

Brooklyn Community Board 4
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 15, 2021 6pm

Zoom

Chairperson: Robert Camacho
District Manager: Celestina Leon

Meeting Start: 6:04pm

Celeste called the meeting to order welcoming everyone before asking Mr. Shawn Jones to begin as the first public hearing item.

Public Hearing:

1) **Sandra Sanchez, Community Affairs, FDNY - presenting on seasonal fire safety.**

Make your safety checklist and to make sure that you check the holiday fire safety. One thing that we want to keep in mind is that unfortunately, the fire season coincides with the winter season for many reasons. You have key holiday decorations, candles and the likelihood that you are cooking there are larger family gatherings within your home. For this reason, we want to ensure that our New Yorkers continue to be safe. And the first tip, the first thing on your fire safety checklist. We want to encourage you to make sure that you have a functional smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. This is your first line of defense. A non functional non operational alarm is equivalent to excel. D within the home improvement store. There's no ifs ands or buts about it. Secondly, we want to encourage you to think about using battery operated flameless candles. If you are like me, I enjoy a good vanilla bean. Pumpkin Spice guess what they care about us. They care about the audience. There are now battery operated scented flameless candles and they are very effective and also very safe. If you do decide to use candles, never leave candles unattended, keep them in a sturdy holder away from children, pets and anything that can burn and once you keep in mind that some of our homes may be dressy. So consider your drapes your traits are considered a flammable item so consider that when you are placing your candles within your home. Thirdly, we encourage you to keep decorations or any other flammable items at least three feet away from an open flame and heating sources. Some of our decorations are in fact heirlooms. They are old and we think to ourselves, hey, if it's still functioning, of course it's a good decoration. Not so not quite. If your decorations are frayed, or they have pinched wires, it's time to let it's time to say goodbye. Discard your warrant decorations. Let them go. The one other point that we really want to stress is that you want to ensure that multiple extension cords are never strung together. They could Daisy wiring. Make sure that the parts are running within the rugs, carpets or furniture because you want to make sure that you have eyes on it at all times. Meaning that if in fact the wiring becomes exposed, it becomes extremely hot. You can't see that you can't smell unfortunately, if you smell it, you're probably further into the problem. But you want to make sure

that you have ice on it at all times. And also you want to be aware of overloading your electrical outlets. The truth of the matter is that when our homes are being built they could not imagine that in 2021 Every single person would have at minimum I can think of off the top of my head 20 appliances in your kitchen. This is not including your cell phone. This is not cooling your iPad tablet, just appliances in your kitchen and the truth of the matter is that your i Enough happens. There are not enough outlets so homes that are within the homes that are growing space. So we make up for that by using power strips and PowerPoints of how to compile for it. We're not creating anything for seating or cooling no matter what that manufacturer may say, no matter what it says in the directions anything that involves seeing or cooling. It should be connected directly to the wall directly to the outlet. So that's for your posters, that is for your refrigerators and certainly for the next topic that we're talking about now is space heaters never leave a space heater unattended. And if you're turning it off, please turn it off. When you are leaving the room or going to sleep. Easier said than done. We've had a warm week thus far. The truth of the matter is that it gets very cold, it gets below freezing and we understand that we want New Yorkers to be warm, but it's also paramount that you are safe as well. The last tip that I want to share with you for tonight is make sure that you keep your doorways clear. Keeping paths and exits in the house clear can help you and your family get out faster. We take it for granted that we know that there happens to be a chest in that hallway but imagine that in the layout of your building. If there is a fire operation person next to you. They're not aware that you have the Storage Bed within your hallway. And I'm sure that you want us to be able to get to you and we want to get to you as quickly and as safely as possible. as well. I thank you once again for having me here tonight. And I will stick around. I'll also share with you my contact within the chat when those who are not on screen are able to see the chat. It's Sondra Sanchez, at SB ny.nyc.gov. May Thanks and happy holidays.

All right, thank you so much Sandra. Any questions from the board or from the public? I don't see anything in the chat just yet.

Mr. Camacho: I want to thank you because you're always been diligent and always been in meetings with us and always giving us all the touchy safety issues that we may have. But we also want to thank you for working with us and helping us in any way especially when it comes to Bush with regards to fires and fire safety. We got into the habit of closing our doors a lot, especially Spanish people I do with my kids all the time. Every time they go into a room and they leave the door open I said you got to close the door even in the bathroom. This is because it is okay if there's a fire and you leave, you can close the door. You know you get used to doing those things. Don't leave everything open because you know how they run out. Just close it and just double check to make sure everything's alright. I tried to keep telling them constantly and don't put anything in a hallway, suitcase or anything because if the light squad and there's a fire we can see the suitcase we can also trip and fall on ourselves. So I'm constantly taking every time you talk about that. And I see that it brings a flash to my mind like wait, safety first. You know, let's make sure you know especially in one two family home that you're used to leaving things all over the place right. Sandra: thank you Mr. Camacho.

Celeste: Is there anything else for Sandra? Going once, going twice. Alright, thank you so much, Sandra, for joining us and we'll be speaking soon I'm sure about district issues. All right. So that

concludes our first public hearing item. We'll go ahead and move on to our second which is an overview of the board specifically the housing and land use committee's responsible development policy. Just before I do that, I want to make sure that all of the elected official representatives that are in attendance this evening so my message in the chat if you're here just send me a message directly. So that way I know when I can add you to the list to speak later. I know we have some new liaisons and I don't want to miss anyone unintentionally when we go through introductions later and of course announcements at the end of the meeting. This goes for our city agency representatives aside from Sandra who are here this evening and our community based organization representatives, you can just send me a message directly in the chat and I'll add you to the list to speak to speed things up a little bit later. All right. Just give me one moment and I will share my screen. Just a note to the board members. I did my best to double check the list. Kim, I'm not sure if you're able to but if you're able to make folks panelists if you can just switch them over and I'll check once we finish doing the overview.

2) CB4 Leadership - presenting the Housing and Land Use Committee's updated responsible development policy.

Celeste: Anne, are you there? Anne: Yes. Celeste: Okay. So would you like to do a brief summary or would you like for me to go through it? How would you like to? Anne: Sure I can give an overview. Absolutely. So the responsible development standards policy for CB four is an idea that we've talked about over the last several years. I think we've been working on it for about three years. And all the origin was, as I think many of you know, was to develop basically a series of basic standards and guidelines. And beliefs and values that represent what this community board would like to see in development that comes before us as part of the alert process. You know, obviously the ULURP process is a portion of the development that happens in this community. But this is really for everybody. We want to share what we believe in, in the origins were that the permits and licensing committee came up with a almost like a checklist to say hey, this is what this is what we believe in and just to make everyone's life easier, so that people who come to the board, know what we value and know what we care about before they even come here. And just to save some sort of time and make sure that there's a lot of clear communication. So we started this about three years ago, obviously the pandemic did not help process this. It was supported on a technical side by ANHD, which is the Association of neighborhood and housing development, unless I screwed up the acronym. So a lot of the technical backend was also informed by some of our fellows, a brother and sister coming around Brooklyn who have developed these in the past. So a lot of the work was based on things that had come before us on the housing and land use committee. And then also, we used some of the back the sort of five to six years of the Bushwick Community Plan process. So many of the conversations, many of which were difficult and required a lot of back and forth among members of the community to inform this process. So I think that's the top level. So we've gone back and forth on the HLU committee multiple times and we would now like to present it to the wider community board for a presentation on a boat. So let's do a decent intro? Would you like to go through it in more detail? Absolutely. I think from here, if you wanted to just go over the categories and then we can kind of just scroll through I think that that would suffice then just like if you if you to whatever degree, you can just summarize those sections and I think that that would be fun.

Yeah, absolutely. And so I'll ask you to scroll forward on this. And just to for the wider community here. We actually ate not this past HLU meeting, but the meeting before we went through this in detail, we went through every single issue and discussed its questions. So the committee is comfortable, and we'd like to present it. So the first category is as of right request. Basically people who are proposing something that zoning permits and that you know do not necessarily need to go through ULURP and then also you learn so basically, it's they really should apply to all see I'm sorry I can't quite see this let's I need my so it basically that what we are asking people to do is to stick to the zoning recommendations that are in the Bushwick Community Plan. Very broadly speaking are protecting mid blocks and the residential areas of the community and allowing somewhat greater density around transit and on sort of the more busier corridors like Broadway financing. So that is one I need my reading glasses. My apologies. And maybe Celeste if we could go back and forth on this. Sure on Yeah.

So the next week we're asking anybody who is proposing whether they are as of right or not, we asked them to come for the community. And then this is a big one, if it's development is proposing that they will move from manufacturing to residential or mixed use that they really preserve the same amount of manufacturing that they're losing. And then the residential and mixed use is above that. And that the amount of affordable housing that they propose, it must surpass the basic city guidelines under MIH in both the number of units and the amount of affordability

Celeste: All right, so yeah, and just to add to what Anne has already said, this is an absolutely iterative and evolving document. So just because the board is reviewing this today, and we'll be making a recommendation later, does not mean that it's going to stay set in stone. We know that there are a lot of factors that change and this is supposed to be an adaptable document to really reflect the community's needs and you know wants as it relates to development. The next category is height factor or quality housing and just a quick overview. Height factor is a tower in the park style development. Typically you'll see very tall skinny buildings surrounded by, you know, potentially some open space or just a very tall building that's not necessarily in character with, you know, everything else that's surrounding it. quality housing generally refers to more contextual development. So if you have a row of two family homes, continuing that type of development or something that's similar, so like a shorter, denser building as opposed to a taller one. I think that that basically covers and of course, you know, the community is echoed. We don't want to keep seeing the tower in the park style development or the finger buildings, as they've been called. We would like to see more quality and contextual housing.

Anne: Exactly. The next one is mandatory inclusionary housing commonly known as MIH. It's a city city program, but whenever there is a significant zoning change, there has to be a certain amount of built in permanent affordability. The city does give developers several options. And we have looked at what those options are. And while it's a little bit technical, the housing and land use committee felt very strongly and a lot of the advocacy organizations that we have worked with feel strongly that options one and three are the ones that should be selected. I don't have that in front of me right now. But it is those that allow for the deepest amount of affordability so the lowest actual rents on the units that would be there and reducing this or that the higher the higher rent options on that. And the next one is actually quite related to that which is area median income or AMI bands. So anyone who has either applied for the affordable housing lottery or as you know,

spend some time learning about it. The rents in city subsidized housing developments in this inner city finance are determined by what the area median income area median income is determined by all five boroughs plus Westchester. As I think a lot of folks know, ami for the city, the official AMI for the city is pretty much exactly double what we understand the area median income to be for Bushwick. So for example, I've got a chart right here. The area median income for one person, one person in the city is \$83,000, which we know is a heck of a lot more than is an AMI for Bushwick. So we could go into the detail like we can share all of this information. I think it's really worth looking at and I think this is an issue that you know, we'd like to sort of work on, you know, with other people and try and push back against this going forward. But for these purposes, we are asking that Oh, can we can you scroll back, Celeste, I'm sorry. I lost the item. Yeah, there we go. So new development needs to serve the needs of existing Bushwick residents by fording by providing affordable housing that matches the community at our AMI levels. And so, yeah, it's it's, it has to go beyond the official requirements. And let's see. So this is some pretty technical stuff about some of the programs. But we had the basic idea is that if the AMI for the city for one person is \$83,000 What we end that's 100% of AMI, we're really looking for developments that are in the 20 3040 and maxing out it 50 and 60% Ami, because that's really what makes more sense for this community. So that's a very short version of that.

Celeste: Would you like me to take unit composition? Anne: Sure. Thank you. Celeste: Okay, so this really speaks to how the board has in the past emphasized to developers the need for family sized apartments or units. Typically, you know, I would say for the past several years we've seen a lot of the new developments in the neighborhood include studios, one bedrooms, two bedrooms, you know, really inaccessible both in costs, but also insights for our families. So this is really what this section is speaking to.

Anne: Exactly. And next up is parking, which is obviously a big issue in this community. But, you know, we had a lot of pretty tough conversations about this and came to a decision about whether it's the fight between affordability, affordable housing and the number of extra parking, because that's obvious. That's often a trade off that people who come before the board will present say, Oh, I could do more units if I didn't have to do parking or vice versa. So we said if there is a fight between those two then we are going to, we're going to support more affordability. But then we also said that larger developments over 100 units really do have to have some parking, even if the rules zoning for Z QA would allow that to be optional because there are city opt outs. So we are really about trying to balance the need for affordability and parking. Both of which are real issues in the community. Next up is the good neighbor policy. And this is really asking anybody who was doing a project small or large in this community, to work with their neighbors, to be good communicators to make sure that any construction that they are doing on their site is both is not going to harm the foundation's or, you know, the air quality quality of life of their neighbors. I mean, this has been an issue that we have seen many times over the years, and we're really asking people to to commit to that by creating signed contracts and committing to working with the community board and then signed contracts with the neighbors and then working specifically with the Community Board and the local precincts about things like street closures for you know, you know, large construction vehicles, that kind of thing. So next up, I believe that if you could take that Celeste.

Celeste: So construction contracting, the gist of this, there's some, you know, very specific construction law type criteria here, but I think what we were getting at through the community's conversations was making sure that when developments are occurring in this neighborhood, they are taking advantage of local contractors and local hiring. We want to make sure that folks have, you know, economic opportunities and they're not just bringing in folks from you know, out of the city or other parts of the city for these opportunities. And specifically as desmin is often very quick to speak on prioritizing local and MWBE which is minority women, business enterprise businesses, when essentially doing this type of work that's both during construction and post construction. We know that there are many jobs it takes a lot of people to bring these projects together, and of course to maintain them in the future and that's what this item is speaking to.

Anne: Great, thank you. Next up is employment opportunities post construction, this is also a real issue. Is to provide living wages or if there are workers that are employed. As part of the you know, a larger development especially, is really to tire as locally as possible to work with local employment groups such as seek next, etc There are others and to do as much yeah, it's a once wait sorry, just doing it, but really to to to prioritize quality jobs that are as locally hired as possible. And then to work with unions in whatever situation possible because that is something that we believe strongly in.

Celeste: And next is safety and quality of construction. This really speaks to the high volume of concerns we've gotten over the past, I would say five to 10 years within the community regarding you know, development that's increasing in pace, we may or may have slowed down during the pandemic, although we still get a lot of concerns from folks about development that's happening next door to them on their block. Just the overall impact of construction. So this item is really speaking to both the law right as it relates to building but also just making sure that folks know that we are paying attention, you know, and if there are any I just want to put this out there to everyone this evening. If you ever have concerns about a building, there is publicly accessible information but the community board can also look into it and make sure that they are complying with construction and all DOB regulations.

Anne: Absolutely. Next up is sustainability and resiliency. You know, I think a lot of folks here would agree that the environmental conditions of the world are not good. And I think even everybody at every level, we've got to try and work on this and to make sure that any building that is being built in our community is healthy both for the inhabitants of that building and the residents of the wider community and to prioritize energy efficiency and sustainability measures wherever possible. There is also the HPD housing preservation and development. They have active design guidelines which are also very much about creating buildings and communities that advance individual physical health and community physical health as well. So these are things that there are very clear guidelines out there for any architect developer to look at and we very strongly encourage everyone who comes before the ECB to look at those closely and incorporate them into their building. I believe it just passed yesterday at the City Council. New big buildings in the city are not going to have gas. It's just going to be electric as a move toward sustainability. And

so that's, you know, we're all we're all everybody's just trying to push in that direction towards sustainability. So I think this is something that we want to do at the Bushwick level as well.

Celeste: And next we have community engagement. So I think this expands on the good neighbor policy, but it also speaks to the entire process. We know that there are a lot of conversations developers and their teams have prior to even engaging with the community board. This is just for them to know, for us to say to them, we want to hear from you as early and as often as possible just to make sure we're aware of what's going on. You know that way we have a sense right? It's very difficult when board members or the public hears from a developer one time there's a lot of dense information. So the more we hear from them, the better you know, the better able everyone is able to understand what's going on. But it also just creates a relationship right in a conversation and we I think some of the board members can think of developers that have done a good job of that over the past few years.

Anne: Exactly. And I just want to second that it cannot. It is so important the way that the ULURP process is designed that the building is basically almost finished in design before the city requires it to come to the committee board. And so then, you know, all we can say is yes or no. And I think it's really important for us to really encourage people to come before that process starts and to develop a good working relationship because you know, ultimately, we're all gonna live here together. And I think it's incredibly important to build those relationships and one other

Celeste: Oh, sorry, I'm just one other quick note on that subject. I just saw this. But one other important point underneath this is partnering with the local community based organization to continue those conversations but also this I think, would speak more to post development when they start to market the affordable units making sure that there's someone that's able to provide the the orientations and the preparation so folks are able to secure and put in an application. There's a lot of paperwork that they require for the housing lottery and if your paperwork is not an order, then you may not be able to apply. So having a local nonprofit that already works with a lot of folks that are local would make it easier, theoretically, for that process to move forward.

