfinding

Major issues identified include:

- Crowded trains
- Dark public spaces
- Locked Subway Entrances
- Dangerous Corridors
- Speeding
- Poor sidewalk conditions
- Gaps in bike lane network
- Dangerous Intersections
- Gaps in transit network
- Maintenance Needs

Key Items Emphasized:

- Objective 1: Create a Safer Environment for Cyclists, Pedestrians, and Drivers in Bushwick
- Objective 2: Enhance Traffic Circulation and Mobility for Drivers and Cyclists
- Objective 3: Make Public Space in Bushwick More Welcoming to Pedestrians, Cyclists, and Transit Users
- Objective 4: Improve Connections, Access, and Wayfinding, Especially for Pedestrians and Cyclists, to Open Space in and Around Bushwick, and Highland Park
- Objective 5: Enhance Local Transit Access, Connections, and Service
- Objective 6: Increase Opportunities for Sustainable Energy and Green Infrastructure
- Objective 7: Increase Equity for Transportation and Infrastructure Improvements

Question were entertained:

Mr. Eliseo Ruiz: How many voted on the recommendations.

Amy Pivak: A 2/3 vote or 67% was needed to pass. Community-based organizations have a weighted vote of 1.5. Residents have a regular vote of 1.

The DOT EI Space program pilot was referenced. They are currently exploring opportunities in Gowanus and potentially Jerome Avenue in the Bronx.

The District Manager mentioned the follow up letter that was sent in response to the recent DOT Bike Lanes Phase II presentation at the full board meeting.

The second phase of bike lanes were not supported by the board, as a result of the need for additional education, accountability, and enforcement.

Eliseo Ruiz added that the tickets being issued are proof of issues with cyclists breaking the law.

Boris Santos commented on the repaving of NYCHA sidewalks. He asked if RAD applicants are planning to fix the sidewalks as part of their proposed renovation plans. (This needs to be confirmed through follow up) Boris also mentioned the Broadway Junction Improvement project. The recent Request for Proposals (RFP) released for Valet Bicycle Parking was also mentioned. Abby elaborated that the DOT is specifically looking for an operator. The Myrtle-Wyckoff Plaza was one of several areas in the city that was selected for this pilot program.

The District Manager let the presenters know that she will contact them earlier next year in reference to presenting to the full board. Additional materials, including all of the Transportation + Infrastructure Subcommittee recommendations, an info sheet, and a summary of the Bushwick Community Plan Steering Committee voting results are attached to this report.

DM called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Eliseo made a motion to adjourn. No other board members were in attendance to second the motion. Meeting Adjourned: 10:54am

Health/Hospital/Human Service/Senior Citizen/Veterans Committee (HHHSV), Committee

Co-Chairperson, Mary McClellan

Meeting Held: Monday, December 4, 2017, 3:00PM, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207

Members Present: Mary McClellan, Barbara Jackson, and Barbara Smith

Others Present: District Manager, Celeste Leon; Camryn Hellwarth, Sprouts Cooking Club; Jenise English and Ramon Brown, Volunteers for America Bushwick Family Residence; Police Officer Lisa Prezzano, 83rd Precinct Crime Prevention; Police Officer Ezequias Gomez, 83rd Precinct Community Affairs

Items Discussed:

- 1) Camryn Hellwarth, NYC Director of Sprouts Cooking Club: Presented on Healthy Cooking Classes for Kids. Sprouts Cooking Club is a 501c (3) nonprofit organization that partners with local restaurants to host cooking class for kids. Classes are taught in restaurants right alongside chefs. These classes are for kids' ages 7-13, as well as After School Cooking Classes for Kindergarten through middle school students. Full and partial scholarships are available for any kid who want to join in them the kitchen.

Their winter schedule is starting this month, December 2017. They also have an after-school program. They partner with an interested school and subsidize the price through the school's funding. General enrollment is open within the next few weeks.

Ms. Barbara Jackson asked if they have cooking classes for seniors. Camryn responded that they do not, but they are open to talk about that and look into it for the future.

