

Brooklyn Community Board #4 Regular Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, May 15, 2019
Hope Gardens Multi Service Center
195 Linden Street
Brooklyn, New York 11221
6:00PM

Chairperson, Mr. Robert Camacho
District Manager Ms. Celestina Leon

Board Members in Attendance:

Jo-Ena Bennett, L. A. Blacksmith, Joshua Brown, Martha Brown, Robert Camacho, Felix Ceballos, Gardea Caphart, Melissa Carrera, Louisa Chan, Elvena Davis, Julie Dent, Denisse Reyna-Dolin, Victoria Fernandez, Freddy Fowler, Egaudy Gomez, Anne Guiney, Jose Guzman, Michelle Hilliard, Cheryl Jones, Virgie Jones, Mary McClellan, Desmonde Monroe, Sharline Moore, Zulma Novoa, Luisa Jose-Olea, Acire Polight, Raul Rubio, John Scheaffer, Barbara Smith, Dustin Sonneborn, Annette Spellen, Jerry Valentin, James Wiseman and Odolph Wright.

Board Members Excused:

Sufia Chowdhry, Barbara Jackson, Nancy Liao, Gladys Puglla, Eliseo Ruiz, Julio Salinas, and Vernedeaner Shell

Board Members Absent: Grace Aytes, Ernest Estime, Carlos Feliciano, Christopher Graham, and Austen Martinez, Cirilo Nunez

The District Manger opened the monthly Community Board #4 meeting at 6:02PM

- Public hearing Item -

1) **Pastor Cornelius Brown, Founder, and Joshua Brown, Family First Day –**

Presentation on the petition to establish a Family First Day, a family summertime holiday to celebrate the gift of family on the first Friday in August.

Pastor Cornelius Brown served at Stuyvesant Heights Christian Church as the senior pastor for the past 30 years, until he retired last year.

He is beginning his new mission which is “Family First Day”. More than likely you are here tonight because you have a concern. What are you concern about? Your family. Whatever happens in the community, affects your family. When you ask someone what is important to them, they say their family, celebrities say it, everybody says it.

What is Family First Day? If you believe in families, I am asking you to support the Community Board for a letter of support.

There is a lot of hurt in families. There is divorce and separation. There are families that do not talk to each other for years.

Once a year, can we sit down at the table and ask these questions: Who is missing? Who is not here? Why are they not here? Is it because I have a problem with their lifestyle? Is it because there is a financial problem?

At some point there need to be a day when family is put first. That is why I am standing before you tonight. The first Friday in August, why not take that day and give it to the family. I am asking for a day to put Family First!

2) **Department of City Planning, Brooklyn Office** – Presenting a Bushwick Neighborhood Plan Update.

Highlights:

The Bushwick Neighborhood Plan Update seeks to facilitate a thriving and inclusive community by:

- Creating and preserving thousands of homes for lower-income New Yorkers
- Building a diversified economy with better support for existing businesses and workers, and new jobs and workspace across a variety of sectors
- Improving and expanding Bushwick's park and open space network
- Adding pedestrian safety interventions on key corridors, improving the public realm, and enhancing transit access
- Ensuring better to quality health care, education, and arts programming
- Offering greater protection of historic resources

Housing:

Between 2006 - 2016 median rent in Bushwick increase 60% as compared to 38% increase in Brooklyn and a 32% increase in New York City over that same period.

Advance development of affordable housing on publicly – owned land:

- 28 affordable rental homes at 63 Stockholm Street
- 24 units of affordable homeownership apartments at Old Stanley
- Up to 16 stories of new family and supportive housing at a city owned site at 1531 Broadway
- 154 new affordable senior apartments at NYC Housing Authority's (NYCHA) Bushwick II development through the Seniors First initiative. 60% AMI
- Covert 1,315 apartments at Hope Gardens from Section 9 to Section 8 to renovate units while preserving their long-term affordability
- 8,700 households in Bushwick have been reached through the Tenant Support Unit via door to door.

Open Space:

88% of Bushwick residents live within walking distance of a park or open space, just above the citywide goal of 85%.

NYC Department of Parks and Recreation (NYC Parks) is working on several capital projects to provide new amenities in Community Board 4, an investment of over \$10 million.