Anne: Exactly. Next is community benefits and investment. So we're really asking for it to designate a space for community assets that really does meet the debt at a demonstrated need in the community. And that is affordable for community organizations. Who would like to access it, and there's also culturally relevant and so or local CBO often as part of the as part of these agreements there is you'll often see a ground floor space it says you know, it'll almost have an advertisement saying, you know, looking for, you know, community space, what does that mean? It can mean anything from a doctor's office, it can mean something to space for a not for profit or a you know, Senior Center aftercare program. There are a lot of different ways but I think that what we would really encourage people to do who come before the board is start to think about that beforehand and not just you know, as often you see them you walk by them and they're they've been empty for two three years or the building is getting leased out. We'd say no, actually build that in and start to have these conversations and make sure that you're actually meeting a need within the community.

Celeste: Right, and boards, a board of standard and appeals BSA variances. This just speaks to the fact that the community board receives different types of applications for development, board of standards and appeals variance is one of those. Typically, it's when a developer is seeking to change the zoning of a site based on the fact that there is some type of hardship. I believe there are other types, but this is more common amongst the ones that the board has received within the past several years. And this item is really speaking to how all of these standards should also apply to those applications as well.

Anne: Exactly. Next up is landmarks. Landmarks Preservation Commission designation. So as part of the Bushwick community land process, a group of people who live in historic houses or in historic areas of Bushwick. They really drove that process and put a lot of time and energy into thinking about what landmarking could look like in Bushwick. So much of this has been driven by the loss of so many buildings on Bushwick avenue. I think anyone who's lived here for a while, has seen sequentially, big house after big house because of the zoning, the underlying our zoning and those large lot sizes. Those buildings have been targeted for redevelopment from you know, single freestanding house into you know, multifamily housing. So, what this is really, this was asking LPC to look closely at the sort of cultural assets of Bushwick as well. And to it specifically designated areas that that working group and again, that was made up by a lot of people live in these houses, or in these areas to actually designate and focus on the protection of some of those houses because there's a couple last year we lost one at least, was at 1001. Mr. Camacho I've always yes, the address 1001. There's another one a block or two away that is in pre foreclosure, and it's that big white wooden house on Bushwick avenue I think a lot of people were worried about on the quarter. So I think that's something that we say, you know, obviously our people are the most important thing, but the physical. The physical character of the neighborhood is something that we value as well and we're not going to see that go for nothing.

Celeste: Alright, so next up is waste management just last if you were unsure. So this was a new addition after the last committee meeting and I think it this I'm sure everyone knows what this speaks to. There are a lot of sanitation issues in Bushwick. There are a lot of conversations that have been happening about them both through the board and through other folks that are in the neighborhood working to address those issues. This is really just to put, I think, developers and property and property owners on notice that this is also a priority for the board and for this community to make sure that not only are they you know building something new they're being good neighbors, but they're also taking a lead and making sure that all of the waste that the their buildings or their developments may create will be properly handled and maintained. So that way we can ensure everyone has a good quality of life. I think some of the concerns expand on that the bigger the building, the more garbage and that I think is a lot of the concern that we're having. But you could have a very small building and still have a lot of garbage. So we just want to make sure that everyone knows that this is a priority for the community. And I believe that is it. I did see some hands go up. So just give me a moment to stop sharing and we will take questions from the board. And then everyone else that's on this evening. Any questions from board members? Oh, I thought I heard someone or is there anyone I'd like to because I see there were a couple of questions about parking.

Anne: We 100% are going to get to that. But I'd also if there's anyone else who is here from the housing and land use committee, who has also participated in some of these conversations who would like to weigh in at all? We welcome you to do that, as well and board members. Celeste: And just a quick note, I will be adding folks that have joined since I we were presenting just give me one moment board members I know there's some folks on the phone as well. I still have to cross reference your phone numbers that takes a minute.

Mr. Camacho: I know what the chat is. Think about parking and they're talking about parking and getting rid of it but sometimes you have people that are disabled. That can't or limited income that can read that Uber knows about the Uber like everybody else does and can call a cab and come and go. Some people don't have the luxury of having money like that. But they have a bar or a family member. They do have a car they drive around. So parking is very important to our seniors. One and two are people that are disabled, that need the transportation that can't get on a train because there ain't no elevator. So parking is important to some people. So we have to work with everyone. Not only the new people here that are not for cars that are on a train or getting on their bikes. A lot of people are disabled like myself. It's hard for me to get around or carry bags and when you create a situation where you're only thinking about the people that live in the building, and the seniors and handicapped people you always have to worry about them too. So we have to have an open mind in regards to parking. That's why people are flashing there. Why parking? Some people are seniors, some people are handicap some people need sensorial don't come as fast as you see them. Some people are not computer sassy with the zoom or whatever it is the app that you guys got. We have to work with everyone in our community. And that's what we're here for. To make sure the forgotten one. Also have a piece of the pie in the community that made this community what it is. So we want to make sure we echo for them. Not everything should be a bikeway and parks and so we've had to make sure we work with our seniors too.

Anne: And so I just want to pick up on what Mr. Camacho was saying. And you know, this is obviously a really tough issue for this community board and for a lot of different people in the city. And I think it's so much a question of balance and trying to figure out what is the balance for this community. There is a huge need for housing. And there's also a lot of people who still need parking. We don't treat parking as a right. It's a privilege, you know, nobody it's not automatic. You know, nobody is saying that. You know you shouldn't even have to like walking around the corner to park your car. We are also saying that there are real needs within the community for people with cars. And it's really a question of balancing that. There have been a couple big proposals that have come before the housing and land use committee in the last year. And it's always been a huge and very robust conversation about what that parking balance is. And trying to understand. Alright, how much do you know if there's underground parking, or oh, what are your expectations? Of the you know, in terms of this is a question to the developer of how many parking spaces you will need in several cases. We have asked them to or there have been projects that have not been done on I'm sorry, let me just finish and then we can open it up for questions. But they have been trying to understand that yeah, what is that balance between affordable housing which is something that everybody I think can agree on is a huge need. And it's just but also making sure that there is still some and it's really there's no easy answer. I think some people, you know, in this meeting would say no parking, other people would say 100% parking and I think nobody's gonna be happy with the answer. And we need to really, we need to

sort of come up with a balance. So there are other specific questions on that. That was a very general answer, but I think it's just trying to just try to represent the struggle that we have with the housing lineage committee, and you know, I'm always on TV to have been working with and I agree with Anthony, I do. I agree. We don't treat parking like a privilege. We treat it like something that is needed in the community, but it is absolutely not a privilege. It's not a 100% guarantee and so it's it's again, it's this is a big question.

Celeste: So I would like to go in order just so that way we can respond to folks that asked questions earlier during the item. Joanna, if you would like to go first and then I'll start with the first question in chat. Join everyone. Yes. Can you hear me? Yes.

Jo-Ena Bennett: Yes. Congratulations on even getting this done. I'm sure it was a yeoman's effort. One of the things that I get concerned about is that your committee probably addressed the big developers primarily. One of the things I get concerned about is when you see these construction sites, and they're all boarded up. Is there any way that we can know that these people have the proper permits to get the work done? And I think a lot of people skating obtaining permits, we see and that it's dangerous. And I don't know that this comeback comes under your auspices, but is there a way to stay? Okay, whenever you take we want to see your permits. I don't know how we track them. But there's a lot of people I know that escaped me on getting permits.

Anne: I've seen this Miss Bennett thank you but I think that is especially the three story buildings, the four story buildings that are either got renovations it's really it's a it's a Department of Buildings question. I don't think unfortunately the Community Board has the capacity right now to knock on every single door and call those people I wish we did. But we should also have the capacity to bug DOB and bang on their door and say, you know, we need a little more enforcement and clarity on that. And now they think maybe we can work with some of our electors. But I think you're absolutely right, that that is much more likely to happen at the smaller scale. I think what we've all seen is the smaller scale. Renovations and renovations are the ones where the skating is most likely happening. Thank you.

Yep. Putting another story on top of this thing house. How do we know that those people have permits but answered my question. Thank you. Joining us now posted and you see things going on for the Board's office and we'll make sure that we'll find now that they can post it to us to be aware of what's going on. Sometimes they don't post what you want to say right. And we know after the fact that it's been built so maybe they need to do that . We'll meet up with the business department. We'll make sure that they put the proper documents in the building like that we know the scope of the job and what in detail it's that they have to do so we'll make sure that if anyone sees anyone like that call the Community Board Office, and we'll can get some clarification made sure that they put it up because that's a violation. This should be posting anything upon there that we should be knowing about whatever job to do.

Thank you one thing actually I want to add to that Celeste and I have talked in the past about getting some of our more technologically minded community members to help us with this almost pull permits to create almost an automatic database of anybody who's pulling a permit within the CB4 district that we can then so that we don't have to chase it down. We can look at that. And then you know maybe Camacho walks by one. I walked by the other and we actually make sure that that's there. The permits rather so just thank you.

Celeste: Thank you. Thank you all and just to provide additional context so the board's office does receive on a weekly if not daily basis. The updated construction permits from the Department of Buildings. This includes variance requests this includes everything that they're doing, and is correct that we as board staff and even I would say as board members don't necessarily have the capacity to see everything at the same time. But that's where this is a two way street and everyone that's on this evening, you know is very capable of taking a look you know, you walk by on your way home your way to the store. If you see something that looks suspicious, or it doesn't look like it's happening legally. Mr. Camacho is absolutely 100% Correct. Give us a call and if we need to get the Department of Buildings involved, that's what we will do. And I've also dropped in the chat, the DOB Building Information System and this is public information anyone can put in an address and take a look to see if they have permits filed. If you know folks that don't use the computer, you can absolutely just reach out to us in the office and we will do that for you. But I encourage folks that can take a look and you can see for yourself what's going on even if it's a development. You'll know right away if it's something that isn't isn't happening legally. We have to work together. Thank you. All right, Mr. Ceballos.

Felix Ceballos: Yes, yes. Like a commercial says right now we have to work together. I go into the parking again. We had to fight a lot in the new construction to try to put a parking because right now in Bushwick it is very hard to come from parking like in Manhattan right now. I know. So controlling how many units is going to add the parking lot in fortunate but like I say we have been fighting a lot. Try to the new construction the new party.

Martha Brown: And I know I my complaint is too we have I don't know I do in the past that if they want a Sunday permit to work on Sunday to do work on Sunday during construction that they had to come before the housing and land use committee and before the board and we've got 1160 Avenue works on Sunday. And 48 Bleecker was working on Sunday night. I think 40 a brick is finished. But I believe 1160 And there's no permit up there saying that they have a Sunday permit and I know they didn't come to the board. We've got to stay on top of this stuff.

Just mark the brand. I have approached them and I also mentioned that to Celeste as we will be calling in DOB and because they're not letting us know that if they one day aren't giving the permits for Sunday and two then I come into the community board I went to and I saw the construction set myself. I saw them close the street. I saw people going around the corner and they said they had permits when one of the guys came out. He said no they were doing it illegally, closing the street out and not supposed to be closing. Let me know what that was and I called the precinct and they opened the street up so they can't be closed. So without permits because people are lazy Sunday doing their shopping and want to come back and go to their homes and they can't because of the construction of something on Bleecker Street. And I witnessed that and I approached and I gave a complaint so I think they finished that's the house that Mary's house.

Mr. Camacho: I also saw my deed count and I approached Tony so if anyone sees anything on the weekend, please call the office Monday morning. Let us know, take a picture. Take a picture. Get the contract that will summon them. Okay. Mr Camacho and Miss Brown because I think we need a paper trail for that like whether you want to call 311. I think calling the district office is better because I think it's a little more responsive. But 311 also, you know, it creates that paper trail but it's really it's trying to keep people accountable. Like if they are working within this

community. There has to be a give and take and a level of accountability. And so if people see that happening, please call the office because then if Celeste says I've gotten eight complaints about this building site DOB can't say that like they can't ignore it.

Martha: Well, I grabbed 431 more than I do have the complaint number for 48 week but I know that they finish with whatever they were doing on the weekend. But when we did they did have permits. I remember because they showed us and I called the right seat myself. They did have permits. But that was only for that one weekend that they put in. I don't know who's allowed. But they said that these people are doing our weekends so they can get more money, the city gets more money when they do it on weekends. So we can remember in the past they were all these developers who were supposed to come to the board and get permission from the board. And we met you remember that compared to anybody else who was on the board. When they all started developing. They had to get permission from the board. On Sunday permit. We can't go into the neighborhood or something and do a Saturday and do any building and do any construction. But yes, they can come in our neighborhood and do what they want to do and I think we need to stay on top of it so no, you're not going to do that. And then as they get bigger they can come in and do it anyway. We're not going to be late with this issue. But we need to stay on top of it. We will and one of the points let me just interject this when we're doing construction in which we rarely do you see a flagger they will be doing the construction. Traffic will be blocked, back up people buses can't turn and there's no one directing traffic. You're not going to see that in men and other neighborhoods. It's crazy and these contracts will be mandatory that they have flaggers to direct traffic on this construction site, particularly on the commercial corridors. I've seen it with Gates Avenue buses just came to a screeching halt and the bus driver had to get out and direct the traffic because there was no one day and people were waiting. So we're gonna make sure we're gonna make sure we get someone to do a presentation to make sure that we hold them accountable next time. Hopefully by January we'll bring them down and we'll give our concerns to the people that are in the streets and possibly call the Street and Broadway construction plusses turn into nothing. Nobody is directing traffic. It's awful, it is dangerous.

Celeste: Okay, so these are the types of concerns everyone should be brought to the board's office and I want to be mindful of time and I see your hand I just have a few things to get through. I've been waiting while everyone was speaking. So the first thing that I would like to just mention, there are some questions in the chat that I would like to respectfully respond to. Just to make sure folks know we're hearing them. Miss Wade to Shauna Wade. How is AMI calculated? I did drop a link in the chat to HPDs AMI webpage. If you're able to take a look at that I encourage you to if you have any other questions, feel free to drop them in the chat or you can follow up with us in the board's office. I believe and already summarized some of the questions about parking. If you feel as though your question about parking wasn't responded to please let us know again, this is not specific to parking. This is not a responsible parking policy. This is just for development in the neighborhood. If we want to have a larger conversation about parking, I would encourage the board members to consider taking that to the Transportation Committee, which we will be probably discussing some of the ways or the ideas on how to alleviate the burden that's on the neighborhood right now. But I want to keep us focused as it relates to construction that's happening. I think the examples we're hearing this evening makes it more important for folks to always let us know the best way to file a complaint with the board's office whenever you call 311. We always encourage you to call 311 first because the first thing anyone from any agency will

say to me is what's the 311 number. So we always need the 311 number if you're having trouble with it. Let us know we will do it on your behalf if for whatever reason you're not getting through but please try because you see what's happening before we do and you know all the details that we wouldn't necessarily know. But once you call 311 Take the confirmation number you can give that to anyone in the board's office and we will follow up with that agency to find out what's going on. The Department of Buildings has a great response time; they generally will send someone out as soon as we alert them to an issue. They have a scale depending on the severity of those issues. They will send someone out right away; anything being done without a permit requires, I believe, a 24 hour response time compared to some of the other complaints that people may put in. That will take much longer, but it's essential that we have those 311 numbers and that at base, the bare minimum, you just let us know what's going on. Because if we don't hear about what's happening, if we don't hear about they're not being flaggers or we don't hear about the variances on Sunday, then we're not going to be able to follow up but we absolutely will. And if folks had anything else they'd like to drop in the chat regarding those things. Please take a look at that information.

Tanesha Honeygan: Um, I just wanted to quickly say that, um, I think there's an after hours, hours variants map that shows like construction projects that have been under our various, like permit or permission to work on the weekend, Saturday and Sunday or at other times because I know that there's no construction allowed between before 7am Or after 6pm Without the after hours variants. But there's a map that shows the locations in different communities that have the permits, if anyone needs to know that or want to look at that to check any buildings and anytime that the permit.

Celeste: Perfect. Thank you and I see a question from Carlotta in the chat regarding 1333 Broadway. The short answer, Carlotta is no. But given that this is a private development, they technically not are legally not required to do so. We do have the thread that's ongoing with the group of residents that have been having those conversations so I know that we will likely have more updates on that later in the meeting. During Anne's report under housing and land use. All right, also Council Member-Elect Nurse had a question in the chat. So let's if you wouldn't mind pulling up or maybe you wouldn't mind reading just because I don't have it in front of me right now. The M to R stipulations, because I know that you had that up recently. So maybe Sandy, would you be able to ask your question you should be able to unmute Sandy right. Yeah. Oh, go ahead. We can hear you now.

CM-Elect Nurse: Okay, sorry. Thank you all for this. This is really awesome. And I can tell it was a labor of love and it's certainly much needed. Given that we don't necessarily have a plan is limited. So I just had a question. When you were scrolling through at the beginning. I had a question. When you're saying manufacturing to residential. Are you saying that if a developer wants to go from manufacturing to residential that they either preserve an equivalent amount of manufacturing space and hit a certain threshold for MIH? Or Or is it that they either preserve that space or they create the residential threshold that you're looking for? I guess I just was clarifying, because I missed it.