Mary McClellan asked which restaurants participate.

Camryn Hellwarth responded Cooks and Captain located in Park Slope, as well as another location in South Brooklyn.

Ms. Celestina Leon, the District Manager asked about parental oversight.

Camryn responded that parents drop off children and pick them up.

Mary McClellan asked do they know of any restaurants in Bushwick.

Camryn responded that they are not as familiar with the neighborhood.

Jenise English asked does the program operate in other boroughs.

Camryn responded they are currently rolling out the program throughout the city and also have established a network in Manhattan.

Mary McClellan asked are they taking cooks.

Camryn responded that they bring on chef instructors for the after-school classes and are conscious of cultural cooking.

Know an aspiring young chef who is ready to jump in the kitchen? Join Sprouts Cooking Club for chef-led cooking classes this December! Use code SproutsNYC to get \$25 off your first class. www.sproutscookingclub.org, camryn@sproutscookingclub.org, 814-853-2804

2) Police Officer Lisa Prezzano, Crime Prevention, 83rd Precinct: General Safety and Crime Prevention Tips

- Safety starts at home. Use your deadbolt. The FDNY ferry gate is recommended on fire escapes.
- Scam alert: On the border of Queens, individuals are posing as utility company employees. They are asking to check pipes in order to burglarize the premises. Always ask for ID. If they do not seem legit call 911 right away.
- Tip: Encouraging direct deposit for checks. Thieves know the 1st is when seniors get their checks in the mail.
- Tip: When shopping bring minimal cash only and the credit/debit card that you're going to use. Keep your Social Security card and birth certificate at home.
- Scams over the phone: If someone call you do not give away any information. The Fraternal Order of Police scam, they don't ask for money over the phone. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) or any government agency will always mail you if they need information. They do not resolve matters over the phone.

- Be aware of mailbox fishing. Mailbox fishing is the process in which thieves gain entry into the interior of mailboxes and steal mail containing checks. They do this by using shoe laces, glue traps, and juice bottles. About \$25,000 has been stolen from the blue postal box on Knickerbocker and Myrtle Avenue.
- Use specific pens to prevent washing. Check washing is a process in which thieves use common household products to alter checks they recently stole out of mailboxes. They then make the checks payable to themselves or other parties. Use a pen with pigmented (Permanent) ink to write checks. The ink is not easy to alter.
- Make sure your check is going to the right place. Drop mail containing checks directly at the Post Office or hand it directly to your mail carrier.
- Crime Prevention offers crime surveys. They check locks, doors, lighting, keys, etc.
- Shred any voided or incorrectly written checks.
- Check your account balances frequently to ensure checks were cleared by the establishment that you wrote the check out to. Note that thieves usually re-write the check for the original amount you wrote, but simply change the payee's name.

Mary McClellan mentioned the VIN etching on cars and asked do they also do motorcycles. They use stickers to combat auto theft.

3) Jenise English and Ramon Brown, Volunteers of America - Bushwick Family Residence: The CCC program is a new injustice brought on by the major's office under Thrive NYC to have social workers in the family shelters. There is a prevailing rate and need for mental health services which are not being provided. The CCC department works with the families by partnering with the community, providers, and the staff within the shelter to provide them with resources, connect them with the community, provide the family with services, and preservation of the family unit.

There are more social workers in the shelters addressing mental health needs. They work with families to create a plan to address barriers and find resources to help them eventually move out of the shelter.

They join with other providers to find additional resources in the community. Some are chronically homeless. There are barriers to /for what they can do with idle time.

The program is fairly new. It will be one year this February in Bushwick.

The District Manager shared that sometime early next year the committee plans to host all shelter service providers during a meeting to help strengthen their connection to the community at large and hear more about their services/needs.

Announcements:

Barbara Smith shared that she is also the President of the 83rd Precinct Council, which usually meets the third Tuesday of the month. They are hosting a toy giveaway at the precinct located at 484 Knickerbocker Avenue on December 9, 2017 from 10am to 12pm.