- Hope Ballfield Reconstruction
- Green Central Knoll Comfort Station Construction
- Maria Hernandez Synthetic Turf Field Construction
- Rudd Playground Skate Park and Basketball Courts Reconstruction

Economic Development:

In partnership with local community-based organization, NYC Dept. of Small Business (SBS) is ready to deploy the mobile outreach unit in Bushwick in Spring 2019.

16,300 total Bushwick jobs in 2017. Between 2008 -2017 the total number of jobs n Bushwick increase by 37%, or 4,400 jobs.

We are promoting MWBE (Minority Women owned Businesses)

Objective: Support businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs, and help them stay and grow in the neighborhood.

Community Health & Resources:

The objective is to expand access to quality public health services and programming in Bushwick.

For every 1 supermarket in Bushwick there are 30 bodegas.

18% of adults in Bushwick are uninsured compared to 12% uninsured New Yorkers citywide.

- Provide resources and services to support residents who are at risk of drug-related overdose through outpatient treatment and syringe exchange program.
- Increase awareness among pregnant people of their rights to receive respectful, safe and quality care during birth through NYC Standards for Respectful Care.
- Increase access to testing and educational information about communicable diseases such as Tuberculosis and Hepatitis C through improved outreach.

Community Health & Resources:

Objective: To improve access to fresh, healthy, and affordable quality food

- Expand the Shop Healthy program to Bushwick
- Establish a directory of food pantries that can be shared at social service organizations (see Plentiful App. Created by NYC Food Assistance Collaborative)

Transportation:

- Implement corridor safety improvements along Myrtle Avenue between Broadway and Irving Avenues in 2019.
- Add 6 temporary City Bike stations and pursue Bushwick expansion in 2019.
- Finalize design for the Wyckoff Avenue capital street reconstruction with anticipated to start in 2020.
- Implement platform repairs and improvements for stations along the L line.
- Explore ADA improvements for station on the L line in Northwest Bushwick and East Williamsburg as on the J/Z line east of Myrtle Avenue in Bushwick.
- And more ...

Land Use and Zoning:

- Objective is to reinforce predominant character of side select corridors by matching zoning to the low-scale residential buildings and limiting building heights accordingly.
- Promote higher density mixed-use development, including permanently affordable housing as well as mixed-income housing, local retail, and community facilities.
- Explore potential for medium density development with permanently West of Myrtle Avenue.
- Protect neighborhood character and scale through contextual zoning.

Question and Answers:

Q: Sharline Moore: Does zoning require affordable housing?

A: Yes,

Martha Brown: I have taken the time and the opportunity to look through the zoning that was proposed by the Bushwick Community Plan and the zoning that is proposed by the city, the CCC, I noticed that most of the blocks when you did the rezoning, they are R6. So, the blocks

in the center part of the neighborhood is being change to R6, I would like to know how did that come about? You have taken blocks that are R3 or R4 and your proposal want to change them to R6. To me that would give the developers even more of a chance or opportunity to make bigger buildings. If they could get 3 or 4 lots and this neighborhood is not rezoned formally than they make a higher and higher tower. So, I would like you to answer that question for me.

A: The existing artist drawing as we saw before that is one side fits all approach, it encourages assembly sites, and it encourages developers to assemble. Some of the sites that you mentioned will be R6 district. We are going to have a requirement for permanent affordable housing.

Q: Martha Brown: I understand that I understand Broadway and Hancock, I do understand. I have read through the book, and I have read through the city's part. We have no objection to that; I have no objection and the Community Board have no objection to that as far as affordable housing. But as far as the central part of the neighborhood we do not want our neighborhood to look like Williamsburg. And we do not want it to look like what Bedford Stuyvesant is becoming. We are going to have to get around this because when you look throughout the city most of the areas that have been rezoned are the ones that have these big-tall building built there. That is my contention.

A: (Sarit Platkin) That is why we did a really careful block by block examination with mapping and zoning. The objective is to promote higher density mixed-use development with permanently affordable housing.

Objective to preserve neighborhood character of Bushwick's side streets by establishing contextual zoning districts. All side streets will be allowed to be only 3, 4, 5 story buildings.

Julie Dent: The committee and I have been working on this for quite some time along with Assembly Member Eric Dilan.

Martha Brown: The Health Department located at 335 Central Avenue, is mentioned nowhere in your report. The Community Board approved a complete renovation. Will that be include?

Sarit Plakin: We have been working with DOH as part of the Bushwick Community Plan and there are façade improvements that have already invested in on their Capital Funds that are already allocated for façade improvements for the site. As for the inside of the building we are putting our heads together to figure out how that go be in the plans for future. We do not have an answer on that right now.