Anne: And Celeste maybe if you wouldn't mind pulling up this specific language. I think it's an incredibly important question that you asked and this is what we keep seeing again and again, we have a project that is coming before us right now. Specifically, and my understanding is that it preserves the equivalent amount of this and this was born out of the Bushwick community plan and a lot of the work that went into that and for everybody else in the meeting. I think there's a lot you know, everybody feels we need more affordable housing. And what we have seen over the last 10 to 15 years of the 10 years I've been on the board, the big rezonings are always empty areas which are basically manufacturing to residential. And so that is, you know, for a while people thought, Oh, it's a win if we get affordable housing and then people realize, you know, this is not a win if we're losing the potential for jobs. If we are manufacturing jobs have been absolutely the backbone of sort of jobs and employment in this community for decades and decades and decades. And we can't just give that away. And so maybe I will read out loud.

CM-Elect Nurse: Yeah, and I see Sorry, I guess I see that it says with mixed use. I think that was the key word that I was missing.

Anne: Okay, so it's there. And again, they're responsible development policy. This is an ask, there's nothing enforceable about this. But this is a statement of values, a commitment to what we as a community believe, and that we have worked on together. Collectively over the last 434 years. Or if you include the work that went into the bushwa community plan the last 567 years even. So, these are shared values. We can't enforce them, but we are asking for them. And so it's giving us a sort of position to work from. What we typically see is projects that either preserve some of that manufacturing and have higher AMI aka affordability levels or have switched the manufacturing to commercial and have better AMI levels so there's no good answer to it to be honest. That's and this is what we are seeing come before us.

CM-Elect Nurse: But in fact clarification I just wanted I was just I missed that makes us part so I thought it was people we want to make sure of because mandatory inclusionary housing that they call affordable is not affordable to this community. So we want to make sure we want to make sure that if we change it from a directory deeply affordable for the people that can live in that place and also also of the factories in the rental in regards to some of these commercial places that they can again in so we want to get more bang for bang, if that's what we're gonna do, or that's what we choose to do. Because we're tired of giving away. They come to us when there's a manufacturer to change it from Mantar and then they just give us the bare minimum, and then they charge all this rent and all this for commercial space. And then the people that live here can't rent the place so we want to make sure that if that is that they're going to take a chunk of loss, right. Some developments are working now and do 100% affordability for the community and also make commercial space rented for communities like ours. So that's what we're really focusing on.

Anne: So absolutely, just a second that it was born. This whole conversation was born out of the desire to preserve manufacturing land and not just give it away for nothing, frankly, and then the fact that you know the current affordability rates, a one bedroom apartment at 100%, ami is \$2,100 or \$66. And most of the last three years, I think, three or four years and Celeste can back me up on this. The vast majority of the projects that we saw come through the housing and land use committee. Were at 130% affordability. And so that's got to be that's probably in the \$2,400 range for a one bedroom which I mean that is just like that's Monopoly money. That doesn't make any sense for this community. We are absolutely unwilling to support rezonings that giveaway into our four units that have no ability to support the people of this community.

Celeste: Daniel asked, When is the next Transportation Committee meeting? It's going to be on Monday the 20th for this month for December at 6pm via zoom. You can feel free to follow up with us in the board's office. Kim, I don't know if you're able to drop that agenda in the chat. There is a feature where you can add the agenda if you're able to do that. And then we also had a message from Mr. Larancuent. Can the committee or the board sponsor public meetings with homeowners to inform them of their legal rights during construction next to their property? So this speaks to one of the projects the board has been working on. We just got a fellow this year from the fund for the city of New York. They're working to pull together a list of all the homeowners and the type of homeowners that we have. We know that we have a lot of individual homeowners. We also know we have a lot of LLCs and the goal is to eventually create a forum of some type to inform homeowners of their rights and particularly focusing on our small homeowners that we know have experienced a heavy impact with all of the changes in the community. We want them to be prepared. We want them to be informed and we want them to be able to continue staying in this community. And not have to cave to the pressures that are all around them. Okay, you want to process and so we also want to make sure that we hear from them, and we understand their needs and what's going on in this crazy world that's going on today. So we really want to make sure that we keep our top three family homes because back in the 70s and maybe we couldn't afford to live here. And now that we got what we have signed, people are trying to take it away from us somehow with either tax liens or school developers coming in here and promising things and and guess what, it's not really happening. So we can't be we got to make sure we take care of our 22 family homes because that's the only thing we have to make a community like it is ours now. And not these big high rises, big buildings where no one knows anyone anymore. So these little high rises that had been here all my life and I had seen the change and it's taking away from our seniors and especially all the population that bought when no one can even imagine when dealers and blacks can buy these homes. It's kind of disheartening to see what's going on. So hopefully with the leaders that we're going to have now in office, they can hit on echoes and we can put them to the potency kits and we put you there for a simple reason. We need help. And we've got to make sure that we give them the help and especially us or anyone that can afford to live.

And we do have a few members of the public that have their hand raised as the board will allow. I want to give them an opportunity to talk if they would still like to do so. Okay, I see. Thank you, Mr. Anthony. Gwyneth Anthony. Oh, you should hold on. It might allow you to talk in a moment if you still have a question. I'm sorry. Miss Anthony. Yep. Hi, I'm here. Yes. Do you still have a question or did we already cover the answer?

Ms. Anthony: Well, I did have a question about parking specifically and I guess I needed more details about that. I'm disappointed that you mentioned that there's a transportation committee going on? Celeste: Yes, on December 20. That would be the best place to continue the conversation specifically about parking. Ms. Anthony: Okay, well, then I think that's a better opportunity for me to go into depth with parking. There. Celeste: Perfect. Excellent. Thank you for joining us. And next we have Julie Miller. You should be able to speak if you still have a question. Yes, we can hear you. We can hear you.

Julie Miller: I don't know if I have a question. Just just I guess some things to add just so some thoughts about affordable housing. And some things that I've noticed myself, you know, I know obviously there's things coming in with new developments. And so predatory landlord practices just talking about you know, the the household income I have a lot of my friends for apartments and pretty good stuff, but I know like what, you know what to ask what to look for, and some of the things that they're doing are like landlords requiring that in order to put in an application you have to prove you make 40 times right. So you get 320 year old girls, whose daddies are living in Oklahoma and making \$100,000 a year and now it looks like this three bedroom apartment in Bushwick as a \$300,000 income or whatever you know, and the landlord's use this to cancel rent control. They use it to get around rent stabilization. is as long as you put in enough paperwork and to prove that the income level of the neighborhood has risen. Now you can get out of your commitment to having affordable housing and it makes the market go crazy. On top of that, really being a major issue to be honest, I think it's a major way they cleared out and did a lot of what they've been doing in the last 10 years. But also renting rooms separately, which is an illegal practice but they make all these people who are just like real world Bushwick. They get all these people or strangers thrown into an apartment together. They don't know each other but they all sign the lease together. So on paper, they're all legal. But in reality, they're renting out separate rooms. And that creates a lot of problems for people when they have issues with roommates. They never met before and screw them out of rent or dip out early or whatever. And the landlord's come after whoever's left and say, Well, you all signed this lease together. So that's like a package predatory practice. And also Airbnb. I personally rent Airbnb, but I rent out the extra rooms in the home where I've lived for 15 years. I know a lot of landlords, there's apartment warehousing going on, that make they're trying to keep the market rates up rather than lowering the rent a few \$100 they just hold them and they'll hold them empty for two years and claim tax benefits or what you know losses so that they can keep the market rate up. Or a lot of them are renting full apartments, Airbnb, I know landlord friends who live in a building they're like Oh my It's so cool. My landlord is renting out three of their apartments for Airbnb. I like that's not cool. You know what, no one lives there. So those are the things you know, just directly with the predatory landlords and even talking about the new high rise. You know, they're required to have so many affordable units. A lot of the times they stay empty forever because like you said, it's a lot of paperwork. It's a lot of time to get in. I've seen you know portable housing stays empty for a year, and there's a list of 1000s of people trying to get it and a lot of these new places they use backdoors that people are paying lower income, they're not getting the same amenities. They're not getting treated the same. And yeah, be secondary to all that. I know a lot of the other neighborhoods have tenants unions. I haven't heard of the Bushwick tenant union. I don't know if you guys know about that. But I'm sorry. That's a lot of things. I'm just saying.

Anne: We appreciate that. Thank you so much. I think a lot of these issues are things that have already come up at the Housing Committee. We have some electeds and some elected representatives. I know that they're thinking about a lot of these issues. I think anybody who was at this meeting, I would welcome all of us, would welcome you coming to the housing land use committee meetings and raising these issues there. Because I think those are really great issues. I think we've started to talk about some of them. We want to talk more about how and but I do think that the Affordable I mean, the responsible development policy is sort of, we can't tackle

everything. Not this really us trying to present to people coming before us. So I kind of shut down the conversation because it's the last thing I want to do. What I would ask is how housing and land use is the last Tuesday of every single month. And please come and let's get this stuff on the agenda. And let's develop a plan to actually figure out what we as a community board can do about that stuff and the stuff we can't do. Let's just start banging on the doors of our elected officials who can do something about it. Thank you so much.

Celeste: Thank you. And so just a quick update on that. Typically the meetings are on the last Tuesday because of the holidays this month, the next housing and land use committee meeting is going to actually be next Tuesday. So please follow up with us on that agenda. The presenter just confirmed today and I want to let everyone on the board know that I emphasized again that they need to send the presentation no later than Friday. So if the presentation is not there, please do what you have to do when they're there in person. So we also have a question from the public from Maritza Vila. You should be able to unmute Maritza. Can you hear me? It's our assembly member. I was wondering. Your full last name isn't there? I was like that's very close. You're missing a couple letters there. Yeah, there are a few letters missing from your last name.

Assembly Member Maritza Davila: Yes, a question from Maritza Davila. Yeah, there's a lot of questions that I had. Thank you so much for the presentation. I sort of came in and for everybody who doesn't know I am Assemblywoman Davila. Maritza Davila. I know there were questions regarding housing. I heard Camacho, my brother, from another mother. Should I do?

Mr. Camacho: Yes, yes. Yes. So that people can see you.

AW Davila: Okay, okay, here we go. Now we could see each other. Yeah, thank you. So thank you so much for that presentation. I think that it kind of narrows down everything that we would love to see moving forward at least in my district and community board for you know, we have a great team of people that are working, that are volunteering for community boards to understand the dynamics of this community. They know so it's a mixture of the old with the new and trying to figure out how we convince them, right. I heard someone talking about, you know, the AMI is and how everything has changed. Well, guess what? They have changed. They've changed in the past 25 years. Right? Ami and annual maximum income in this community used to be 30% ami. Now it's 120% ami. Okay, that is a significant jump. But I just want you to know that it is not just our community. If you go to Bed Stuy you're going to see the same. If you go to Crown Heights, you're going to see the same. This is across the board. We had one for a couple of maybe a month or a month and a half ago. We did a ribbon cutting ceremony for the rankled site that no suit is like a cop and the organization's from work. We're really fighting for senior housing, housing that we need but you know how long it took to get that? It took a long time. Yes, it took nine years, a long time. And so now, you know, Bushwick has been a community organizer my whole life. Bushwick now has a minimal amount of space and land. This is why you're seeing all of these landlords and people coming in knocking down the small homes, trying to bring these high rises up because this is the way they think they're going to make their money. But what happens is, again, we continuously lose our community when this happens. As you can see, I still live in Bushwick. I've lived in Bushwick. 58 years of my life. I didn't want to say my age, but that's what it is. And I could adjust like Camacho. We saw the differences in how we changed how we were

instrumental in making the evolution right. No one wants to live in a district that's burnt the house down and your kids have to go to crap Bibles, we went to. Okay, fast forward. We have a vibrant community that reflects all types of ideologies, and reflects everyone. But what we are forgetting is to tell the history right? So if you do not tell the history as you're joining the community board for and fighting the fight that you're doing we're never going to be forgotten. Push with right. It's gonna be all done and nothing changes forever. But for God's sake, my kids are being raised here. Hopefully your kids will be raising your grandkids and be raised so we can let them forget where they come from. But I just have to say that you guys are doing a phenomenal job. I thank you for that. Presentation. It was on the money. The only thing that I want to talk about a little bit is about how we are allowing all these liquor licenses to fly. We need to be extremely careful and this is a conversation that I will be having with the governor. We have to start controlling how these liquor licenses are being sort of given out because of the fact that I think that we don't have enough oversight, not even oversight to, to one look at these establishments. Okay. I live on Hart with my family. I can tell you that on the weekends when I walk right outside of my door and I walk up a block. It's like walking back into 42nd Street in 19 sets in 1980. Okay, I specifically and I don't know where the community board stands on this and maybe Celeste you can help me try to clarify some of this. I got a call because the Committee on alcohol and drugs wanted to make an amendment to allow establishments to get temporary liquor licenses until they permanently kick in. Absolutely not. No. No. Why do I say no? My community can be very very different from somebody else's community. They may not have enough bars. My community has a million bars already. Okay. And if we allow the temporary timing, you know how it is, you know, when you interview someone for a job and they do great, great, great until they get in and then boom, we have a problem. We're having problems in our communities. And the wrong people are the ones that are being targeted. I don't know why. But the wrong businesses are being targeted and they're ending up paying a lot of money, but the ones that need to be investigated. You know, you have to put in I think God would last a week talking about several establishments that things are happening that I'm aware of. But imagine what we are not aware of. I'm just saying that. I don't know. Through the state. I'm going to do everything I can to try to slow down the process. But then again, the community has to be able to stand up and say even if it's a 500 foot foot roll, you can have up to three bars. In one block. And there's residents there. Yeah, and we know it's just a little bit out of control. And when you see that, you'll also see the hypodermic needles on the floor. You'll also see you'll also see everything else bad coming into the neighborhood. Okay, so we have a beautiful neighborhood, but we need to keep it, we need to keep it and that's it. So not only the police department has to be all of us, ensuring that you know these things, you know, do not get out of control but I really honestly am seeing a huge, huge hit on Wyckoff Ave. And everywhere, right? It must be fun at first but it really brings the community to Assemblywoman

Mr. Camacho: Yes, I would. I would. I want to work with you and make sure that our community and our people because I remember when I was a young kid, and I used to drink my old English. Remember back in the day just to can used to drink and the cops came and they gave you a ticket for an open container. And it was \$50. And then you know, that's why people don't understand why I'm so so so in regards to what's going on there making this stuff legal. When the people that were doing it before, sacrificed their lives and were arrested, had bench warrants. Because how do you pay the \$50 summons? And then you do something else you get caught now people

walking around with the feel like they're in the club in the street. So we're done. The elected officials, some who I'm not saying who are allowing the status quo, just like the open could pay for this, make the open street thing, and that's what they're gonna do. And that's what we're gonna have you we're gonna go right back to the 60s and 70s You're blaming and we have to work together your right.

AW Davila: Your question? I want your comments. I'm actually Yes, I did pass a piece of legislation last. Okay. That minimizes the young folks that cannot pay those fines? Because again, you can't have one thing without the other. You cannot say, you know, we don't want our young kids in jail to have bad records, but at this moment with a pandemic that people do not have jobs, they get a ticket, they cannot pay this to me, and they end up in jail. That's a fail or another situation that probably a person could get into. I'm talking about the young folks but I voted against open containers in the city and in the entire state. I voted against the delivery of no not the delivery but the only containers because once people want it to get the deliveries at home, that was fine for the pandemic. But now, no, we don't need all the containers. We don't need that. So you do have elected officials that fight but remember there's 106 of us not one, there's 106 of us. So what pertains to Upstate may not pertain to New York City. So that's where we cannot find out. I just want you to understand how that works in all right, upstate, they need the resources, they need the money. Nobody's hanging out in the street, the delivery comes down. Nobody has a problem. People are receiving wine and liquor in the house like nobody has a problem with that. But open containers walking down the street. If we're going to allow that then we might as well have people doing drugs in the street. as well. So I don't agree. But we are working on Camacho and you and I can work together. So let us to be able to talk about maybe coming up with other legislations that would be able to protect communities like ours that if we don't, if we do not keep that equilibrium, we'll just maybe tip Docker towards you to a place where we will not be able to come back. Okay.

We voted no for the bottom on the corner appointed to give the liquor like the fourth thing No. Anyway, they know when they send in the paper to say we use the receipt, the student was able to get a license okay and if not I will also answer that the SLA is independent from the state. No, we do not control the SLA. Let me repeat that. Ladies and gentlemen. The SOA is the independent group of people appointed by the governor's office. We do not control the SLA. The only thing we can do is make a phone call to them and say why is this happening? Can you perform an investigation, but we as elected officials and the community what if you don't have the power either imagine before the power has to be equal? But you're right we need to start somehow trying to come up with a plan that the SOA has another segue to be able to listen to community residents because we don't have to. That's what we don't have. We don't not control the SLA. So I do get that you can say no and shut it down and say no. And it's so gonna open up. You know, I don't understand what that process is. But this is our distinct opportunity. We're gonna have a new world. We have a new governor that's willing to listen to us. All we need to do is put out legislation that's going to be conducive to what we're thinking about. Right now.