Mary McClellan warned everyone about the flu and the importance of washing your hands. The flu shot is readily available in pharmacies and doctor's offices.

District Manager called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Barbara Jackson made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Barbara Smith. All board members were in favor. Meeting Adjourned: 3:51pm

Housing and Land Use Committee, (HLU): Committee Chairperson Ms. Martha Brown
Meeting Held: Tuesday, November 28, 2017, 6:00PM, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207

Members Present: Martha Brown (HLU Co-Chairperson), Robert Camacho, Desmonde Monroe, Jamie Wiseman, Anne Guiney and Jo-Ena Bennet

Others Attended: Celestina Leon, CB4 District Manager, Alex Fennell, Churches United for Fair Housing; Michael Sandler, NYC Housing Preservation & Development; Lacey Tauber, Council Member Reynoso's Office; Boris Santos, Council Member Reynoso's office and Florent Morellet, Resident

Item Discussed:

- 1) Presentation conducted by Alex Fennell, Housing Subcommittee Member & Network Organizer, Bushwick Community Plan & Churches United for Fair Housing (CUFFH) with support from Lacey Tauber, Legislative Director, Office of Council Member Antonio Reynoso, and Michael Sandler, Senior Neighborhood Planner, NYC Housing Preservation and Development.

Lacey provided an overview of the Bushwick Community Plan (BCP), including the Steering Committee, Subcommittees, and the draft plan which should come together in 2018. She added that the zoning recommendations are not finalized and that a benefit of the process is that folks (Community Based Organizations and advocates) that are really active and deal with these issues on a regular basis have been assisting with the housing and land use subcommittees of the Bushwick Community Plan. Lacey deferred to Alex for the rest of the presentation.

Alex Fennell introduced herself and shared the principles and objectives of the Housing Subcommittee, which has already presented to the full Steering Committee.

Key Items Emphasized:

- Objective 1: Create New Affordable Housing
- Objective 2: Create Deeply Affordable Housing
- Objective 3: Prevent Displacement
- Objective 4: Protect Tenants
- Objective 5: Improve Housing Quality
- Objective 6: Increase Access to Affordable Housing for Bushwick Residents
- Objective 7: Plan for an Equitable Neighborhood

Co-Chairperson Martha Brown asked that board members read her report.
(Overview of her report)

(Obj. 1) Lacey Tauber shared that there is a lack of city-owned land in Bushwick. However, a feasibility study of the PSA3 parking lot has been approved by Deputy Mayor Alicia Glen. Michael commented that the parking lot of 1420 Bushwick Avenue is quite large.

(Obj. 2) Michael Sanders also shared that the ELLA and Mix and Match programs have changed to include 30, 40, and 50 AMI. They also require 10% formerly homeless households.

(Obj. 3) Assembly Member Erik Dilan's Flip Flee legislation was mentioned. BCP Housing subcommittee members also added that Intro 1530 has since passed in the City Council.

Michael responded that there is an income maximum for homeowners for repair loans, as they are intended for low-income homeowners. There is a narrow band, which has been acknowledged as a problem. He added that the Mayor has released an update to the housing plan entitled Housing New York 2.0 (16 pages), which includes programs for homeowners.

Jo-Ena Bennet asked how do we learn from history and how not repeat it in regards to tenant harassment, including fire prevention and setting fire to buildings for insurance money. Martha responded that it is a good question to ask at the 83rd Precinct Council meeting.

(Obj. 4) Michael commented that the Certificate of No Harassment will likely apply to Bushwick via the Bushwick Community Plan. The owner has to prove that harassment has not taken place.

(Obj. 5) Michael shared that the city is working on an implementation response to Intro 385-A, which calls for an increase in housing code enforcement with a focus on indoor air quality.

Alex Fennell commented that there has been a lot of back and forth in the subcommittee about SROs (single room occupancy). They are not encouraging more SROs; only focusing on the preexisting units and protecting the tenants living in them. The goal of the recommended strategies is to acknowledge the condition and help with safety. Anne commented about the precedent with the Loft Law in regards to making illegal conversions safe.