Martha Brown: Please put a footnote so that you can put that in the future and let us know. Thank you.

CB4 Chairperson Robert Camacho: I would be the last person to speak up regarding the board. We want the city, and we want you guys to know that we mean business. Nothing is going to go through unless it is for the happiness of the community at large. So, we want to make sure that we are a part of the process. We have the last say. We want all that live here, stay here. We welcome those who want to come and live here too. Two and three family apartments we want to keep. We do not need 4 & 5 apartment buildings, that is making the developer richer. 95 % of the work has already been done, in my opinion. We do not want the city to take credit for

work that we did. We spent blood, sweat and tears. We want people to have affordable housing. We need to make sure that this community has it full share.

Q & A open to public:

How is senior citizen housing with a 50% AMI affordable to those who are on a fixed income. That would be \$40,000 to \$50,000 a year, something that I do not make myself, so, how can they afford it? These developers want to buy the buildings where I buy my food. How can there be fresh food if they want to buy up where I buy my food? Many people are single parents, how could they afford the so-called affordable housing? Also, café is moving in and charging a lot of money for food. How can we afford this? Also, thrift stores are charging \$50.00 for a shirt, now I must go out of Bushwick to buy cloths. So, what is the affordable anything doing for people who living in Bushwick? It is all misleading.

Michael Chandler, Director of Neighborhood Planning, Housing of Preservation: Seniors are on a fixed income. This building is right around the corner from here. Those living in it will have a 50% AMI, meaning no one will be allowed to leave there if they make more than \$ 37,000 a year. The rent that they pay will be 1/3 of their income. They will receive a public rental voucher for the difference.

Peter (Homeowner): I have been living in Bushwick for 52 years. Why is my property zone changing from a R6 to a R5B? This will lower my property value by 30%. Maybe one day I would like to move to PR, those who would buy the property would benefit, not the homeowner.

Michael Chandler: If there are issues with certain blocks, we will be happy to talk about it.

Martha Brown: I have been living in Bushwick since 1955, I would like to know how could they build deeply affordable housing in Spring Creek and East New York, like the Nehemiah Housing, and we do not have deeply affordable housing in Bushwick? You only must make \$26,000 a year to get a 2-bedroom apartment. Why is that not being done in Bushwick? We are not being promoted but they are promoting Starrett City area. These developers are taking over our neighborhood. They are building and building. When they finish, we will all be driven out of here.

The District Manager ended the public hearing item. If there are any concerns or question, she stated that they can reach out to the Community Board office. Testimonies will still be collected from the public. This meeting was informational. No voting will take place.

The District Manager, Ms. Celestina Leon called the first roll call:

First Roll Call: – 34 members present this does constitute a quorum.

The acceptance of the agenda was made by Ms. Elvena Davis and second by Ms. Martha Brown. All members were in favor.

The acceptance of last month's minutes was made by Ms. Sharline Moore and second by Ms. Zulma Novoa. All members present, were in favor.

Chairperson's Report:

Mr. Robert Camacho welcomed all to the Community Board #4 Wednesday, May 15, 2019, monthly meeting.

Chairperson Camacho has been very business attending meetings.

Monday, April 22 attended the YEC Committee meeting

Tuesday, April 23, attended the HLU meeting.

Tuesday, May 7 attended the Brooklyn Borough Presidents Meeting

Wednesday, May 1, attended the EXE Committee meeting

Wednesday, May 8 attended the EDC meeting, 6pm.

Thursday, May 9, attended the CRC & HHHSV meeting at 3pm and the PRC Meeting at 6pm.

Monday, May 13, attended the ACC meeting at 6pm.

Wednesday, May 15, attended the Clergy Council meeting and the CB4 Public meeting

Election of 2019-2020 Executive Officers:

Results of the election are:

Chairperson: Mr. Robert Camacho

1st Vice Chairperson: Mr. Joshua Brown

2nd Vice Chairperson: Ms. Anne Guiney

Recording Secretary: Ms. Zulma Novoa

Financial Secretary: Mr. Eliseo Ruiz

Treasurer: Ms. Virgie Jones

Correspondence Secretary: Ms. Elvena Davis

Parliamentarian: Mr. Odolph Wright

The Elected Officials and / or their representatives that was present at the meeting.