Gladys Puglla: I can tell you I'm sorry. I'm sorry. We have a problem with beers and liquor in this park where I live, the Bushwick playground. You mean, this is what I don't want to even say that the police don't do anything. They see that they are drinking and don't do anything. Well, the police are on here right now. And then I say what I say and I call that one time because they were

drinking and writing the answers on it. And they were not inside they were outside and they have a package that is.

AW Davila: I would ask you to please because you don't know who's on this screen is the class on if you can set that up. Celeste so she could call me and and and keep it how you call that anonymous place and you'll be able to add me to to interrupt you. I just didn't want you to continue to talk about times that are being committed. Let the police department handle that with you. Is that okay? It's right there. Whoever let him say Friday but I'm saying because let him let her speak to him in private is that all right and that way? Mr. Claxon?

Captain Claxon, 83 Precinct: If that's what the goals are, right, so I mean, if you see any illegal activities firstly, of course we're talking I know. Normally on the weekends, they have a group of individuals they go in and play volleyball. We don't tend to see any real, you know, violent crime happening in the park. You have individuals like I said they have with their families and there may be some containers and we try to show a level of courtesy to some individuals that you know, they don't mean no harm. You know when we see that there's an increase of criminal activity or violence, then we tend to take more action right. We will try to show a certain level of courtesy to the individuals that you know, they may not have, they may not have a backyard to drink, you know they may not even have a fun stupid drinking. Be realistic. It says Mr. Camacho stated back in the day, the NYPD were issuing some just individuals and young individuals playing 2325 Like really can afford to pay these summonses and they're not really doing anything to harm anybody. It's just that they have a long hard week of work and they're trying to relax with their families and friends. Right. Is it a violation of, you know, actual local statute? Yes, it is. Right. But I mean if we can exercise a certain level of courtesy and discretion, so that we're not just summoned by everyone, just happens and the pain of fine and going further in debt and having to deal with you know, having a warrant for their arrest. You know, then we try to exercise our level of enforcement, what a greater level of, of discretion. If it's a problem, and we and we and you know, we closely monitor it's not just Bushwick, Bushwick playground, we might attend these areas. There's also the school playground covered in corporate and Central. We monitor these areas when we see a large, large group of individuals, they normally like I said they may be playing volleyball, they want their families, there's a few open containers. But if there's no level of room, that we don't get any cause of any criminal behavior, I'm not talking about violation but criminal behavior, that we're not going to enforce heavily you know, we don't get that.

Mr. Camacho: We haven't started, we haven't started our meeting. We did the presentation but I want to AW Davila: Oh my god, so guys, I got to talk and messed up the meeting. I'm sorry. For a roll call. Everybody. Thank you. So let's talk to you tomorrow, the macho thing in the office Thank you Assemblymember. Good evening, everyone. Thank you.

Celeste: So I know that we still have board members with their hands raised I would just ask if you would like to send your question to us or if it was for the assembly member I know her staff is on perhaps later you can ask those questions or you can always reach out to their office directly for now we do need to close our public hearing item we've gone over by at least 30 minutes. So we'll go ahead and do that. Thank you everyone for participating in a lot of robust dialogue this

evening. That officially ends our public hearing portion. We will now go into our regular meeting portion and we will start with our first roll call Board Members please be ready.

Regular Meeting:

1) First Roll Call

Celeste: And if for whatever reason you don't hear your name it is not intentional or if you're muted it is not intentional. Just be ready to let us know you're here.

Board Members in attendance: Jo-Ena Bennett, Joshua Brown, Martha Brown, Rawle Brown, Robert Camacho, Gardea Caphart, Melissa Carrera, Felix Ceballos, Daniella Davi, Elvena Davis, James Fitzgerald, Egaudy Gomez, Anne Guiney, Hadiyah Harrison, Jared Hicks, Tanesha Honeygan, Kristen Jock, Virgie Jones, Luisa Jose, Andy Marte, Desmonde Monroe, Samy Nemir Olivares, Acire Polight, Gladys PUGlla, Raul Rubio, Eliseo Ruiz, Vernedeaner Shell, Barbara Smith, Dustin Sonneborn, Annette Spellen, Jerry Valentin, Carlotta Williams, Frank Zimmerman

Excused: Rev. Grace Aytes, Jose Guzman, Kyle O'Rourke

Absent: Marcus Alston, Louisa Chan, Andrew Choi, Carlos Feliciano, Freddy Fowler, Imini Mitchell, Zulma Novoa, Leo Tineo, Odolph Wright

2) Acceptance of the Agenda as Presented

Motion - Barbara Smith

Second - Elvena Davis

All in favor, so moved.

3) Acceptance of the Previous Meeting Minutes

Celeste: I would like to apologize to the board members I have been summoned for 30 days or 20 days, excuse me feels like 30 days of jury duty. So unfortunately, I've been multitasking during the day. Whenever I get a break, I'm checking my emails. However, I am not free again. Till the 30th of this month. So my apologies for not getting the minutes ready in time. Yes, yes, grand jury. So if folks wouldn't mind tabling Until next month, I would greatly appreciate it. Is there a motion to table

Motion to table - James Fitzgerald

Second - Annette Spellen

All in favor, so moved.

4) Chairperson's Report

Thank you all I wish everyone I know when we hate I wish everyone happy and wonderful. Christmas or holiday whatever you celebrate. We hope we can meet again instead of this zoom thing. We got to do what we got to do to be safe. I also it's been a rough two weeks because of course unless we don't speed so it's hard I call the office all the time. I know Kimberly and Sharon are doing a great job. I talk to them constantly. And if anyone has any issues of concern, please

give me a call. Call the Community Board Office, get these committees on this committee and we can address these issues instead. of US addressing here if you can make recommendations should be good now.

So we can make sure that we can get a number of answers and questions that make sure we can let the elected officials know what we want, how we want and what's going on. You can all be on the same page. So a pretty cool community board because it can show any issue that you guys may have got on the committee and let's work together to make it happen. On November 18. Thursday at 2pm Mr. Ness met the new organizer former Riseborough duction Wesley Vasquez. He's a new person and RiseBoro. He was an employee. On November, on Thursday at 6pm, Culture and technology committee met and I also did. The Pilling development was going on in developing affordable housing compelling and the 19th Friday or breaking brown ceremony at 11 o'clock. That's still the Rheingold site for the SR that Maritza Davila was talking about. On the 30th. I was at the walkthrough with the congresswoman with two former Assemblywoman Maritza Davila and Senators. Carlos wasn't too happy with ours. I know that the Buddha's apartment the following day in regards to them, the flow conditions that they were having, and removing and cleaning the building, with this debris and with the stuff that they were having the right way tossing construction without them knowing surprised them will be caught in a city on on Oh God, and so they will pick in some instance. Also, we met at six o'clock at the housing land use committee on November 22. The youth and education committee before December 1, when is the Executive Board meeting? December 2 Thursday at Tokyo meeting with the captain in regards it just want to thank him in regard to the talks that we were getting a lot of complaints from the community on my street, those trucks that they have been they've been hitting them with some assist. So hopefully they learned but I think they're talking now they're not doing it in the daytime doing it at night now. So maybe we can start getting them on a second December 3 At 3pm the meeting with the enabling 5g coalition. On December 2 Thursday community partner meeting I several we know the patrol borough and spec the Moscow at 3pm. Read meaning we weren't meant to read. We let them know the complaints and the issues we had. So hopefully, they're supposed to be making a presentation to us. We're supposed to be seeing them soon. So you can ask all the questions and all the answers to them. On the set on December 7 at 4pm A brooklyn borough board meeting and on the Brooklyn board for me we're the open law restaurant, which supposed to start in January 20/23 DC DCP and DOT and they want to make sure they're gonna hold meetings conference in regards to noise sanitation issues and the permanent program. And then there was city planning supposed to be voting on a septic they voted on the 15th. City council voted for a robust enforcement Department of City Planning on a new urban design website. They also made a presentation their summer night on Thursday. CB for civil public safety related committee RDF once they sit before the district cabinet. I want to thank Kimberly today. Wonderful job today. Everybody was on the you know with the highlight that people went to Vacation. It was really good. I went to the office and I hunted it there and we met with the city agencies. Some of them were there, some of them weren't. But you know, it's the habit that some of them weren't working in it to make it when I gave them a little pass, but the majority of them were there at 12 o'clock. 35 Linden Street at 11. o'clock. We met with the tenants. On the 30, Monday at 4pm. I had a meeting with Alexandra Fennell. She's from the community and she's doing the new ratio impact study. There was a meeting that they had that was supposed to be launched soon. I hope it is that they will have to do picture development and will have to issue an impact study. Just like

any other study that they do to their 14 economic development and permits writers. I was also on the phone at the same time. We're in a forum with the new development at 1325. Probably there's been no 20 storage on Avila has his way. Not attached to them. I don't know if it is as-of-right. They say it is as-of-right. I really, really need to talk to all the letter officials. Because I know when I was at this meeting, the issues that were brought up or the foundation structure and the damage to the Jason homes to the construction contract agreements. legal representation developers Express and developers spent traffic in and out of the garage. It would be rows of trees to make parking security in a proposed open space while their use will use us insured union workers. Will they be including affordable housing for existing community? Mr. Camacho: Yes, they will. But recently the AMI mandatory inclusionary housing which is not deeply affordable. There were other issues and complaints. But there was a Councilwoman there I don't know off the top of my head remember who she is, but I know her. She mentioned that they tried to do that at the best time, and that they fought and it didn't go through. So we need to fight with our elected officials. We don't need a 20 storey house or 20 storey building with a garage and open space in the back of the yard. Wherever the parking lot is we really need to help them and fight them. But this can mean I made sure of street electrification you're gonna have to see if we could form a meeting before I speak to all the new elected officials, even the ones that are in and out to fight this. Don't let this happen. If they want to build that as a relatable story, if you don't want MIH mandatory cruising, don't give them the square footage that they need to build up. I don't think that we should be like this in my opinion. But there is 50 board members here and there's the community we will need to set the tone because the viola 20 somebody else on the other side, right next to that got to do 2425 So there's got to be somewhere where we got to eliminate that as of right, I don't know how to get it. But we really need to fight for these people on Linden Street which is Avellar Hansley's block. Anyway, we got to fight for her because she fought for this community. And the people that Avila has are okay please we really need to fight this 1325 20 story away with no one in that one.

Unknown: That's why in the neighborhood that neighborhood was called Baroque, Baldwin Ville, Brownsville. I will give you the history of it at another forum. But I think you should get in touch with the people from Bed-Stuy. We're part of Bedford Stuyvesant at Linden and remember a net Robinson was part of our councilwoman. So you need to get in touch with boys five above money. That's the statuses boy and find out the actions of what they did to prevent that work because that's the building just talk about what they know student investment Anthony.

They tried that with Michelle Obama's back in the days. Exactly. So what we need to do is get in touch with Bed Stuy and return to the alleged whoever replaced did that Rob was in which I think maybe corn again and find out what they did over there. To stop this and stop all of that development. And another thing we didn't mention that building is right downstairs from the Gates train station.

So get in touch with the newly newly elected councilwoman ourselves, but get in touch with them the best despite the void over them, find out what happened, they died and they overcome that was going to do that. We're going to make sure they are going to find out how we think that we can stop them. I don't know who was making deals or what deals they're making, but we need to help that community and those people there that are really needing our help. So we need to fight these.

Mr. Camacho: We need to record this is also our community as well as Bushwick. And we need to get all of the help we can get. So we'll talk about this tomorrow because we are going to take up too much time tonight. Call me in and the answer for you is what we're going to do is we're going to send it off to elected officials and we want to be one on the same page as well. Okay. And the program was o'clock and we're gonna make sure that we have and that is the end of my meeting. Any other Okay. issues. Thank you. Sorry.

Celeste: So let's take a look. I know Anne's gonna speak on this during her report as well. So I just wanted to be mindful of that before everybody started chiming in. I don't see anything in the chat. Anything from the board members going once going twice for Mr. Camacho's report? Okay, moving on now to our just give me one moment. We have our introduction. of elected official representatives. I'm going to try to be brief if you put your info in the chat and I know that you're here if I did not see your info then you're not on this list. That is not intentional. Just please let me know that you're here.

Mary Gasparian, AW Maritza Davila's office

Yes. Hi Celeste. Good evening everyone. My name is Mary Gasparian. And my pronouns are she/her. You can contact us at 7184431205 and I'll put my email in the chat just because it's quite long, but couldn't be anyone.

Marcus Harris, BP Eric Adams' office

Good evening, everyone. Marcus Harris, specialist distance of Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams. And we're looking at 209 Joralemon Street in downtown Brooklyn. Website is brooklyn-usa.org. My phone number is 718-802-3909.

Mr. Camacho: markets after the next shoe I know you're not going to tell me nothing. But I guess you told me on the side but you got to let me know what's going on man. We're gonna miss you if you are. So don't be telling me you're not but you're gonna stay with us. So what are we doing man? Marcus: I will see you on the street. Mr. Camacho: Before you do goodnight, I'm gonna go over there and Lafayette and go get you a knock on your door.

Jonathan Pomboza, BK DA Eric Gonzalez's office

Hi, good evening. This is Jonathan from district attorney Eric Gonzalez's office and we're located at 350 Jay Street in downtown Brooklyn. And our number, you can reach your action center, it's 718-250-2340 and I'll put my email in the chat. Thank you.

Pamela Fernandez, AM Erik Dilan's office

Okay, can everybody hear me now? Yes. Okay, perfect. So Pamela Fernandez here, representing Assemblymember Erik Dilan for the 54 district. We're located at 366 Cordelia Street, and our phone number is 718364576. Thank you.

Samy Nemir, 53rd Male District Leader

Samy dropped the info in the chat.

Sandy Nurse, CM-Elect, 37th District

Good evening, I'll also drop it in the chat. This is Sandy Nurse, one of your incoming city council members starting January 1. I'm gonna put my phone number in the chat but it is 646-657-8558. And I'll put my email in the chat. It's too long to read out. Looking forward to working with you all and great meeting tonight. Thank you.

Mr. Camacho: Thank you. So we hope we all we can meet together and work together to make sure that we can take care of some of these issues that are going on as a whole. So we want to welcome you and thank you.

Celeste: All right. Anyone that I may have missed please just drop your info in the chat and there will be an opportunity later this evening for you to share your information and make any announcements. Moving on now. We have our community based organizations and agency representatives.

Ariella Ariapos, North Brooklyn Coalition from Hispanic Family Services

Did not respond

Mr. Boniface Wewe, Brooklyn Public Library Washington Irving

Yes. Can you see me? Celeste: We can hear you, we can't see you everybody. Mr. Wewe: Well, I'm from the library. Washington Irving branch 360 Irving Avenue. The phone number is 718628837.

Noel Allain, The Bushwick Starr

Hi, everyone. This is Noel Allain, artistic director at The Bushwick Starr theater. You can reach me, my cell is 917-620-8546. Or you can email me at noel@thebushwickstarr.org. Mr. Camacho: Noel, let us know when you are ready? Noel, but you could do a presentation. We need to find out what you're doing over there.

Noel: The 19th. We're setting it up in January don't forget, don't forget something could be reused. For you no more man. Oh.

Celeste: Alright, so I believe that everyone again if I've missed you, for whatever reason, please just drop your info in the chat. We're gonna move on now to our report from the 83 precinct and we have Captain Claxon joining us.

Captain Claxon: Pleasure to be with you guys all tonight. So, I'll just, I'll just expand on. I mean, the narrative that's been addressed earlier parking or whatever they are using going on the gospel the park in the precinct. So we've issued in the last 20 days unclogging 25 summonses the vast majority of our parking summonses have been for black driveway which is 128 We issued 45 summonses for fire hydrants. We issued 31 summonses, but streets treat stories of commercial vehicles and I'll expand a little bit more on that. Later. We've issued 16 No parking summonses 14 No standing summonses 12 buttstock summonses 10 Double pockets Maytime commercial parking, seven summons registration, expired for sale to display needed to and to parking on the sidewalk. So just to expand on what we have been in contact with Miss Camacho in regards to

the parking situation on Ditmars and Broadway. And I like to announce that within the last 20 days, 43 parking summonses at that location 37 on Broadway, and six six on bitness I'm sorry, Ditmars robots at the summonses then issued on Broadway. We issued 30 for the street storage of commercial vehicles. We understand that it's a condition with the trucks blocking up the roadway and just sitting there all day. So we did direct personnel to location just to make added observations of trucks being popped in extended periods of times, not allowing the pocket foot I get clients of commercial commercial establishments on Broadway. I know Mr. Camacho he made some attempts in talking to the owner to see if you can find another area for storage of these these trucks but you know, sometimes we just have to start issuing summonses and hopefully as you're pointing that way, we've issued violations on deadlines for nighttime commercial parking five of them and shoot storage of commercial parking on Dittmar Mars we issued one so a total of six songs is positioned on bit margin, and 30 was issued on Broadway. So that's what we've been doing to address that particular condition that was brought up to us by Mr. Camacho and will continue to move. Can they continue to try to address that condition moving forward and hopefully it will get better for the community and residents of push?