(Obj. 6) Alex stated that we can always improve accessibility.

Desmonde Monroe asked how and who is reviewing prospective tenants and their rental history in the HPD lottery process. He added that people in the middle are left out. Alex commented

that a lot of work is needed to improve current policies. Michael clarified that single individuals are not disfavored in the lottery process, as there are usually studio and 1 bedroom options however, 1 person household waiting lists are much longer, as there are more applicants than other apartment sizes. Michael added that income gaps came from the Bloomberg/Giuliani admin, as they created primarily 60% AMI units based on the Federal Income Guidelines. This is the first time various income bands are being implemented. There is still work to be done.

Desmonde asked about the appalling NYCHA conditions. Anne Guiney responded that the NYCHA (New York City Housing Authority) conversation/engagement has not happened fully through the BCP process.

Michael commented that part of Housing New York 2.0 is senior housing at NYCHA and the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD), which entails a different process for resident engagement. He added that the recommendations don't currently speak to NYCHA quality of life and repairs.

It was shared that there is a pending lawsuit in regards to community preference in reference to the affordable housing lotteries.

Desmonde asked does it help with the ENY accessory dwelling. Michael responded that it's related to funding for the ADU program. Jo-Ena commented that there are basements that could be apartments with assistance for basement apartments. Martha responded there are building and zoning codes that complicate basement dwellings. Michael shared that State laws would have to be changed.

Jo-Ena asked is the city considering eminent domain. Michael responded no. Anne commented that eminent domain was talked about in reference to the OEM site, the Mademoiselle building.

Boris shared that when HPD issues violations owners are asked to respond depending on the class. If they don't respond a fine is issued via a lien. There is not an immediate impact.

Odolph shared that he attended a kickoff meeting, as well, for Council Member Reynoso's Participatory Budget process.

Jamie Wiseman asked for an outline. Lacey commented that there are four parts of their proposed ULURP Process Reform, including, but not limited to Strengthening Community Planning Efforts, Community Board Reform, Establishing an Office of Community Planning, Pre-ULURP process, Transparency data access, Environmental Review, Improving CEQR to better reflect conditions (secondary displacement, public health assessment).

The District Manager thanked the presenters for attending and sharing their recommendations. She added that she will follow up early next year in reference to presenting to the full board.

The District Manager shared an update regarding Rheingold, noting that Council Member Reynoso's office (Boris) and Bruno from the Rheingold Coalition are in contact with Johnathan Greenspun from Mercury, the liaison to the current developers, in reference to setting up a meeting with community representatives and stakeholders to provide updates on their project.

The District Manager also informed the committee members that Austen Martinez wasn't able to make it to the meeting however, he asked for the DM to share a recommendation on his behalf. He would like for the Committee to consider recommending the full board support writing a letter to Governor Andrew Cuomo and Attorney General Eric Schneiderman. The intent of the letter would be to open a formal investigation on the ongoing development and plans for the Rheingold Brewery site.

Recommendations

A presentation to the full board was recommended, as the Housing subcommittee is seeking support from the Board for the recommendations. Lacey will send the DM the presentation. Martha Brown, 1st Vice Chairperson, commented that the Executive Committee must hear the recommendations before approving a presentation during the full board meeting.

The Committee continues to address concerns about the Rheingold development via following up with local elected officials, as well as, Borough President Eric L. Adams and Deputy Borough President Diana Reyna. This includes, but it not limited to, updates on the current construction, local hiring, and the housing designated for seniors. The Committee will continue the conversation next month during the HLU Committee meeting.