- 1) Paula Mendez, Representing 53rd Assembly District, Assemblywoman Maritza Davila, 249 Wilson Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237, 718-443-1205
- 2) Mr. Marcus Harris, Representing Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams, 209 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, 718-802-3863
- 3) Lorenzo Brea, representing Councilmember Rafael Espinal, 37th Council District, 1945 Broadway, Brooklyn, NY 11207, 718-642-8664
- 4) Fatima Representing Council Member Antonio, 34th Council District Reynoso, 244 Union Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11211.

Federal, State or City Agencies

- 1) Sergeant Anna Serrano, 83rd Precinct N.C.O. (Neighborhood Coordination Officer), 480 Knickerbocker Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237, 917-484-0698
- 2) PO Gomez, 83rd Precinct, 480 Knickerbocker Avenue, 718-574-1697
- 3) Boniface WeWe, Brooklyn Public Library, 360 Irving Avenue, 718-628-8378
- 4) Raul Rubio, DOHMH, Thrive New York, Mental First Aide Training, 646-988-8639.
- 5) Rose Linden, Bushwick Family Residence, 1675 Broadway, 347-463-0154

Sergeant Serrano: Crime is very low in Bushwick. Car break-ins are up. Make sure your car

doors are locked. Delivery packages – make sure someone is home to pick up packages. Or have a neighbor pick up your package for you. Have packages placed inside the building.

District Manager's Report:

The District Manager, Ms. Celestina Leon thanked all in attendance.

Ms. Leon list some of meetings that she attended. (For her report, please contact the Community Board)

Committee Reports:

Civic and Religious Committee (CRC) & Health Hospitals Human Services Citizen

Veterans (HHHSV), Committees Chairperson Ms. Elvena Davis (CRC) & Mary McClellan.

Meeting: Thursday, May 9, 2019, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, New York 11207-1422, 3:00PM

Board Members in Attendance: Ms. Elvena Davis, Rev. Grace Aytes, Mary McClellan, Barbara Smith, and Barbara Jackson

Others in Attendance: CB4 Chairperson, Mr. Robert Camacho; CB4 District Manager Celestina Leon; CB4 Community Associate, Sharon Fludd; Jennifer Clarke, Healthcare Education Project; Annette Spellen, Community Board Member; Zulma Novoa, DOMHH; Maggie Manual, Wyckoff Heights Medical Center; Selina LeBron, NYPC; Thenga Jenkins, EmpireBlue; Joseph Estella, Affinity Health Plan; Monica Holowacz, Broadway Stages; Peterson Maurice, EmpireBlue; Gloria Coppage, Volunteer Resident; and Kurt Barnes, Jr., Cooper Street Community Association and Lisa Prezzano, 83rd NYPD Crime Prevention Officer

Members Excused: None

Members Not in Attendance: Ernest Estime, Virgie Jones, and Cheryl Jones

Items Discussed:

Annual Shape Up Bushwick Parade

Lisa Prezzano, Crime Prevention Officer, 83rd Precinct NYPD – Presentation on senior safety and crime prevention tips.

- 1) Telephone Scams: Robo calls – Do not gave out any information to the caller.
- 2) Gift Card Scams: The IRS, Police or Con Edison, etc. will never call to ask for personal information, nor will they call to ask for you to send them a gift card.
- 3) Carry as little money and credit cards as possible and give it to the robber if requested. Your life is more valuable.
- 4) Do not leave valuable items such as jewelry and money at home in your sock draw. That is the first-place criminals look
- 5) Vision Zero: Cross the street at the corner and not in the middle of the block. Look in all direction for bicycles when crossing, watch out for turning cars, and cross at the curb. Do not assume drivers see you. Add a brightly color umbrella, bag or scarf or something white at night.
- 6) Do not let Con Edison or any into your home if you are not expecting them.
- 7) Put your phone down while crossing the street.
- 8) Make eye contact with the driver of large vehicles. Even waving to them to make yourself seen if needed.

The Community Board will order signs to post with stores in the area and around the park to announce event approximately a week before the event.

Committee Recommendation:

Ms. Davis would like PO Lisa Prezzano, 83rd Precinct's Crime Prevention Officer to come before the full board in June 2019 for a presentation.

Ms. Barbara Smith suggested to honor Ms. Dent at the full board meeting in June 2019. No one else should be on the agenda.

It was mentioned that only PO Lisa Prezzano and Ms. Dent will be on the June agenda.