I'm sorry, just to put some clarification in the people that aren't black, made a formal complaint not personally to me but made a complaint to the community board. Now that it's committed to going over there. And we were me and Celeste one over there and spoke to the person trying to take first to speak to them to tell them you know, this can't be done. Yeah. And then we found out and we thought they were gonna do the right thing. And then and then the tennis came back and the people on the block came back and did the same thing. And just a reminder, in that corner, they must have Broadway. A lady was killed. And the reason why that corner has got to be clean. There's no parking in the corner because when they double park the trucks people cross the street, they don't see what's coming. So you can get really so those trucks have been parking there. And we're not talking about what truck we're talking about 10, 11, 12,13, and 14 trucks and what they are doing is feeding the meters and the stores that are complaining because nobody can go do their hair or go to the store buy something about the car because the truck chick or the princess. So we went there, they did enforcement. I just want to make sure that because he said Mr. Camacho said no no Mr. Camacho there was a complaint and we addressed it and we made sure that they came and made sure that they did to them. Thank you for probably misspoke. Mr. Camacho. You did present us with information that assisted us with the trust and that that condition just moved on and terms of price on our floor. Fortunately, I need to announce that in the early morning hours of December 10. Our officers responded to a section of Stanwick in my world and observed the male bleeding with injuries, stab wounds, multiple stab wounds his body and lacerations to his neck and he unfortunately succumbed to his injuries and passed away. So we are treating that as an active investigation of a homicide. Louis Ocasio, a 37 year old male is pending. So our squad is there when the final individual or the perpetrator that's responsible for this crime, if anyone has any information on that, in particular crime, please contact the 83rd precinct to help us with that. investigation that in particular homicides is going to bring us to seven year to date seven homicides and within the confines of a third precinct, which is an increase of two last year we had five at this time. So that's a 40% increase and we're looking to investigate that and hopefully won't have any more of those types of crimes happening in our prison. So what happened guys?

Barbara Jackson: I have a question going back to the parking 31 parking ticket for the whole area.
 Captain Klaxon: No, no, I said I'm sorry. I stated that we issued 225 bucks in summons for the area within a 20 day period but for the latter, right, it's a long time.

Barbara Jackson: Now not only you could give me the books I could do. Captain Klaxon: We understand that parking is a huge issue and we get it. We try not to try not to hammer people in the neighborhood and the community. You know we go to vehicles, believe it or not, we show a whole lot of discretion. You know, people that just going in and out momentarily here just pick up something but they have no understanding if you're blocking traffic of individuals and we will have places to go to so you know we have to find an even balance. You're showing them a certain level of leniency on others and then also being able to have traffic flow expeditiously. So it is a battle it is actually talking to this uphill battle.

Fire hydrants on the block, and if you don't know that they're there, because someone is always requirements. So I hope there's never a fire. I would say if you do notice someone talking up I had coffee on one, we get complaints from three on one. We don't get the five complaints over 911 but we would get the 335 plates on the grill and we actually respond to those. I mean, as you know what but on personnel, we will respond to the jobs on a priority basis right in the queue, and we are going to get to them. And you know, if the vehicle is still there when we have a complaint, it's really not much discretion that we use and at that point you know, there's someone complaining about it. Good.

Celeste: Anything else for the captain? going once, going twice? Alright, there's one item in the chat. I just want to reference this. I believe this has to do with commercial vehicles as well. I believe Noel mentioned that they're having that problem on Jefferson Avenue and Wycoff. Captain Claxon: So we haven't heard about that one yet. But we'll certainly follow up. Look into Jefferson Avenue street Avenue. I'll look into that. I'll get back to you guys next time.

Noel: Perfect. And check it out. Make sure I take pictures. All right. Thank you.

Celeste: Perfect seeing nothing else. Thank you, Captain, for joining us and that will conclude this portion of the meeting.

5) District Manager's Report

We will now move on to the district manager's report and my early holiday gift to you all is that I will forego my report this evening so we can go right into our committee reports. How happy is everyone? I thought you'd appreciate that. All right. Everyone: We do, we do.

Celeste: So our next item is our committee reports committee chairpersons please be ready.

6) Committee Reports

Arts/Culture/Technology - Dustin Sonneborn

Thank you. Okay, so I'm going first. Oh, yes, yes. Okay, great. Hi, everybody. Good evening. I'm just saying I'm the chairperson. I've been needing a haircut for two months. It is the last meeting of the year for next year. I will have shorter hair at the meeting. I promise so I'm going to keep it short. We have a good thorough write up for it. But I will summarize for the meeting. We had a good productive meeting this month or last month I guess. Netflix came, Amy Lemisch from the studio production called in remotely from her office in Los Angeles to explain some of the goings

on at the Netflix studio which is not in Bushwick but very close. And she talked about some of the things that

communities that they've partnered with for youth jobs and some more supporting communities etc. We tried to explain to her that Brooklyn is a very large area and that we would like to put them in touch with some of our local partners for those same things. So that you know, Netflix being here for the next 10 years can really benefit our community and as well as the wider Brooklyn community. We also encourage them to look at some of our local merchants for what they need and a restaurant for the catering and stuff like that. Because we think they will be a great community partner. They just need a little more information and help finding the thing that we are all quite familiar with. See, what else do we like? I said all that meeting information is up on the website. We also spoke about the ongoing project percolating with the bush regarding the Sanford Brooklyn history about doing some sort of archive project. We were informed that basically we'll have to find some sort of partner or grant to fund a staff person to run that which is something that we're working on and we'll reconvene about your next meeting. And I think that was mostly it for the meeting. Those are the main points and anything else more information we can find on the website. And if you're interested of course, please come to our next meeting.

Celeste: Excellent. Any questions for Dustin? All right. Seeing none. We'll move on now to our next committee report. Thank you, Dustin.

Civic/Public Safety/Religious - Annette Spellen

Yeah, yeah, I'm here. Okay. Basically, we met on the night and we had a presentation by the Make the Road New York organization which is looking for volunteers to assist them with some of the work that they're doing. We also had a presentation by Sonny Joe and Mr. Goodman of the Legal Aid Society in reference to the knowing your rights marijuana legalization and that discussion was in reference to Cleary people's records for a marijuana arrest. And then we had the PSA three meeting, where we were introduced to the new commanding officer who was Captain Birchwood and the NCOs for the Bushwick houses were present for that. And I'm like Dustin, I'm keeping this short. three pointers on the website and you can look at it for those of you who are interested in the expungement of the marijuana arrests. You might find it interesting, you can go to my report or you can go to the Legal Aid Society and they will help you out. One thing you need to know is that the case has got to be 10 years or older. They are not doing young people, the young people's arrests are supposed to be expunged automatically. Any other information, contact Legal Aid Society. Any questions?

Celeste: Hearing none. Thank you, Annette. All right. We're on a roll. We'll keep it going.

Economic Development + Permits and Licenses Committee - Desmonde Monroe and Melissa Carrera

Celeste: I believe we only had permits and licenses this evening. So if Melissa you want to give us an overview.

Melissa: Sorry, can everyone hear me? Yes. Perfect. Apologies. I will be off video this evening. I recently came out with a really bad cold. So my apologies for not being on. So the economic development and permits and licenses committee met yesterday, Tuesday, December 14 at 6pm.

We had two new establishments requesting a new State liquor license application review. I will go through those and be as brief as I can. You can find all the notes in our report. The first location is 10 Cooper Street like you for a new beer. And a wine license called Singularity cardboard LLC. The owners Amy and her husband have been part of the community and have opened up a comedy club in 2008 2019. And they're hoping to increase revenue by adding beer and wine to the space they did share. With us that you know they want to create an environment that is not too noisy too loud. They want to be respectful of you know, the neighbors and the residing businesses as well and they have done, you know, outreach to community local businesses to Evergreen all night scape little skips east and working with community gardens on Cooper Street at Moffitt street. So their intended sales of alcohol hours are as follows seven days a week Monday through Sunday from 2pm to 12am. And the owners came to us and I explained to them that their application needed to be updated and they also included that I believe today they submitted an updated application with their intended official hours of operation.

And they're also, you know, comply with the stipulation of no sales of alcohol past 12am on Sundays. The second location was the Brooklyn Skyline former Starliner which is across the street from Popeye's and new Apollo if any of you are familiar with that area, right by the 83rd precinct located at 1446 Myrtle Avenue. So this is basically a new business coming taking over the license taking over the space and it's still very much in the drafting stage. The owner is planning and will return and plan to return to the committee closer to the opening day and provide detailed information about the business operations or menu, their you know, bar and seating and what that looks like will be available to us as we get closer to opening date. Their hours of operation are seven days a week, Sunday through Wednesday from 2pm to 2am. And Thursday through Saturday from 2pm to 4am. And of course I also informed them of the stipulations of no sales of alcohol past 12am On Sundays, as well as no amplified music and outdoor spaces. We try to stay uniform with what we communicate to businesses and be fair in terms of, you know, outdoor space usage of outdoor space and what we recommend for businesses to follow as well as the closing time of 11pm of any outdoor space because they do have residents living right above them. And that block is primarily residential. The owner did express to us that he has reached out to the residents above to the businesses and is starting to build community with everyone and is looking forward to working with CB4 and the following businesses I'm going to name. They came to the committee looking for renewals. The first location is crisis bar LLC located at 930 Broadway they have full liquor, beer and wine license and they have been operating since 2016 and submitted for the SLA or renewal of their application. And they were invited to the committee meeting due to 311 complaints reported by the 83rd precinct so if any of you have been to our committee meeting, we usually like to report out and check in on any renewal licenses with the 83rd this establishment received 33 311 calls of noise complaints here today, and usually the noise going past 10pm. So we want to share, we want to be transparent, we want to make sure that the board gets all the information that we need to make sure that we make informed decisions and suggestions to the businesses. The sales alcohol our stated in the committee are as follows five days a week was say through Thursday from 4pm to 12am. Friday through Saturday. From 4pm to 2am and Sunday from 4pm to 12am. And the establishment is in compliance with the no sales of alcohol stipulation after 12am On Sundays so the applicant did inform the committee that he recently did some construction to insulate the ceiling. Remove speakers of the walls and majority of the 311 complaints were made before any of the adjustments on site. So he expressed

to us that he heard the complaints. He made the adjustments and he's coming out to us, you know with far improved foundations for the space and we did also receive some photos for one of the board members in regards to the outdoor space of the establishment outdoor seating area, which looked you know, not really clean and not up to code, as we would say but we suggested that the establishment be reminded that spaces should also be clean and to be mindful that this is you know a reflection of their business and also the owner did share with us that they will they have decided to remove the outdoor seating area due to a lot of homeless population occupying the space. And I will just say this one thing we have been experiencing a lot of complaints from businesses in regards to the homeless issue, which is a larger issue to address as a community as a whole but we do recommend for them to get in touch with the right service providers to be able to be the ones to come in contact with any any homeless folks who might be in the area of the pilot space we know as as the weather gets colder, there's no shelter these outer spaces sometimes provide a shelter for people who have nowhere to go. So that's just something that we have been talking with Mr. Camacho, Celeste about some other businesses on Starr Street.

The next establishment is next Mexicali. Yours Sincerely located at 41 Wilson Avenue, also coming to us for a renewal and they are a full liquor license that operates very differently because they share an address so they're sharing a lot so they are all under one license. It's very interesting. They've been operating since 2015. And they submitted for the escalated renewal of their application, and they came to our meeting due to 311 complaints as well reported by the 83rd priests. This establishment received 71 311 cause of noise complaints year to date, majority of them regarding the noise from loudspeakers in the backyard area. So again, we want to be transparent with the board. Make sure that you get all the information before you know we make any recommendations. There sales of alcohol hours are stated in the meeting that's followed seven days a week, Monday through Thursday from 5pm to 2am and Friday through Saturday from 5pm to 3am and Sunday from 5pm to 2am. And the establishment is also in compliance with no sales of alcohol after 12am On Sundays an outdoor area must be closed by 11pm. The owners I know. Omar I believe is on the call. They did let us know that they were unaware of the complaints and have informed them that they have been dealing you know with some tension issues with their neighbors that they've been, you know, try to be proactive in regards to some of the noise complaints and just making sure that they're doing their job of addressing the issues at hand. We did suggest for them to join us today to tell us a little bit more about what's been going on and to work with the ad for Christian and also worked with their neighbors to come up with a solution that can really address the issues that are happening. So those are the two renewals. Next up we have Salud Bar and Grill located at 1413 Bushwick Avenue. They came to us to inform us of their class change to the establishment so they've been operating since 2015. They're located right across the street from the CB4 office so many of you are probably familiar with this location. They will be including live music acoustics in their class change and just enhancing the experience of the restaurant. No significant changes will be occurring and they will still you know be within the hours of operation stated as per their original application. So Monday through Thursday 12pm to 12am and Friday through Saturday from 12pm to 2am and Sunday from 11am to 11pm. And also in compliance with no selling of alcohol after 12am on Sundays and the outdoor area being closed by 11pm. So I know that was a lot so I'll stop there and pause for any questions.

Barbara Smith: Sure. I think it's a market that's taken over the liquor license.

Melissa: No 1446 Myrtle Avenue, the Brooklyn skyline, no. Other and that third one that I believe is Cooper and market. The Cooper is 10 Cooper Street is for a new application.

We want to take over the old paper.

No, no that is not that is not the one it's the second one the 1446 Okay, is gonna take over that whole nightmare in the old person's name or override his name.

He told us that he was he's planning to do a temporary transfer of license before you know getting a full license when they open that says flat

Yeah, all lines under the other name.

This is for a new license. This is for the Brooklyn skylight.

Celeste: So I believe Barbara what you're speaking to is a quote about what they may try to do because it may take a while for the new license to be processed. They may do a corporate change. I don't know if that's going to be fast tracked or not. I have no idea how the timing varies for any type of application at the SLA. But it's not unheard of for there to be a corporate change. Especially if the owner of the former establishment is leaving all together. So we would have to ask for them to be a little bit more specific. And then of course, if they don't have their actual documentation in order then we would be flagging that for the SLA. So but what the committee heard I believe was primarily the new application if I'm correct.

Barbara: Yeah. All right. Thank you. Celeste: And I believe we do have one of the business representatives on so if the board would like they can hear from them at this point in time. Is that good with everyone?

Barbara Smith: Hope we have more than one to keep in mind without Sunday woman said about all the little like alright, I just don't understand what I don't understand. I need some clarification. If he's working, he's applying on his own or is using the other person because he can't be using another person.

Melissa: So the establishment in the process will be applying for a temporary liquor license. And as this is a transfer application of you know, the former establishment they're going to apply for something temporarily. I don't know Celeste if you want to provide any more.

Celeste: We're not we're not we're not we're not we're not agree to any speculation regards to.

No, no, okay. Only the new application with the license itself. We don't deal with okay speculations or soon, so when he's ready, then he'll come back to the committee and address that he has it or he doesn't have so he alright. Thank you. So, what would you say to the committee to anticipate that he's taking someone I think he just gave them information. I don't think you're voting on anything.

Tim: If you can add Mark, and I believe we have one other representative here, Omar, if you'd like to say they're from the lunch area and your sincerity, but I actually switched the host. Back to you.

Celeste: Oh, okay. Give me one second. All right. I'm not sure what Melissa requested, but if you would like to clarify, if you'd like them to say a few words about the establishment or exactly what you wanted them to speak on at the full Board meeting. Now's the time.

Melissa: Thank you so much. So we asked. The owners of the establishment come to the full board meeting with you know, some sort of explanation or you know, more detail as to you know, the large number of 311 complaints here. today. I know that the owners spoke with the committee, but I think it's also fair to have the full board understand the situation and get a better idea of

where they are just to give them the opportunity to share on what's been happening at 41 Wilson, so we, as the committee decided to have them come to the full board to move forward with any recommendation. Thank you.

So who would like to speak first? Go ahead. Yeah, go ahead, Omar.

Omar: Okay, hey, how's it going on? Well, first, I just want to say thank you for having us here. My name is Omar Marika. I'm one of the owners. My partner Mark McDonald. He's also on and my other partner, Rich. He's also I don't know if he's on right now but we've been attending since the beginning of the meeting. Well just like to repeat what we discussed yesterday at the meeting. Well, first of all, and so, just a little bit of background about us and the establishment. We've been open since 2015. I started as an initial investor and I, me and my partner. We took over two, two years ago, right prior to the pandemic. The bars are a military veterans with the military back home bar, where my partner is also a first responder. I was myself both from the firemen who worked in the Lower East Side. So we're not trying to like, you know, we're never trying to bother anybody or disrupt the community in any which way or form. When we first took over, I made it a point to introduce myself to everybody living above us. And I told us that if there ever was an issue, they could please reach out to us that way. You know, it wouldn't come to a point where we would get to make a complaint or anything like that. The only person that we ever knew that had a complaint was one tenant that lives above us that reached out to me, even prior to me finding out about all these complaints, and we were working it out. This was like three weeks ago. So prior to me finding out about these complaints mean him when we were working it out. We had a meeting with the owner of the building and we basically took steps to correct the situation. We disconnected the speaker that was closest to the apartment. We also went out with the landlord and we played the music so we can all agree on a level of noise that is comfortable for everybody that's involved. So we took care of that. And this was things that were going on prior to us finding out about all these complaints. I also went to the precinct when 2021 we took over, but it was at the height of the pandemic. And there was no one that I could really speak to. They gave me a card which was a police officer Gomez, and I think police officer faux pas, but that's all I ever got from anyone in the 83rd precinct. Once I did find out about the complaints, I went over there. I spoke to them. They came to the bar. They saw what we're all about to see how we operate, to have a better relationship and to have my number now in case we ever do have any other incidents. Also, we posted signs on the back patio at the bar, too. Just to let people know to be mindful of the neighbors and we will continue to bring everybody inside from the back from 1030 between 10 and 11. Usually by 1030. We start pulling everybody back in, but we've been doing that always because we always knew that 11 is like you know the cutoff time other than that that's pretty much all I had to say to say just my situation.