The District Manager asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Robert Camacho made a motion and it was seconded by Desmonde Monroe. All were in favor. Meeting Adjourned: 7:45PM

Parks and Recreation Committee (PRC), Committee Chairperson Mr. Robert Camacho
Meeting Held: Thursday, December 14, 2017, 6:00PM, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207-1422

Members Present: Robert Camacho and Annette Spellen

Others Present: Celestina Leon, CB 4 District Manager; Willie Morales, CB 4 Community Associate; Julia Wagner-NYC parks, Kofi Thomas, Greene Avenue Block Association; Ingrid Ramos, Bushwick Parents/padres de Bushwick; and Asenhat Gomez, El Puente

Item Discussed:

Presentation conducted by **Asenhat Gomez**, Open Space Subcommittee Member and Director, Bushwick Community Plan and El Puente Bushwick Leadership Center and Ingrid Ramos, Bushwick Parents –Padres de Bushwick.

Key Items Emphasized:

**** PRESERVATION ****

- Objective 1: Preserve and Protect Existing Open Space

**** CAPITAL PROJECTS AND RENOVATIONS ****

- Objective 2: Improve Existing Open Space
- Objective 3: Create and Expand Open Space

**** PROGRAMING AND EVENTS ****

- Objective 4: Expand Educational, Cultural and Recreational Programming in Public Open Spaces
- Objective 5: Better Promote Open Space Programming

- Objective 6: Build Capacity of Park Stewardship & Community Garden Groups

** MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS **

- Objective 7: Improve Public Safety in Parks and Public Open Spaces
- Objective 8: Improve Sanitation in Parks and Public Open Spaces
- Objective 9: Improve Overall maintenance of Parks and Playgrounds

Please see the attached forms to this report to get a more detailed description of OPEN SPACE RECOMMENDATIONS and the support they are seeking from the Community Board in order to bring their plans to fruition.

The District Manager asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, Robert Camacho made a motion and it was seconded by Annette Spellin. Meeting Adjourned: 7:25 PM

Wherever there is space they would like to build. Open space is good and it is important to us. It is good for the children because it allows them to have space to exercise and open their minds. There is an open space across the street from 55 Goodwin Place and the space has not been taken care of. We need to take care of it now, stated the PRC Chairperson, Mr. Robert Camacho.

Youth and Education Committee (YEC), Committee Chairperson Ms. Virgie Jones

Meeting Held: Tuesday, December 12, 2017, 3:00PM, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207

Members Present: Virgie Jones and Sharline Moore

Others Present: District Manager, Celestina Leon, Sharon Fludd, CB 4 Community Associate; Fromit Birnbaum, LIFE; Becky Simkhai and Tasha Mackcraig, Bushwick Montessori School; Ramon Pebenito, Democratic Socialists of America; Stacie Johnson, Marisa Browne and Gloria Teller-Tovar, CEC D32.

Items Discussed:

- 1) Michele Martinez Gugerli, Community Affairs Program Associate, NYC Department of Education: Presentation on Community Affairs and its relationship to Community Boards.

Michele Martinez is part of the External Affairs Division of the Department of Education. Her department deals with PA, PTA and CEC (Community Education Council). They are not FACE but work closely with FACE. Family and Community Engagement (FACE) deals with parent leadership. Together with a couple of other teams they make up external engagement.

-Her team is small and she sees her team fulfilling public policy without the public.

A part of what her team does is work with community groups that care about the schools and the kids that go to the schools. They reach out to advocacy groups such as AQE (Alliance for Quality Education) who they work with on a regular basis.

-The goal is to have an avenue for community members and experts in the community to reach them at the Department of Education and give them feedback, ask questions, provide accountability, and in return they want to have a relationship where if they have a problem in the community they can reach out and ask the Community Board to help them spread the word. The Community Board can also help them find out what people think about certain issues.

-DOE's goal is to provide a feedback of info to build a relationship with the community board knowing that they are the expert within the community.

Community boards sometimes do not line up with school districts. This at times has made it difficult to know what community board can reach out to the school's superintendent's office.

Question: Sharline Moore: You mentioned AQE?