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

Meeting: Monday, May 13, 2019, 6PM, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207

Board Members in Attendance: Dustin Sonneborn, Zulma Novoa, Jo-Ena Bennet, L.A. Blacksmith, and Victoria Fernandez

Others in Attendance: Robert Camacho, CB4 Chairperson, Mr. Willie Morales, CB4 Community Associate and Lauren Miller

Agenda Item #1 – Lauren Miller –

- The Bushwick Starr celebrating their 10th season anniversary this year, they're a non-profit theater dedicated to new performances precisely 5 per year.
- They have a Green Theater that they do in elementary schools. This year their doing a Shakespeare program this year at I.S. 77 in Ridgewood, Queens.
- In collaboration with El Puente with a program call creating performance
- Working in the Riseboro and Roundtable Senior Centers getting an oral history of the neighborhood. They're going every Thursday to senior center associated with Riseboro Community Partnership
- Cabin by Sean Donovan – May 22 – June 8, Schedule + Tix at: thebushwickstarr.org.
L train to Jefferson Street – 207 Starr Street between Wyckoff & Irving Avenues
- Summer Art Festival – Event at Maria Hernandez Park on August 18th

Economic Development Committee (EDC), Committee Chairperson, Mr. Odolph Wright

Meeting: Wednesday, May 8, 6:00PM, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207

Board Members in Attendance: Robert Camacho-CB4 Chairperson, Odolph Wright-EDC Chairperson, Desmonde Monroe-EDC Vice-Chairperson, Gardea Caphart, Melissa Carrera, Michelle Hilliard, Sharline Moore, James Wiseman

Board Members Excused: Anne Guiney

Board Members Not in Attendance: Raul Rubio, Julio Salinas

Others in Attendance: District Manager Celeste Leon, Community Associate Willie Morales, Kevin Worthington, Karen Nieves

Odolph Wright-EDC Chairperson welcomed everyone and began with a quick round of introductions before moving to agenda item #1.

Items Discussed:

- I. Review and Discussion of Bushwick Neighborhood Plan and Bushwick Community Plan Economic Development Recommendations:
 - i. 96% of Bushwick residents work outside of the neighborhood. In 2018, top employment destination for Bushwick residents included the traditional NYC job hubs of Midtown Manhattan, the Financial District, and Downtown Brooklyn.

- ii. Between 2008-2017 the number of jobs in Bushwick increased by 37% or 4,400 jobs. The objective is to support businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs, and help them stay and grow in the neighborhood through various means available such as:
- Help Bushwick businesses grow through the NYC Small Business Services (SBS).
 - Provide small business legal support with the Commercial Lease Assistance (CLA) Program, SBS can provide small business owners in Bushwick with free legal assistance.
 - Strengthen Bushwick’s commercial corridors of Knickerbocker, Myrtle, Broadway, and Wyckoff. The SBS has a variety of competitive grants available for local non-profits, Business Improvement District (BID), and other community-based development organizations to undertake commercial revitalization and economic development projects in their neighborhood. The city has already awarded \$40,000 to RiseBoro and Brooklyn Alliance within the last two years to conduct a Commercial District Needs Assessment (CDNA) and support merchant organizing efforts in Bushwick.
 - Promote space opportunities and business trainings to local Bushwick entrepreneurs. Through educational opportunities, incubators, accelerators, and shared industry workspace, NYCEDC can support and grow targeted industries to create good paying jobs for Bushwick residents.
 - Promote tax incentives that are available to local businesses to help them grow. To diversify and strengthen Bushwick’s economy, NYCEDC supports businesses, developers, and nonprofit organizations looking to undertake real estate projects and grow their operations. Through tax incentives, bond financing, and a portfolio of investment funds, NYCEDC provides Bushwick businesses financing opportunities to foster growth across a variety of sectors.
 - Connect residents to training opportunities. SBS runs a network of 18 Workforce1 Centers across the city that connect Bushwick jobseekers to employment and training opportunities and offer Bushwick businesses free recruitment.
 - Provide on-the-job training. SBS provides Bushwick Small businesses with opportunities to strengthen their workforce through its “On-the-Job Training” and “Customized Training” programs. On-the-Job Training provides business owners with a grant covering up to 70% of the cost of training and onboarding new employees. Customized Training is a grant that provides up to \$400,000 to small business owners to invest in their employees through new training.
 - Develop tailored job training opportunities. By engaging relevant stakeholders through the Industry Partnerships initiative, SBS can identify gaps in the labor market and develop new job training models that can replicated by providers throughout the city. SBS Industry Partnerships have been launched in tech, healthcare, manufacturing, food and beverage, and construction, sectors growing in Bushwick and citywide.