Celeste: Any of the other owners, Mark did you want to say something?

Mark: Yeah, thanks, guys. I know that for you guys. The main concern is kind of just the sheer volume of these calls. And so one of the things that we established yesterday is that we want to work with the precinct to narrow down exactly how how many people were making those calls, because for us, it's kind of it's kind of difficult to believe that we could be this much of a disturbance to this many people because we're known in the area as a date spot. Most of the people that review us on Google mentioned the atmosphere of the place. It's really not an allowed establishment I know. Melissa, you mentioned earlier that the majority of the complaints were

about the amplified music in the backyard but I actually went through every single complaint from the beginning of 2020. And the majority of those are loud talking so just for a reminder to maybe take into consideration the fact that for a lot of this time, we had no indoor service whatsoever. We chose to wait until they increase the capacity from 50% to 75%. Indoors. And we also have a bus stop in a fire hydrant in front of us. So that basically meant that the only way for us to do business, aside from when they allowed the liquor to go, was keeping people in our backyard. Unfortunately, we really have no idea who is making these complaints. But I think that that kind of has fed a lot into it because there was a long time where that was the primary point of service for everybody. And I don't know so I'm kind of hoping that maybe we can work with the 83rd in sort of narrowing down and trying to potentially get in touch with whoever is making these complaints because I think if we were able to speak to them in person, we could probably come to some kind of agreement. It's just I know that analysts have both been to the establishment before, maybe they have some kind of way of corroborating what I'm saying but um, we yeah, we really don't consider ourselves much like an event. We're allowed space. And I don't know we're hoping that we can just work this out with whoever is making these calls.

And that's something that's something that I did speak with the 83, with the police officers he said that they are going to get back to me because what they like to do is to kind of like mediate so they're gonna have a way to narrow down the calls. And what they told me that they'll usually do is they like to reach out to that person and say, Hey, you want to reach out to this person and then kind of like we can work it out. Because Believe you me if I would have known if there would have been by tank like three four complaints. If I would have known it would have never gone to 70 but if no one comes up to me that I'm not going to know, you know, like, like, like we said the only other individual that we've ever had. You can speak to him. I can give you his number as the guy that lives above. And he's a gentleman. We've been working it out. He reached out and texted me. We reached it. He reached out to me and you know, we'll you know we've been working it out. But other than that one person I don't know who else calls it. You know, the other thing is, I don't know if you're familiar with the area, but there's a bodega on the corner. And there's a person that lives in the area that comes with a speaker from time to time and just people to hang out in front of that bodega and they're blasting the music and sometimes, you know, people call that in and they just say the address and it gets, you know, if you look at all the pause, it just says 4141 Wilson, and some of them say commercial, some of them say residential, you know, so it's just like, I don't know, like, you know, sometimes there's another car that comes and he pulls up to the front of the bus. And he's blasting his music too. So it's like, I don't know if they're tying, like Mark was saying like, it's hard to believe that all of these calls are also just coming from us. Because if you look up our place and look up the reviews, it's just like a date bar, you know, it's like a couple's bar. It's like it's rarely like it's not that type of place. You know, another thing that they said is that they've never really mentioned anything as well as because we've never had a fight and never had an incident there because it's just not it's not that type of place.

I just wanted to make sure that sometimes, you know, the backyards and my echo. You know, and if you have more than one person, sometimes he may have people walking in the bracket standing in front of my house and talking to him or their conversations. And then I'm sleeping and I hear all the conversations. And then I open a window and say hello in front of my place. Could you chat over there because I don't need to listen to your conversation. You know, we're saying sometimes the small area and echoes in the spa, could you say first you said that all the

complaints were based upon people talking and now know, talking loud, sometimes when you talk loud, and people they hear especially some of the areas there so we want to make sure that you stated that you use use you using this license for two years before you apply for your own. Now we were on the license already because we want to, like we were investors at the beginning. So we were on the liquor license from 2015 since the day we opened, it's just that some of the partners that were before us, we basically just bought them out and then we took over in 2022 the license under one person can meet the license under 500 People they give one person the license. Now there's a couple of people that turn the license. There are a couple of big ones. Minuses then yes, three. Three of them are here. There's three. The three of them are here. Are they down and the rest of all? It's both. Both.

Celeste: Well, so respectfully, everyone. I just want to say I put it in the chat, a time check. We do have two other committee reports. I want to be mindful. I also want to thank everyone for being here this evening. I know that this is a conversation that was had last night at the committee meeting. I defer to Melissa Mr. Camacho but I just wanted to let everyone know.

Melissa: No, thank you. So I want to be mindful of time as well. Just wanted to give the opportunity for the business owners to just explain a little bit about what was going on. And also, you know, in terms of thinking about how they want to move forward with the business. I personally have been there and have had food there. And, you know, we don't know acoustics and how things work. And I think that it went really well yesterday at the meeting. We don't know how someone else is receiving the noise, right? There's no way that we can control that. So all of that is to say, you know, we will get to recommendations further down. The only other thing coming up at the meeting was just a quick announcement. I know Celeste and I have been talking about having the 83rd community affairs unit join future committee meetings to answer any questions or concerns and to be that resource in that space, hopefully for next year. So that's just something that we have been talking about going forward. And that sums up my report. Thank you to everyone who has questions they should attend to the full board.

Celeste: I'm sorry. Jo-Ena has something and Barbara I didn't catch what you just said. Want to finish? Barbara: The members of the board can ask questions. We shouldn't avoid them to the full board if we people. Right, although we should have been able to ask them questions. Now you're saying we're short on time?

Celeste: Not what that was just a time check Barbara but now's the time for everyone to ask. questions when they were speaking earlier. No one was able to ask questions because they were still speaking about the issue. So now Jo-Enat raised her hand. So we're in the question portion for this report. Now that it's concluded.

Jo-Ena: So we think that meeting online allows me to look at Google the address and get a look at the community. And I'm seeing that those are mostly residential, even though it's Wilson Avenue. There are private houses in that area. There's residents on top and I can imagine you know, living on top of a bar restaurant, and you're going to hear noise, and that's where people come to live. And most of the people who live in those types of buildings cannot afford to go anywhere. We know that that's part of that history, a part of the complex of Bushwick. And for

people to say that they're investors, I want to know and even though it's probably not a legitimate question, where do you live? And why do you decide to build your business in Bushwick into a residential area where you're inevitably going to be disturbing the neighbors? There's no way you can avoid it and you can say that it could be the drive by car and it could be this in a bar restaurant and taking my date to the date bar. People are going to make noise and they're drinking, it's inevitable, and I don't see how you're going to solve that problem. If the residents, our job here in the community board is to represent the residents of Bushwick. And we, we, want people to come and contribute to the community. But I don't see how you're going to resolve that problem. And if you've got complaints about noise already, that we have to start with the residents because it's not just you. It's going to be a growing problem in our community. And that's what happens about that.

Omar: I appreciate that man, but I actually have deep roots in Brooklyn. You know, my father when he first came to this country he came he lived around the corner from that been talking about Bushwick center, and I'd say around the corner from that bar, my partner lives. He's been living there for about 15 years. And my other partner Mark McDonald was also the manager down the block. Yeah, I live right around the standard. I'm just answering your question, man. Thank you. I appreciate that.

Celeste: Any other questions, comments? Gone once gone. Melissa: I got that maybe we need to give respect to both to investigate this a little bit further. You know, people have to have businesses in the area in addition, some respect is due to the residents but you know, if there is a commercial business on the bottom of a building, certain things should be expected and that football is there any kind of, you know, business like that a restaurant, it's certain noise is to be expected. That's a given. So I think maybe what they said is true is finding out if this may be one person that's making repeated complaints, or is it a lot of different individuals making complaints and going from there? I don't think we could just make assumptions and go with that. You know, certain things are expected and we have to respect both. It's a community. It can't just be for one and not the other.

Desmonde Monroe: Thank you. I wholeheartedly agree. Next one is for Omar. Even now that they know that this is an issue, are you guys gonna invest in engineers to come in and stick a look at the space and make mistakes to possibly come up with a solution?

Omar: Guess we're actually working. We're doing that right now. So the first thing that we did was disconnect the speaker that was right above the tenant that we know about because he came to us. So we took care of that but we're going to move we're actually going to move the speakers to keep it lower. And we're waiting to wait for the 83rd we're going to get back to them to see who is making these calls. So we can try to work it out. You know, another thing that I wanted to mention is that we've been vandalized five times in the last year which we reported to the police two times they broke in three times they just broke our windows for no reason. A couple other times someone was putting feces on our lock. So there's you know, we don't know if this is tied into that one person making these calls. I'm not saying that, that that's it. You know, I'm just saying that. If I know I, you know, if someone comes to me, I'll work it out with them. I'm not, you know, I don't

want to you know, I don't want to bother anybody. I don't want to have problems with anybody. I want to respect everybody. In the community. You know, that's not that, you know, I'm not we're not trying to disrupt anybody, but if it's, if I don't know who it is, or if it's someone that's doing it maliciously, you know, like, you know, breaking our window. I don't know what to do.

Mr. Camacho: But Captain, if you want to speak well, we're gonna get a hold of the captain to make sure he coaches the establishment to speak to him.

Celeste: I was trying to type into the chat so we did get a question: where's the 83 precinct on this? I was literally writing the 83 community affairs unit. If folks can just mute if they're not speaking, please. Alright, just give me one second trying to juggle multiple things here. So the community affairs unit office. I'm sorry. Yeah, if I can just finish my statement and then everyone can speak again. They indicated to the board's office that they have no objection to the renewal application after they met with this applicant, period. Everyone can resume speaking.

Annette: My question is do they have cameras up lately? Has somebody you just pissed off and that person is harassing you said you say you talk to the tenants, and you work things out with them. So there's maybe maybe you pissed off the bartender or somebody's pissed off someone and they're the ones that are asking you if you have cameras up? It helps the police out a lot.

Mark: Yes, ma'am. And after the incident, we put, we put cameras up so we do have cameras now, which is another thing that we were willing to give access to so you can see, you know, you can see then you can hear and you can see how late we stay open and how you know we're trying to be very transparent. So you can see that we're not actually as loud as it is as it seems to actually be you know, cuz I know 71 is, it's a big number like I was even shocked myself. So but, you know, like, about your questions. We do have cameras now that we didn't have before. We had about I think after, you know, during the pandemic, you know, we didn't know if we were going to close or we were going to stay. It was a very difficult time for everybody. You don't have you know, a lot of the staff left it was so you know, we didn't have the funds to put cameras you know, to be perfectly honest, you know, they're very expensive and at the time, we didn't even know if we were gonna keep keep going or just close it down. So it was until like, it was just more expensive replacing the glass because each time they broke the glass was like \$300 that we were like, You know what, we got to get cameras, you know, we gotta we gotta have something. So, now we have cameras to move along. So I just want to add one thing really quick.

Just a little bit more context. As I said, I went through every single complaint. And I just let you guys know about 60%. Celeste: So Mark, yeah, I just want to echo what um, so let's say can we move on just in the interest of time to that? Mark: Yes, of course, shortly. Yeah. So and just one second was muted.

Celeste: So just so folks know all of the complaints are publicly accessible. If you go to NYC open data. I'm also happy to share these if you too, would like to review them line by line. Again, these conversations are had at length during the committee meeting. This is really an overview of what's happening in the committee. We want to thank everyone for attending if your question was not answered, we absolutely want to help you with that. We also want to be mindful of time, so please feel free to reach out to us, to Melissa, Mr. Camacho and we will make sure that your message gets to this particular applicant or we do address it. So thank you, everyone, and thank you to the board members that are also chiming in on the time checks. Okay, so if there is nothing else we

will move on now we have two other committee reports this evening. I would respectfully ask those chairpersons if you can please summarize your meeting on a broad level overview. All the details are available in those reports. And with that being said we will move on to and with our housing and land use committee report.

Housing and Land Use - Anne Guiney

Thank you, Celeste and everybody. I will keep this very brief. The housing and land use committee meeting was on November 30. There was nothing to vote on. Because we owe it this was informational on a lot of levels. But these are two big projects that you're going to hear a lot about in the future. So I'm not going to go crazy on the details and then notice covering number one 747 evergreen that is evergreen between Chauncey and killing it is currently a use mostly as parking or low level manufacturing. The proposal is to turn it into a 239 unit building. This development team has worked with the local neighborhood groups the Pilling street Association Cooper Street Association, brother John from the local the Episcopal Church. And they have worked for several years on this, the last couple of weeks has been our first as a community board, our first hearing anything about it in a formal way. So I attended on November 18. An informal meeting with the current street residents and also the developer just to hear so I was just in a purely listening capacity just to learn more about it. Then on the 30th they presented it to the housing and land use committee. It was a will say this is a manufacturing residential which is something that we take very seriously and do not necessarily want to approve. And the whole, the whole community works can hear a lot more about it because they're just in the beginning of the process. What we saw was very impressive in terms of the affordability levels, the affordability levels, the bottom levels was 16% Ami, which for a one bedroom is a \$283 rent, and the highest levels were 77% Ami and for a one bedroom that's \$1,600.44 One bedroom, right? It's a mix of one, two and three bedrooms. So again, this is I will be honest, I have a lot of skepticism about MDR projects, and the whole you know the the housing and Lynch committee listened very closely. They haven't even started the process. So the whole board is going to be hearing a lot more about this project. But the affordability levels were impressive. It's also a much bigger building than is there right now. One building is eight stories. One is 10 stories. It's right up against the cemetery. So I think this is something we're all going to be paying a lot of attention to. We're going to be talking a lot about it. We were very clear to the developers that you know there is a process and the community board is a part of it. And every single person on the community board is going to want to weigh in on this. And so we're all going to be hearing a lot more about that. So yeah, Mark that down. 747 evergreen, lots to talk about in the future. The other big issue was 1325 Broadway at Linden. Mr. Camacho and I have been sort of trading off. He then had a meeting last night that this is the building he mentioned. That is as of right, as the old Avellar Hansley garden. We've mentioned it several times in housing lenders committee reports and then committee, full board meetings, which is that it's a very large site so there as of right in that they don't need to go through the user process. However, there was a deed restriction about open space and parking. So there was a lawsuit from EDC, the Economic Development Committee because it was going to be surface parking. And the developer has come back and said they're going to do underground parking. EDC has now dropped that lawsuit. There's still a lot of concerns about this project. Mr. Camacho went last night. I had to go to the economic development committee meetings. We did a little tag team. One the other so we're going to be hearing a lot more about

this as well. And there are some serious concerns about this. A bunch of Miss Williams I know is attended a but both of those meetings I attended via zoom the Saturday meeting, which was really just a pregame for the meeting last night and I believe Ms. Williams you are either direct butter or very close by and I know you have a lot of thoughts and concerns about that. It sounds like we are not there. There's no vote we can make on this tonight. So we need to make space for the concerns of neighbors. Tonight might not be the night just because of our timing. But I think that maybe Celeste we can put that onto the agenda for the full board next month if that is possible, or at least back onto the housing and land use committee because I think there are neighbors strategizing saying, Okay, if we can't fundamentally change this project, can we at least fight for more open space more affordability more, because right now their affordability sounds like it is rock bottom minimum. And so if they are going to be able to, you know, through the existing land use rules, be able to build that project. We still have to fight for our community and our residents as much as possible. I don't think there's no not really any good news on that one. Mr. Camacho gave a full report on that. But I think that those are, you know, one project is much more playing than the other. These are two projects we're going to be talking about quite a bit in the next few months, even longer. Finally, the last two things were the groundbreaking on three things on the wrangled senior housing that assembly member who mentioned 10 Monte street 197 units of season senior housing, that is the really the, you know, one good thing that came out of the Rheingold rezoning that I think a lot of people have thoughts about and there was also a FEMA assistance meeting to allow people who are living in housing that was damaged by Hurricane Ida to get some assistance on that. And then finally, the tax lien sale. Tomorrow is the last day for people who have a tax lien on their building to either apply for hardship applications, make a payment plan or just pay the bill. So we just started scrambling. We were to be honest, we were sort of hoping the electeds would have met some of these calls and done some that are reached because they have in the past. It's between the election cycle or you know, it's between you know people getting seated. So I made a bunch of phone calls today just basically looking through the list of calling people and being like, Hi, here's what's going on. Are you aware some people are aware some people are not and trying to help on that. I'm going to do some more of that tomorrow. If anyone has a little time and wants to help with some phone calls, tax lien sales can make the homeowners and you know business owners run into a world of trouble. And so it's really it's the and I think that people who are most vulnerable to this are long term homeowners who bite. Maybe they didn't know that you know, they're behind one of the semi semi mirrors that organized a lot of this so I want to thank Sammy for doing that. The two of us are both gonna be making more calls doing outreach tomorrow. If anyone else honestly if you have a couple hours, and we can do some outreach, just help people fill out their applications, that would be great. If not, we're just going to make sure that this does not happen next year. Hopefully the elections will, you know, make the tax lien sale not happening because there's got to be a better solution to that particular problem. Because we never want long-term residents in Bushwick to lose their ability to stay in this community for something like a taxi. So those are the big issues again 747 evergreen, down by Chauncey Pilling. We're gonna be talking a lot about that. And then 1325, Broadway, Atlanta, and we're going to be talking a lot about that. So thank you. I tried to make it as short as possible, but there was a lot of stuff going on. If there are any questions, I'm happy to answer them now.