Answer: The Alliance for Quality Education is a coalition mobilizing communities across the state to keep New York true to its promise of ensuring a high quality public education to all students regardless of zip code. Combining its legislative and policy expertise with grassroots organizing, AQE advances proven-to-work strategies that lead to student success and ultimately create a powerful public demand for a high quality education. They are one of the city's top ten educational advocates.

The District Manager asked for an example of a project that Michele recently worked on?

Answer: Recently the Senior Advisor for Commutations and External Affairs, Ms. Maite Junco visited Chancellor Farina with a bunch of advocates. We sat them in a room with parents and we had the parents give her feedback on translation interpretation services because we recently expanded those resources. The parents that were in the room did not speak English. They were in the room with 6 different organizations in 5 different languages.

The Department of Education is taking steps to further increase awareness of services and piloting new strategies to reach more families, including text messaging and robocall service applications. In November, a multilingual "NYC Public Schools Speak Your Language" campaign was launched and it appears in the subway to raise awareness of services available and encourage families to share feedback.

Last school year, the DOE also hosted Family Engagement Conferences for families in Spanish, Mandarin, Arabic, and Bengali to provide parents with information about programs and resources in their native language.

With families in New York City schools speaking over 180 languages, this administration has made significant investments in the expansion of written and over-the-phone interpretation services and on-site interpreters at events to ensure families with limited English proficiency have access to critical information about school programs.

Ms. Michele Martinez Gugerli's team also partially responsible for preparing the DOE side of information request from the Mayor's team for his town hall meetings with each councilmember.

District Manager: School Funding?

Answer: Funding is brought in to address whatever concerns there may be.

For example, if the student is an English language learner then additional funding is brought into the school. If the student is in special education then that can bring additional funding into the school.

The philosophy behind fair student funding is that every school has the funding that fit with their student body. There is also federal funding and school allocation funding, etc. There is funding for art programs and music programs, etc.

Ms. Martinez Gugerli mentioned that if there are programs that the community board would like to see, they should let them know. Lower funded schools take priority.

The reality is that they are still waiting for money from the state. They do not know what is going to happen with their federal monies, that is still a huge question mark. It has not been

touched as of now, but they do not know what the future look like. They are concentrating on schools that need it the most.

Principles of schools are equipped to use their budget, it is at their own discretion.

Question: Gloria Teller-Tovar – How do you check how much funding schools are using?

Answer: Funding is available online. If you see that the school's funding is not being used you can contact Michele Martinez and she will find out for you. The superintendent is also a person to address questions to about the school that you have questions about.

2) Becky Simkhai, Head of "School at Bushwick Montessori", The Julie Dent Learning Center:

- Bushwick Montessori School is a new, located at 803 Knickerbocker Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207
- The school serves families with children ages 2-5 years.
- They have 4 classes, with the primary classes covering ages 3, 4 and 5 years of age.
- Full day care runs from 8am to 6pm.
- Children enjoy organic, vegetarian lunches.
- Program utilizes the traditional Montessori curriculum, a scientifically based method that has been practiced all across the world for more than 100 years.
- Program is dual language (English and Spanish)
- Specials include Yoga and Mindfulness, Music and Mandarin

The Montessori Method of Education, developed by Dr. Maria Montessori, is a child-centered educational approach based on scientific observations of children for birth to adulthood. Dr. Montessori's Method has been time tested, with over 100 years of success in diverse cultures throughout the world. It is a view of the child as one who is naturally eager for knowledge and capable of initiating learning in a supportive, thoughtfully prepared learning environment. It is an approach that values the human spirit and the development of the whole child, physical, social, emotional, cognitive.

The teacher, child and environment create a learning triangle. The classroom is prepared by the teacher to encourage independence, freedom within limits and a sense of order. Children are taught to learn how to wash their hands and to put on their clothing.

The child, through individual choice, make use of what the environment offers to develop himself, interacting with the teacher when support and or guidance is needed.

Younger children learn from older children and older children learn from younger children teaching them to have compassion for others. This arrangement also mirrors the real world, where individuals work and socialize with people of all ages and dispositions.