For the full report please contact the Brooklyn Community Board office.

Parks and Recreation (PRC), Committee Chairperson, Annette Spellen

Meeting: Thursday, May 9, 2019, 6:00PM, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 37, Brooklyn, NY 11207

Committee Members in Attendance: Robert Camacho – CB4 Chairperson, Annette Spellen – Committee Chair, Carlos Feliciano, Jose R. Guzman, Barbara Jackson.

Committee Members not in Attendance: Felix A. Ceballos, Nancy Liao, Eliseo Ruiz

Committee Members Excused: Gladys Puglia, James Wiseman

Others in Attendance: Willie Morales – CB4 Community Associate, Christina Pisano – Dept. of Parks, Andrew Pedicino, Sara Brandin, Thomas Goryeb, Alex Norman, Amy Willard, Kristen Tadrous, Jessica Saab, Jamala Wallace, Celestina Leon – CB4 District Manager

Items Discussed:

Agenda Item #2 Old Business – Park Hours Discussion:

Annette Spellen – Start off by saying that the problem with our parks is that they stay open too late and then proceeded to name the parks and the time they close.

- Maria Hernandez – 10:00 PM, Bushwick Playground either at 9 or 10 PM, Irving Square at 9 PM, Rudd Playground at 9 PM, Husker Playground at 9 PM, Tiger Playground at 9 PM, Evergreen Playground at 9 PM, Fermi Playground 9 PM, Garden Playground at 9 PM, Thomas Boyland Playground 1 AM, Green/Central/Knoll at 1 AM, Hope Ballfield 10 PM.

Barbara Jackson - asked why these parks are open so late. Ms. Spellen responded she really doesn't know, but perhaps it's because most of these parks cannot be locked. Christina Pisano from the Dept. of Parks informed the committee that Maria Hernandez Park now have the new updated signs indicating the park closes now at 10 PM, the parks indicating 1 AM is because these parks have adult features in them however, they are subject to change with the support of the community board with a simple letter to the parks department. However, there are certain parks that simple can't be closed and Thomas Boyland Park is one of them, as a result it has been turned into a dog run by dog owners, this holds true for Green/Central/Knoll Park as well. Basically, the community board's aim is to have all Bushwick parks closed by 10 PM.

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

Meeting: Monday, April 22, 2019, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, Ny 11207, 6:00PM

Board members in Attendance: Virgie Jones, Acire Polight, and Joshua Brown

Others in Attendance: Robert Camacho, CB4 Chairperson; Sharon Fludd, CB4 Community Associate and Martha Bayona, CEC 32

Board Members not in Attendance: Gardea Caphart, Denisse Reyna-Dolin and Christopher Graham

Member Excused: Michelle Hilliard and Sharline Moore

Items Discussed:

Wednesday, April 10 Ms. Virgie Jones, and Ms. Sharline Moore attended a calendar and business meeting at PS 299K.

The capital budget process recently close for applications. The City Council will vote in June/July to decide how \$4.4 million in funding for 2020 will be allocated to schools in Bushwick. Over \$125 million for schools in Brooklyn over a 5-year period.

The Academy for Environmental Leadership: granted \$1 million for a new science lab.

377, 383, 384, 299. MESA Charter School (STEM labs), and 376 are some of the schools that will get an upgrade.

On March 7, 2019, CB4 Chairperson Mr. Robert Camacho, CB4 District Manager Ms. Celestina Leon and YEC Chair Ms. Virgie Jones met with Ms. Sheila S Gorski, the Community District Superintendent.

Superintendent Gorski shared with us District 32's Mission, Vision and Priorities, Reviewed District Growth Data, Accomplishments and Future Goals. We discussed in detail District 32 School Needs Assessment SY2018-19 outlining District School Needs and Budget Request.

We re-viewed discussed goals:

- 1) Priority #1 Accelerate Rigorous Instruction – Equity & Excellence
- 2) Priority #2 Effective Leadership-Building Collective Capacity
- 3) Priority #3 Community Empowerment – A shared approach for student success & equitable outcomes

For the full report please contact the Brooklyn Community Board 4.