Jose: And if you need help with the outreach, I'm glad to help out. I will call it thank you and I just wanted to add that there's also an exception because a lot of the properties in between sell our nonprofit interests include community garden churches, and what have you. And I think our take to justice has been helping clear some of those but it you know, any church, community garden or anything else that is a nonprofit that is going through the mean sale, please reach out to send the lines or quarter you can refer to

Anne: Okay, I think we honestly will 100% have the capacity to do this. So if there is institutional support for this, and hopefully maybe when this comes around again, we have a better plan that starts two days before. Thank you. Thank you. Any other questions?

going once going twice, hearing none, we'll move on now to our Thank you Anne. Thank you. We'll move on now to our youth and education report. Virgie.

Youth and Education - Virgie Jones

Yes. Okay. Thanks. All right. Good evening, everyone. So we had our meeting on November 22. And education was informational. And St. Nick. rounds came and they presented on the adult program. And she talked about the different programs that they had and we know that they're up on Broadway.

And the other thing that was discussed was the education equity action plan, which you'll be hearing more about. It's a curriculum that's being prepared for students of color and things of that nature and Avenue, the Association for black educators of New York or one of the ones that had been with the United Way. Your teachers college and ego Academy Foundation, and Columbia College knows anyway, they received \$2 million to file a second education equity action plan, and we'll be having meetings on it. And like I said, the Association for black educators, you're just one of the people that are involved in we'll be talking about how we could spread it throughout the community to the community and the different things going on and keep it as brief as possible. And the other thing I want to say is that yeah, Bernie Black History contest. The deadline for that is January 7 2022. And we send the information over to our district office to the superintendent, and also, Superintendent Gorsky we try to have interim acting Dr. Rebecca Lozada, we congratulate her on it, and I look forward to working with her on it. And our condolences go out to miss Julija in the browser. And let's see if we have an avenue to have a closing celebration on Saturday from one to three. Everyone has a wonderful evening and a wonderful holiday. Thank you.

Celeste: Thank you for any questions for Virgie Going once? Going twice. All right, that concludes our committee reports. We'll move on now to recommendations.

7) Recommendations

Celeste: I believe we have two, one from housing and land use for the responsible development policy. And then of course our permits and licenses recommendations. Anne, if you want to or if we would like to move forward and if you want to summarize the committee's recommendation.

Anne: Absolutely. So the committee's recommendation is to support and pass the responsible development policy. Again, this is a non binding, it's not legal, but it is a statement of values and beliefs that the community board various members of the community board worked on for three

plus years. And it will be presented to any developer small or large not for profit or for profit coming before us to say this is what we believe. This is what we are asking you even if some of the things in this don't necessarily apply to your project. We want you to know that these are the types of projects we want to see in our community. So we ask that, you know, we asked for the support of the wider community board on this. We think it will improve communication for people coming to do projects at the community board when they bring projects before the community board because they will have already seen this and they will know what we believe and what we value and what we care about.

Celeste: Is there a motion from the board for this recommendation?

Motion in support of the committee's recommendation - Jose Guzman

Second - Melissa Carrera

Abstentions - Andy Marte and Barbara Smith

Recused - Gardea Caphart

So moved.

Celeste: Congratulations everyone CB4 has a responsible development policy. 3 years in the making. Alright, moving us along.

Now permits and licenses. Melissa, you want to give us the overview?

Melissa: Sure. I'm not sure if I want to go after such an exciting recommendation. I have to follow that up. But so the committee's recommendations are as follows. The committee is voting to support the new application for 10 Cooper Street, the new wine and beer license presented to the committee with the four stated above and recognition of stipulations in place. We also support to have 1446 Myrtle Avenue seeking a full liquor license presented with our stated above in recognition of the stipulations to return to the committee closer to the opening date to provide detailed information about the business operation proposal. We're also recommending to have a vote on the licenses that are up for renewal. So Celeste, I think that would make the most sense. I think everyone's I don't think it should be a sole decision on the committee. I don't know if that is something that we can do. I know that we're crunched on time.

Celeste: So this is not going to make anyone happy. But this is why it's so important for these recommendations to be made during the committee meeting because ideally they would follow a similar structure as the new applications because technically it is because it's a renewal. So it's they're, they're coming before us fresh. So what I would suggest if everyone would like to keep it simple is that all of the regular stipulations that are given to all new applicants are given to these if folks agree with that, that will probably save us a bunch of time and frustration. But it's up to the board. And Melissa you can go over those usual stipulations if you would like to just so everyone has clarity on that.

Melissa: So the stipulations of course, are no sales of alcohol after 12am On Sundays, no. No outside noise in the backyard, amplified sound as well as closing any outdoor space by 11pm. So those are the three stipulations that we uniformly always give as a suggestion to any establishment that comes forward to our committee.

Quick point of clarification, was that no amplified sound after 11pm Or just no amplified sound periods period period period? Yeah, that's one of the thoughts I just wanted clarification. Thank you.

Celeste: And then the hours Melissa for new applicants that are generally given so what we normally suggest is you know, Monday through Wednesday, and then Thursday through Saturday till 4am And Sunday of course, they can close late but no sales of alcohol after 12am.

Melissa: We've tried to really guide the establishments with speaking and be respectful to quality of life and to their neighbors and residents around them.

Celeste: Okay, so no need to ask if folks would like to differentiate between the new applicants tonight and the renewal applicants if there's a need to do that, or if folks feel comfortable with the blanket vote. Is there a motion? Or is there a preference from the board?

Andy Marte: And I just mentioned that it seems that you know, we just had the assemblywoman talking about the fact that we're just bringing on all these liquor licenses to the community. And for the last couple of meetings, we just sort of blanket all these liquor licenses, and I know Mr. Camacho and you Celeste are doing an amazing job and you guys are trying to put a hold on these things. But it can't be that we continue to do a blanket vote with the old and the new at some point. We're not going to continue to accept this and I think it's a little frustrating to continue to do so.

Celeste: I understand so I'm hearing a preference for separating them. So if the board is comfortable with moving forward with just the new applicants. We need a motion on the committee's recommendation which Melissa read.

Desmonde: Yeah, I think that, um, you know, I think that's a really fair point. I think that if that is a policy that we decide that we want to pursue, we both have to align that with SLA, which typically overrules us, but we should also let people know beforehand. I think that it's to do that sort of all at once without actually announcing it is perhaps not fair. And I don't think that if that's a conversation we want to have we should make that an agenda item. And that we should say that you know we're going to work with our electeds and the SLA that we already think there's too many bars and I think that's a totally legitimate valid conversation to have. I think it's a little late to spring it on people who have already gone through the process to better absolutely up at most of these are renewals. So I think that just as a fairness point, we should have due process on that.

Celeste: Vote so for clarification, what what, what what you're saying is that you want each one to be separate on the vote. Desmonde: No, I'm sorry. I'm sorry. What I guess I'm saying is I'm responding to what Mr. Marte said, which was, you know, let's not have blanket boots on stuff. Let's not approve everything without even so. So maybe I guess the question is, is it a blanket vote I want to ask, was the motion on the floor? There was a motion on the floor? Yes. Yes.

Celeste: No, no, there was. So just really quickly, everyone, there was no motion yet. There was a recommendation that Melissa read. Andy mentioned that there should not be a blanket vote for clarification. A blanket vote means putting all of the recommendations into one so when he said he did not think there should be a blanket vote. That means we should separate the two. A few other board members spoke up I believe, if I'm interpreting what they were saying correctly, they do not feel comfortable making any recommendations at all because there's frustration with the amount of liquor licensed establishments in the neighborhood. However, that is a very difficult

conversation to have right now. We have a standing recommendation the board needs to make whether you're going to say we recommend not to approve the recommendation right now. There needs to be one of the four: yes, no, yes with stipulations, or no with stipulations. That is where we are right now. Any other conversations about how the board will respond to liquor license applications should be directed to permits and licenses during their January meeting.

Mr. Camacho: And also in regards to water? Yes, there is. He made a recommendation or motion but there was one that someone made. Either you're going to shoot that down first, and then address or the motion itself and assay and put it up for voc or the person should abstain from that recommendation.

Celeste: There wasn't one before though for this one. Mr. Camacho. Melissa just provided an overview and then I asked for a motion or the preference on the blanket vote and that's where we got to where we are right now. So is there any preference?

Bridge it's already separate. We established that already. It's separate. So we need a motion on the new applications right now. Any, could be yes, could be no, could be yes with stips, no with stips, those are the four options. Is there a motion?

Motion - Andy Marte: I make a recommendation to not support the new applications. Barbara Smith seconded the motion.

Opposed - 12

Abstention - Raul Rubio

Motion carried.

Celeste: Yeah, so no support so no support is for the new application. So all of the new applicants that are applied will not receive support based on this recommendation.

Mr. Camacho: Yeah, how many board members are here now? Celeste: Alright, so we would have to do a roll call to see who's here.

Motion for a roll call -
Second-
Absention -

Mr. Camacho: point of order. We don't need to vote again. It's just a roll call.

Celeste: I only marked the people that said that they were present when we went through the roll call if they did not say that they were there. I did not mark anyone present. I called everyone's name on the list. If you did not confirm you were present please let us know now. Otherwise you're not here. Anyone else? So again, folks, you got to be prepared. When we call the roll. We got to count again. If people aren't responding when they're on then it's very difficult for me to put it on the text. Okay, I'm when I'm looking at the sheet. I can't see the chat. Just so folks know that. Okay, so. Alright, so 32 is the same number I mentioned earlier, if folks are satisfied with that, then it's basically what I just said a few minutes ago. So 32 divided by two is I believe 16. We had 13 that were opposed. Only 19 were in favor of the proposal. And then we had 13 that were not in favor of the proposal. So this motion carries. Okay, is everyone satisfied? Yep. And some folks

it seems like people are getting bounced off if you don't mind. I'm just going to check really quickly to make sure that some board members have the ability to speak all right. Please drop a line in the chat if for whatever reason you're not you're not able because we don't always know when you get bounced off. Okay, so now we have to go to the renewals, the renewal applications. Is there a motion from the board on the renewal applications?

Barbara: I want to do it separately. I made a motion to do it separately.

Celeste: We do so but we're already doing them separate Barbara we just did the new applications. Now we only have left the renewals. They're already separated. I definitely mean Yeah, so we don't, we don't have to make a motion because they're already separated. You could literally just make the recommendation for the renewals now.

Mr. Camacho: I think she's Is she trying to say that she wants to separate every single renewal

Celeste: Oh, our Do you want to buy by establishment Barbara. You mean I'm sorry. Want to do this separately? But by you mean by location or address? Barbara: Yes. Celeste: Okay. Sure. Barbara: I mean, do it because you can't do a blanket because some people may not want to vote for one.

Motion - Barbara Smith: motion specifically to vote on each address separately. Andy Marte seconded the motion.

Opposed - 8

Abstention - Raul Rubio and Carlotta Williams

Motion carried.

Celeste: Now we will move on to the recommendations for the individual establishments. Melissa, can you give us the address? And the name of the first one, please?

The address is 913 Broadway Avenue and the name of the establishment is crisis bar LLC.

Celeste: Okay. Is there a motion for this establishment's renewal application?

Motion - Anne: I'll make a motion to support the committee's recommendation. Egaudy Gomez seconded the motion.

Abstention - Andy Marte, Raul Rubio, Carlotta Williams, and Annette Spellen

Motion carried.

Celeste: Thank you. The address and establishment name for the second one, Melissa? Melissa: Yes, the last address is 41 Wilson Avenue and the name of the establishment is Mexicali LLC and Sincerely Yours LLC La Loncheria. The three names for the rule of three are there under this name, address.

Motion - Dustin Sonneborn: motion to renew with the committee's recommendation. Gardea Capart seconded the motion. I

Abstention - Raul Rubio and Carlotta Williams**Opposed - 9****Motion carried.**

Martha Brown: I know I wanted to move but I thought we were going to wait until we found out about all these complaints that they had. Celeste: No, that's not how the SLA works. They literally get 30 days to notify us and then the SLA will review the application. So but again, it's up to the board's discretion. If the board chooses not to give a recommendation, then that's the board's prerogative. And then whatever will happen will be up to the SLA. But since we're in the middle of a recommendation now there's nothing that you can know, we have to finish the recommendation. So that's Robert's Rules of Order. Okay, I believe that brings us to the end of our recommendations, folks. Thank you to everyone. For your patience.

Melissa: Sorry. Sorry. I don't want to take any more time. I just want to make one comment. I do believe that there is a process and that the committee takes on the role of going through this process, you know, before coming to the full board. And I don't think I personally don't think it's fair that we just turned down two licenses to new applicants coming into the neighborhood. And then you know, when it came to the renewal, you know, due to the voting, that was able to pass. I just want us to be really cognizant and fair when it comes to this process. Because we take our time out of our evening with our children from our jobs to do this to do this and I would appreciate if there are you know, concerns to please come to the space come to the committee and raise raise your concerns, so we can figure out a better way of approaching but I don't think what happened tonight was fair, and I would just say that. Thank you. So let's touch on that because I was trying to say something earlier and I was taking the and I should have just broken in. But I mean, I heard the argument was what the assembly woman said and they're trying to jump on your hat but the issue with that is more of the bodegas that sell dollar beers or the liquor stores and sell the nibs. Now people are walking in buying \$16 cocktails going up the street causing that much mayhem. There's a bigger issue at stake and why they allow liquor stores that pop up in our communities when every other corner but we went we have an issue with this. I think if we want to tackle this and have a real discussion. We didn't tackle both sides and not penalize these guys for coming in steaks. I do believe that this was just completely unfair based on the assemblywoman jumping in and he got that argument. So it was really good. I want to second the points that were made today with the rising costs of food with the pandemic that's literally beat these businesses down with 121 and 2020 being the worst economic turn from a lot of these businesses that are coming in. And people who are trying to work as waitresses and staff are not just trying to sit home and collect the check. I think this was 100% unfair, the amount of economic liquor licenses is not you know, people just drink in King on the street and whatever you see from people consuming alcohol, people consuming alcohol and people going into an establishment are two different things. I think what we should do is always keep an eye out for bad actors and hold bad actors responsible. But also you cannot you cannot deny people the economic access to be able to serve all of the food because it really is that it really is an economic bump to them. These businesses might not survive one or two extra weeks, because of the rising costs of like the series

they can't survive off for that alone. So that's all gonna say and I think this was very unfair to those new businesses that were trying to get this done.

Martha Brown: Alright, well, I guess I'd like to say, I'd like to say something. Remember this, these are recommendations, and the Liquor Authority will have the final say so it's not like it's the end of the world and I'm sure it's as they have done in the past. They will override any of our folks. So maybe some of you can relax. I'm going to override the vote of vetoes. Anyway. That's all I have to say, Martha Brown speaking.

Celeste: one at a time, please. So I've added that I have to say I hear Gardea believe and then Hadiyah any please raise your hand folks, please raise your hand.

Gardea: And I'll keep it super short. I think it was really unfair to the new businesses. One is so good. Across the street from an office. That guy has been a good operator. No, he's just trying to change his liquor license. He has had 0031 ones the other people are caught. I mean, I cannot agree more with the unfairness of this process. I agree. They're way too many bars right now. We can't just change horses midstream and be like, Oh, I'm sorry. You made it all the way up to this point. But we're gonna change our mind now. If we want to have this conversation, I support having this conversation. It needs to be deliberative. It needs to be strategic. And I just would like to remind everyone of what happened about six years ago, or seven, eight years ago when we started the midnight Sunday policy. At first we were just it. We realized we had to work with establishments to get them to follow our rules, because the ones who did it just got the SLA and ignored us. So those people are still open till 4am On Sunday, because they can because they didn't get the stipulation on their liquor license because they chose not to work with us. They just sort of waited out the clock and got the SLA thing. So I think if we, as Melissa says, if we're not building community, if we're not working with people, we're going to get cut out of the process and then we're going to be sitting on the sidelines complaining because no one listens to us and everybody's not understanding that I used to be the chairperson of the board that stopping anyone from getting a liquor license. They got to go around us no matter what. Since the idea is that if you have any of the services or something in your establishment you have to come to the board. Though the commission aboard these people took the board committee for a long talk before bringing it to the community board for that we found out they had 72 complaints against them. Don't think that we have been harsh. This is not voted like that. No. The State liquor license charges people \$1,535 for liquor license. They are going to go skate and get their liquor license no matter what the community what was said.