Children experience sensitive periods, or windows of opportunity, as they grow. Montessori teachers match appropriate lesson and material to these sensitive periods when learning is most naturally absorbed and internalized.

In early childhood, Montessori students learn through sensory-motor activities, working with materials that develop their cognitive powers through direct experiences: seeing, hearing, tasting, smelling, touching and movement.

This prepares the child for the world of adolescence, when thought and emotion evolve into understanding more abstract, universal concepts such as equity, freedom and justice.

Montessori students learn to think critically, work collaboratively and act boldly, a skill set for the 21st century. Montessori students work with specially designed learning materials, manipulating

and investigating until they master the lesson inside. A Montessori teacher can often be hard to spot in the classroom. She may be sitting with a preschooler next to her on a floor mat, arranging colored rectangles from darkest to lightest, or intently observing as a handful of elementary students dissect a leaf.

Question: Gloria Teller-Tovar – how much is tuition?

Answer: It depends on whether it is a half-day or a full day. They did not bring the tuition schedule breakdown.

LIFE (Fromit) added that there is a sliding scale and no one is paying full tuition at this point; scholarships are considered. CB4 Chairperson, Julie Dent, elaborated that full tuition is \$21,000 per year however no one is paying full tuition. The family has to show proof of income for them to determine eligibility for financial assistance. Bushwick Montessori is the only Montessori school that accepts vouchers.

Question: Who determines eligibility?

Answer: LIFE, they use a third party to determine eligibility for financial aid.

Questions:

Can children with disabilities attend the school?

Answer: Yes, it depends on the circumstances of each child after they are evaluated.

Question: Stacie Johnson – Where do they see the students going afterwards? It ends at age 5. Are they considering expansion?

Answer: Becky Simkhai – They are hoping to keep more 5 year olds and would want to grow to elementary. 5 year olds currently attend “Pre-K for All” programs.

Question: Gloria Teller-Tovar – Some parents receive public assistance. Do they accept vouchers?

Answer: LIFE (Fromit) – Yes, they want to help families. The goal is to include everyone and offer this opportunity.

Stacie Johnson asked a follow up question, do those include ACS vouchers? Chairperson Julie Dent responded ACS and HRA. Stacie Johnson commented that some vouchers cap out. Do they pay the rest?

Gloria Teller-Tovar responded that ACS will cover the cost, if the parent is working. They have eligibility criteria.

Question: Sharline Moore – How many students?

Answer: LIFE – 65 Students

Sharline asked a follow up question. Has the DOE improved since it changed from the BOE?

Answer: Virgie Jones, YEC Chairperson – Yes, there are more resources. They are trying to connect families to more resources. SLT teams, different schools performance, some funds. Parents have a lot to do with it. The main thing is to get the parents involved in PTA meetings. Some schools have both AM/PM meetings. Overall it is headed in a better direction.

Michele from the DOE added that they have a more traditional structure and accountability. The Chancellor is over Deputy Chancellors, who are over the Superintendents.

The school is located a 803 Knickerbocker Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207

www.bushwickmontessori.org

Committee Recommendations

It was recommended that the Bushwick Montessori at the Julie Dent Learning Center come before the full board meeting in January 2018.

The YEC Committee usually meets on the second Tuesday of the month and Ms. Jones asked if members would be interested in joining her committee. They are trying to have a closer relationship with the CEC. The CEC meetings are held the third Thursday of the month at 6PM.

The Association of Black Educators of New York: Topic: African American Mathematicians, Scientists and Inventors

Students in Grades 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 should write 500 words or more.

Students in Grades 4 and 5 should write 400 words or more.

Students in Grade 2 and 3 should write 300 words or more.

Essays will be judge based in the following criteria: Accuracy of content, presentation, originality, neatness, quality of research, adherence to topic, proper use of language conventions, proper use of punctuation and grammar.