Old Business:

Greenest Block Awards Outreach, Volunteer Opportunity Directory
Rat Academy event scheduled for Thursday, May 23, 6pm

New Business:

Emergency Preparedness Workshop, May 16, 2019, 6pm at PS 376, 194 Harman Street
Save the Date: Monday, June 17, 2019, 6:00PM, the ACC planning their summer mixer.

Announcements:

Apply Online! Join the 2020 Census Team! www.2020census.gov/jobs ; 1-855-562-2020
Federal Relay Service: 800-877-8339 TTY / ASCII (www.gsa.gov/fedrelay)

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Meredith R. Jones Democrat for Surrogate's Court Judge:

- Integrity, Experience & Commitment

Meredith Jones' journey from Wingate High School to prestigious Cornell Law School. As a young woman growing up in Brooklyn, she decides to reach high. Hard work and perseverance, along with the encouragement and opportunities the community provided, has resulted in her reaching a top attorney position in the Kings County Surrogate's Court. Meredith Jones is grateful and knows it is time to do even more for the community. That is why she is running for Judge of the Surrogate's Court.

She will not need any on the job training and will be ready on day one. In her present position she advises one of the current Surrogates on complex legal issues and manages a large caseload of estate litigation proceedings.

Vote Democratic Primary Tuesday, June 25

Edward King for Civil Court Judge: “I believe in justice for all people regardless of their race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or economic status”

- 35 years Civil law Practice
- Court Attorney in Civil & Supreme Court
- Administrative Law Judge
- US Army Veteran

Community Service

- Assists formerly incarcerated individuals
- Fight foreclosure & predatory lenders
- “Know your Legal Rights” Forums
- Advocates for Families

Vote for King Democratic Primary on June 25th, 2019

www.king4kingscounty.com; ed@king4kingscounty.com; 347-708-2792

- What can you do if you think you’ve experienced or witnessed police misconduct? File a Complaint with the NYC Civilian Complaint Review Board (800) 341-2272
- Sexual Health and Strategies: Fun Sexual Health Games & Movie Night—Wednesday, May 29, 2019, 5:30p
- Vital Brooklyn—If you live in Brooklyn, you can get free help finding jobs, as well as support services for you and your family. By New York State Department of Labor. Located at the office of Assemblywoman Latrice Walker at 400 Rockaway Ave, 2nd Floor, Brooklyn, NY. Every Thursday 10am-4pm
- Cooper Street Community Association Inc. (CSCA Bushwick) Fish Fry & Chicken Fundraiser. Saturday, May 18th, 2019 @ 1223a Cooper Street 12p-6p
- Thrive NYC—Mental Health First Aid—Free certification courses, Adult, Youth in English, Adult in Spanish. All participants receive a 3-year certification. Saturday, May 18th, 2019. Located at ACE Integration Head Start @ 1419 Broadway, Brooklyn, NY, 11221
- Bklyn Public Library—Teens Train to be a T4 Technology Volunteer. Attend 8 days of training in July or August & master programs like Microsoft Office, Photoshop, 3D Printing etc. Call (718) 230-2447.
- Assemblywoman Maritza Davila—Career Job Fair, Saturday, May 18th, 2019, 12:30-3:30p @ RiseBoro Youth Center Gym (1474 Gates Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237). Ages 16+.
- Shape Up Bushwick VII. Celebrate Brooklyn-Queens Day with us at our 14th Annual Parade. Thursday, June 6th, 2019, 10a-3p @ Irving Square Park.
- Bklyn Public Library—Free English Classes for Adults 17+---Classes available: Daytime, Evening, and Saturday, Classes meet twice per week. Sign up at ANY registration session.
- Free Rat Academy Training—In partnership with Brooklyn Community Board 4 Health and Sanitation Committees. Free training about rat prevention methods for building supers/staff, homeowners/tenants, and companies. Thursday, May 23rd, 2019, 6p-8p @ Washington Irving Library 360 Irving Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237.
- Seventeen Days—An evidence-based Teen pregnancy Prevention Program for Young Women. Designed for young women 13-20 considering or engaging in sexual activity. Wyckoff Heights Medical Center Positive Health Management @ 1610 Dekalb Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237

- Bklyn Public Library—Whitman 200 Weekend, Celebrate Walt Whitman's 200th birthday with BPL! May 18-19 @ Central Library/ 10 Grand Army Plaza

Motion to adjourned meeting was made by Raul Rubio and second by Elvena Davis.
Meeting Adjourned: 34 Members Present, at 8:49PM.