Yes.

Celeste: So we have a stack please folks, if we can just be mindful of the stack. I know we all have comments on this. So I'm going in order of the hands that I see if folks can just please follow that order because the screens are bouncing around on me. So who says no? Not so much. Thank you. Yes. Speaking over, yeah, go ahead.

Jose: I just want to say that I think all the chair members so far every committee for taking an extra week to be in those meetings. And I just find that really upsetting that this opposition is coming up to the general meeting while we have this meeting for committees, Emily's I totally understand your your point that I if anybody had any objections about it, he should be brought up as the committee level in those communication to be brought up at the general members meeting.

I do want to say last that we don't have any mounting power or alibis that we can do it just to help the business to sign that stipulation. And by just denying it Bradley we are losing some leverage to have some kind of control because so but I just want to say Melissa, thank you so much for all your work. Melissa: Thank you, Jose.

Jo-Ena: Good evening, everyone. Some people seem to think that it was Assemblywoman Maritza Davila's last statement that influenced this committee that was about five years ago before I even joined the community board. I attended a meeting that was held at Wyckoff Heights hospital. And I remember saying, like the panelists were Martin Dilan and I said at that meeting that because someone wrote an article that Bushwick was the up and coming community that we were being inundated with liquor license requests. And that even at that time there were so many liquor license requests that they'll commit that the community board tried to call a moratorium. They had so many liquor license requests coming in. This is not new. This is not new whatsoever. I remember Maritza ws saying, Oh, I didn't, I didn't know how the community felt about that. And I said, Well, you have a representative with tents or the community board meetings, don't you? Did they bring your feelings, our feelings back to you? And she said, No, she didn't meet, she didn't meet with her representative after these meetings. I remember that clearly. And I was shocked to hear that we have representatives from powerful political offices come to our meetings. They hear what's expressed in the community board meetings, and they don't take it back to the supervisors. That was the sentiment of Bush when I remember very, very clearly. So yes, if we want to have liquor stores and liquor, you know, the things that we need a liquor store liquor license on every single corner, you don't have to walk more than two blocks in wishing to get liquor. So what do we want from our community? And it's not that we're trying to persecute you know, individuals. We are just being flooded with liquor, and we're feeling the repercussions of it. So that's, that's my statement and miss and Marisa dialogue spoke about it today because now in her backyard, what she said where she lives, and then when it's your backyard, how are you going to feel when you can't come out of your house, and there's noise and beer bottles on the corners, and you park your car in the ties running over beer by a broken bottle? This is what's happening. So that's all I have to say about that? No, it's not new and maybe we should come up with a better policy.

Rawle Brown: Yeah, I'm going to be really quick because some of the points I was going to make have been made by others. But I'm dealing with small businesses. We need to find a way to influence decision making. I can tell you like businesses who come to me to get started. They want to be part of the community and you can influence them. They are already under a lot of pressure or regulatory pressure, etc. So they're coming into a community and investing their capital. They want to be on the side of the community. They want to respect you and hear you. So that's that at that point, you can really influence them. And so I think that's what we should do. We may not have the ability to stop them from coming in. They can go around us and go to the local authority and get the license, but we can influence them to do that to the utmost. Making sure that they use local suppliers, making sure they use the local workforce making, maybe having them donate to local nonprofits, having cleanup crews locally by forcing them we have a lot of influence, even though we may not be able to stop them and we should use that influence because as you know, it is very desirable, desirable neighborhood because of the people on this

committee. And we should use our power in a very advantageous way and use the leverage that we have. Thank you.

Celeste: Just a point of order really quickly. I want to make sure so Okay, so yeah, as I thought there is one last application that was reviewed separately from both the new applications and the renewal applications. This is specifically for a class change. I believe Melissa just mentioned salud, I forgot who mentioned Salud, someone previously mentioned solute and thank you. They are up for a class change. Right now. They have a one beer cider license and they are seeking to change their class to liquor one beer cider in order to be able to remain in the neighborhood. So there's still one last application that needs to be voted on. Is there a motion from the board on this application?

Hadiyah Harrison: Yes. Absolutely. I just want to say that I am relatively new to this space as far as being a member of the board, but I've been living in the Bushwick area for almost a decade now. And I've attended quite a few public meetings. And I want to say to the organizers or, you know, the people who are responsible for sending out the email blast, reminding us of the meetings and everything that takes place. First of all, I want to say thank you for committing that time, and doing all you do to keep this sport going and functioning. But I also want to say that as far as what's happening tonight as far as the voting process and the voting and the issue of you know, fairness I think a some of the leaders need to keep in mind that the aspect of volunteer and be considerate of time, and I just think they're this situation that's happening right now is an instance of scheduling issues. And I don't think it was a lot of mindfulness in regards to that. I'm a part of the licensing board committee, like the licensing committee, and we just had this meeting discussing these issues just yesterday. Why would I do this, that meeting and then this big bigger meeting be scheduled in such close proximity where it's not really a lot of time to decipher exactly what's going on, and to re establish to the greater board what took place yesterday and why we had to bring these issues to the to the greater board I think a lot of the voting that's happening, it's it's happening due to you know, our mind our our psyches are physically tired. We've been on this line for five hours now. That's not an appropriate way you might need to vote for such consequential things that's happening in our neighborhood. Why would you wait five hours later to, you know, hold the voting? I just think it could have been organized a little bit better. And I think that is attributing to a lot of the confusion and perhaps the unfairness that was mentioned earlier. In regards to how we're voting on these establishments. So, you know, I think there needs to be some internal change of the way the meetings are held, and the scheduling of the meetings and the mindfulness of time. And the fact that we're volunteers versus some of the leaders who organized these meetings, you know, you're you're, you're being paid on this time. I've been on this line for five hours. Yesterday, I was in the meeting for three, four hours. You know, to be a little bit more efficient was like okay, this probably it's not gonna work out, especially if we're making such consequential votes on our neighborhood and our lives. And with that said, it's almost 10pm I'm heading out. Have a good night. Thank you everyone for allowing me to voice my opinion. And, you know, that's just the way I feel. Good night, everybody.

Mr. Camacho: To this man, man. She's right, we don't get paid. We are volunteers. I've been on this board. For a little more than 34 years. And we were in meetings after five hours. Nine hours, 10 hours 11 hours, when Bush sugar was burning and we will make a decision on home to house.

So you know, you got on this board. There's things that change. We may not agree. But yes, there is a committee. That committee made a recommendation. The full Board has to vote on the recommendation. And if they don't agree with the recommendation, that's that's what that's that's the democratic process. That's what we had. People have to express themselves. They have to listen to themselves, whether it's 10 hours, 20 hours, four hours in Congress, people stay in house to talk about whether you don't get paid and I don't get paid. I don't get paid.

So there we really don't get paid. I'm sorry. None of these board members get paid to me. And I go to every board meeting, every committee meeting, every board meeting, everything. What we really need to do is focus on what's on the agenda and what we had to say, there was a recommendation I know. Melissa, she does a wonderful job. Her job is to make what the committee if that's how the committee felt, and they made a recommendation and not not the way when we have a right vote up or down on the process and just show just for the sake point a point of order democratic process democratic. I was gonna make sure that we focus on what we have in one way by doing a point of order.

Celeste: Point of order. Point. I'm so sorry about the order. There is a motion on the floor. I respectfully allowed him to speak because she was waiting but we have an active motion from Andy in support of salutes class change application.

Motion - Andy Marte: in support of class change for Salud Bar and Grill. Mr. Camacho seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Gardea Caphart: Yeah, so yeah, most people are covered with logic I want to say but at one point I want to make about this Mr. Camacho and everyone else I understand the democratic process. I understand that everyone has a right to vote for the winning side of gold. My only concern about what happened tonight is about consistency. So if we're saying that because of all the additional decolorizing that may come in eight, and so as a result as a community board, we come up with new policy, who will have a moratorium, at least we have a consistent policy, and we can vote on but all of a sudden it feels no just add the curly denied two applications today. And we don't have consistent policy across the board. So now I just want to understand why we forgot to spend my time on the committee. So if this policy here now is that we're not going to renew anything. We're not not renewed, but we're not going to repeat any new applications. And so there's no need for us to be seen on a committee to discuss anything, then that's fine if you just skip the committee meeting in this country for dinner and just go up or down and now the Central Committee meeting. But if we are going to stay, we will at least review these things in the committee, and express our concerns to be open to the full board and I agree with that. But let's at least try to be consistent and say these are the things we're looking for here the boxes in the chat. If you check those boxes and find and if you don't check those boxes, then no, I certainly wouldn't give your idea. I just feel like the members were inconsistent and it wasn't fair.

Andy Marte: Finally, I just want to mention that my family are small business owners, they sell beer in their small business. We've had a bodega problem for the last 20 years. I also want to

mention the fact that I live on Starr Street in between bars all over the place, and never had any issues. I think what the concern today was pretty much the combining of the renewals with the new liquor licenses. And for the last two or three months that I've been on the board we sort of just been making blanket votes, I believe stating there were only I just caught sort of just wanting to point that out the fact that we should individualize these things, and I understand that the committee is making the recommendations, and I truly appreciate everybody that serving on the committee and I appreciate everybody's time here. But I think as a full board, we should all have the time to also vote that not all of us can make it to every committee. I probably serve on a committee so I'm not going to be able to vote within one committee. I'm just because I do a bunch of other stuff. But I think we all need to be cognizant of the fact that there are good bars, there are bad bars and the fact that that's that's a fact. And we need to be able to think about those things. Yeah. Thank you.

Anne Guiney: Thank you. I appreciate that. Andy, I think a solid point, however, I think ended up happening is that the objection now to the idea of a blanket vote, which is I think if it's strong, a strong point, has now penalized small businesses. Who have been working for a very long time. We've been building up their thing and this is their final moment. They've got everything ready. All of their ducks in a row. They come before us. And so I think our procedural objection has now been penalized to people. We did not even consider their grits. We ended up approving the one with 71 311 calls and we did not even consider the two new young new businesses. Maybe you could rescind the vote and it wouldn't write a letter of recommendation from the district manager or or the board.

Celeste: Mr. Camacho's point of order just really quickly first, first, I just want to speak to Andy's comment that the blanket vote is always the prerogative of this board. You can decide whenever you want to do a blanket vote or not. If there is no motion for a blanket vote then there is no blanket vote but if everybody votes for a blanket vote, there will be a blanket vote there's always that option, which is why I always ask. Now what happened this evening was separate from that blanket vote. So basically by saying there was no blanket vote, everything was voted on individually as just specified. Now if there is a motion to rescind anything that's happened this evening, now is the time. Is there a motion?

Motion - Tanesha Honeygan: I make a motion to resend the vote to not recommend those two new applications for liquor licenses. Anne Guiney seconded the motion.

Abstention - Raul Rubio

Motion carried.

Celeste: Is there a new motion?

Motion - Andy Marte: I make a motion to vote on the two applications individually Andy Marty.

So vote the same individually then we will spend as many minutes doing the same thing over again. Anne Guiney seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Celeste: Melissa, are you still there? Melissa: Yes, I'm still here. Celeste: Are you able to give us the first address and name of the new applicants? Melissa: Yeah, so the first applicant is 10 Cooper Street. This is singularity cardboard LLC, the tiny cup board. And this is the recommendation with the four stated in the notes from the committee with the recognition of stipulations in place. Celeste: Can you just specify what type of establishment it is? Is it a restaurant or a bar? Melissa: Yes, it's a bar. It's a comedy club that is looking for a beer and wine license to increase their revenue.

Celeste: Thank you. Is there a motion on this on this applicant or application? Anyone?

Motion - Desmonde Monroe: I make a motion to approve it with us committee stipulations in place. Anne Guiney seconded the motion.

Abstention - Andy Marte, Acire Polight, Barbara Smith, Raul Rubio, Joshua Brown, Jerry Valentin, Cheryl Jones

Opposed - 1

Motion carried.

Celeste: Now we can move on to the next establishment Melissa, if you don't mind, the address name and then just what type of establishment they are. Melissa: Yes. So the Brooklyn Skyline is located at 1446 Myrtle Avenue. They are looking to apply for a license with all the stipulations agreed to all these stipulations. Also an agreement to no sales of alcohol after 12am On Sundays, closing their outdoor spaces at 11 5:11pm and no amplified sound outside. Celeste: What type of license I'm sorry, but this is a bar. Is it a liquor wine, beer cider lines or small liquor? Melissa: Yeah. Celeste: Okay. Thank you. Okay, is there motion for this establishment?

Melissa: I'm sorry, so I wasn't finished. The recommendation for the committee is to have the applicant return closer to the opening date and provide detailed information on business operation.

Celeste: Okay, anything else? Or is there a motion from the board?

Motion - Mr. Camacho: I make a motion in favor of the committee's recommendation. Tanesha Honeygan seconded the motion.

Abstention - Acire Polight, Desmonde Monroe, Raul Rubio, Joshua Brown, Barbara Smith, Jerry Valentin

Opposed - 1

Motion carried.

Celeste: Thank you everyone. If we have no other recommendations, that concludes this part of our meeting. Mr. Camacho: Everyone's good.

8) Old Business

Celeste: We can now move on to old business. Any old business? Anyone? Going once, going twice? (None)

9) New Business

Celeste: Any new business? going once, going twice? (None)

10) Announcements

Celeste: We'll move on now to our announcements. I don't know if we still have anyone with us to make an announcement but I ask that you be brief. This is the briefest announcement you've ever made. We're achieving new records this evening. But I'll start with our elected representatives who I see right now.

Marcus Harris, BK Borough President Eric Adams' office

Anyways, I just wanna say happy holidays. Check out Brooklyn das usa.org And I look forward to seeing you soon.

Mr. Camacho: Thank you, Marcus.

Mary Gasparian, AW Maritza Davila's office

Hi, everyone. Good evening again. I'm from Assemblywoman Davila's office and I just wanted to give a little shout out to a holiday gift back we're doing next week which is going to be next Thursday, December 23rd 2pm to 7pm at the Bushwick Generator, 215 Moore Street. 11206 Is the zip code and if you want to know more about the holiday gift back, we're going to be giving out toys and food stuff like that for families and children in the neighborhood. So just give us a call or you know send me an email with my information in the chat. If you want to know more details and information about this event. Thank you.

Boniface Wewe, Brooklyn Public Library Washington Irving

Yes, I'm here. Happy holidays, everyone. The library is celebrating its 125th anniversary with only time for you and the outgoing president and mayor elect who issued a commission to this event. We have a total of 61 branches and we are the fourth largest in the nation. We are offering expanded services in locations that are open the library card signups, limited reference, virtual programming, print on demand and you name it. We are also very thankful to outgoing Councilwoman Darma Diaz, who donated a sum of \$500,000 to the Washington Irving branch, so I don't pray to everybody to all of you and you've always got our class. Thank you very much. God bless you.

Celeste: I also have an announcement from Gladys I believe. I don't know if Gladys was able to get back on but she wanted to wish everyone Happy Holidays. And I also just want to say thank you to both Sharon and to Kim. I know that it's been pretty crazy. I haven't been able to be there. But I really appreciate you both stepping up and teamwork. Right. That's how we get things done. So anyone else final announcements. Going once, going twice.

11) Second Roll Call

Celeste: We still have the second roll call. So please just be ready. And there needs to be a motion to adjourn. So if everybody's gone, the meeting will never end. So. Our motion to adjourn.

We haven't done the second roll call yet. We got to do the second roll call. Just be ready. We're gonna we're gonna fly through this.

Board Members in attendance: Jerry Valentin, Annette Spellin, Dustin Sonneborn, Barbara Smith, Vernedeaner Shell, Eliseo Ruiz, Raul Rubio, Acire Polight, Desmonde Monroe, Mary McClellan, Andy Marte, Luisa Jose, Cheryl Jones, Kristen Jock, Tanesha Honeygan, Hadiyah Harrison, Jose Guzman, Anne Guiney, Egaudy Gomez, James Fitzgerald, Elvena Davis, Daniella Davi, Felix Ceballos, Melissa Carrera, Gardea Caphart, Robert Camacho, Rawle Brown, Martha Brown, Joshua Brown, Jo-Ena Bennett

Excused: Rev. Grace Aytes, Kyle O'Rourke, Gladys Puglla

Absent: Marcus Alston, Louisa Chan, Andrew Choi, Carlos Feliciano, Freddy Fowler, Imini Mitchell, Zulma Novoa, Leo Tineo, Odolph Wright, Frank Zimmerman, Carlotta Williams, Samy Nemir Olivares, Virgie Jones, Barbara Jackson, Jared Hicks, Christopher Graham

12) Adjournment

Kristen Jock made a motion to adjourn. Raul Rubio seconded the motion. All were in favor, so moved.

Celeste: Happy holidays. See you in the new year. We love you all.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:07pm