Deadline: All entries must be postmarked by Friday, January 5, 2018

The event and winners will be announced on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at the Brooklyn Historical Society, 128 Pierrepont Street, Brooklyn NY 11201

If there are questions, contact Dr. Sheilah Bobo at sheilahbobo@gmail.com, sbobo@schools.nyc.gov or call her at 917-412-9099

Please mail essay entries to:

Dr. Sheilah Bobo

ABENY Education Chair

306 Gold Street, #3H, Brooklyn, NY 11201

The District Manager asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Virgie Jones and second by Ms. Sharline Moore. Meeting adjourned at 4:03PM

Announcements, 7:22PM

Ms. Barbara Smith, President of the 83rd Pct. Council thanked everyone for their donations for the fund raiser. They were able to collect \$3,740 for her fund. She was able to go shopping and she was able to buy 2,400 toys from one place and 300 toys from another place. They gave out 450 toys and with the cash that was left over the 83rd Pct. has adopted a family. For the holidays they will give the family toys, a tree and groceries. They also gave out 101 turkeys during the Thanksgiving Holiday season.

Boris Santos, Representing Council Member Antonio Reynoso: Yesterday something historical happened, the "Right to Know Act" was passed. Two bills was passed. 1) Requires officers to get consent from the person that they want to stop and search. The Councilmember worked on this bill for 4 years and he believes that the passing of this bill will lead to better relationship with the police. Men and women of color or anyone who is being searched can now deny that search.

The councilmen's wife just gave birth to their son.

Cirilo Nunez: Thanked Barbara Smith for her efforts with the 83rd Pct. He was very impressed and touched by the outcome. "You are not a talker, you walk it", stated Mr. Nunez.

Julio Salazar Representing Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez: this year has been a difficult year for a lot of people, especially in dealing with this administration. The Congresswoman will continue to be an advocate for affordable housing, civil rights, immigration, etc. She will continue to fight until the community gets the answers that they are asking for. There will be new challenges in 2018 and she will continue to fight.

Austen Martinez: RiseBoro delivering Meals on Wheels tomorrow December 21, to seniors at 8am. You are welcomed to come and help.

Brooklyn Public Library: DeKalb Library, 790 Bushwick Avenue at DeKalb Avenue, 718-455-3898, www.bklynpubliclibrary.org

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 Job Information Resource Librarian. Parton will be seen on a first come, first served basis.

DeKalb Library: Tuesdays: 11AM to 1PM, 790 Bushwick Avenue, 718-455-3898

Washington Irving Library: Mondays except 12/25, 11AM to 1PM, 360 Irving Avenue, 718-628-8378

Bushwick Library: Mondays, except 12/25, 3PM to 5PM, 340 Bushwick Avenue, 718-602-1348

FREE High School Equivalency (HSE/GED) Preparation & Classes

The Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC) has replaced the GED test. Evening, daytime or Saturday classes are available for adults 17 and over. Practice reading, writing and math skills critical for HSE success. TASC Track focuses on subjects needed for your diploma. For more information contact the Brooklyn Public Library.

Seniors (50 plus) Bowling League: Join Library lanes: BPL's digital bowling league! Fridays, 10:30 am to 12pm. Older adults are welcome to join a team, learn ow to bowl using a Microsoft Xbox One and compete with other neighborhood libraries! Washington Avenue Branch, 360 Irving Avenue at Woodbine Street, 11237, 718-628-8378, www.bklynlibrary.org

Long Life Unity Food Co-Op: Get \$70 worth of food for only \$30!!! Now accepting EBT!! Long Life Unity Food Corp is a non-profit food cooperative located in the Bed-Stuy/Ocean Hill area. Their mission is to make affordable, healthy and fresh food available to the people of Brooklyn. Delivery service is \$10.

Full Orders: Over 20 different fruit and vegetables for \$30.

Half Orders: Over 10 different fruit and vegetables for \$15. \$25. Membership fee

2nd Roll Call: Meeting adjourned – 39 Members present

Mr. Robert Camacho and Ms. Martha Brown Monroe motioned to adjourn the Community Board #4 December 20, 2017 Meeting at 7:36PM.