

Brooklyn Community Board 4
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 17, 2021 6pm

Zoom

Chairperson: Robert Camacho
District Manager: Celestina Leon

Meeting Start: 6:07pm

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

Public Hearing:

**1) Shawn Jones, Master Plumber, NYC Department of Buildings - Local Law 152
Presentation**

Mr. Jones introduced himself before beginning his presentation.

My department is basically the unit that deals with any questions, concerns, inspection requests associated with Local Law 152. Feel free to ask questions as we go along throughout the presentation. Okay, so as you all know, Local Law 152 was introduced with the City Council which. The Department of Buildings did not enforce the law until January one of 2020. Okay, within January 1, 2020, to December 31 of 2020. However, due to the unforeseen pandemic, the deadline was extended out to June 30 of 2021. Now, cycle number two, which consists of community boards, 2, 5, 7, 13 and 18 began on January one of 2021 and originally was slated to end December 31 of 2021. However, the city council just granted an extension on this second cycle. So, the new deadline is June 30th of 2022. Okay, that's a very important milestone because you know, a lot of I'm sure a lot of you might not be familiar or know that there was a recent extension granted, so I'm glad we're having this forum so you can get this information out today. Okay, with regards to Local Law 152 it requires that all buildings in New York City except for buildings classified as a one- or two-family residential building solely if you have any commercial any storefront any office space or anything like that within the building, you are required to comply with Local Law 152. If you're building is a single family, if you're building as a one or two family, you do not have to comply. Okay, one of the biggest hurdles that were encountered is the Department of Buildings classification, opposed to the Department of Finance classification. So, the way that we get over this hurdle is if the building has a certificate of occupancy and in the case that your property is either a one or two family, then that exempts you from the requirements of Local Law 152. If your building does not have a certificate of occupancy, then you can go to our website, our Department of Buildings website and on the property profile, you'll see a

Department of Finance indication you can provide that you can contact us and we'll be happy to provide you with guidance and assistance to let you know whether or not your brother is required to comply. Now one of the one of the one of the issues with that is your property might be solely to family, but unfortunately you might be being taxed as a three family. My recommendation is if that's the case, I strongly urge you to reach out to the Department of Finance to take any necessary documentation so they can correct this information. Because it is saying that this says to us that your family and you have no documentation to prove to us otherwise. Unfortunately, your property is subject to comply with local law 152 And you must have an inspection done. Right and the number one goal is to clean to understand that it's not this is not a local law designed to create hardships or employ unnecessary cost to property owners, but the focus is safety. Okay, gas piping systems and we see it and we hear it every day. Oh, my dad's piping systems into my building for 60 years, 40 years, 50 years. Not going to tell that type of system is not being properly maintained. There's not anyone checking in to make sure that there's no leaks, no one checking on the integrity of the gas pipeline itself and over the course of years, 6050 years or so. as anything else as anything else it becomes old and begins to deteriorate and potential problems exist when that happens. So, the City Council decided until after a couple of unfortunate situations a couple of explosions. The Second Avenue explosion in March of 2015. And the Park Avenue explosion in May. I think it was May of 2014 because we don't have dates right now. But within that with a short timeframe. We had two major explosions with several lives and several injuries that occurred due to gas limitations. So, to prevent that, we are now required in addition two sets of eyes to look at this guy's piping system once every four years. Okay, this is a safety matter, a very important matter and it's good for everyone. Okay, so as I stated building and classified as part of the RD occupancy group are exempt from local 152. This classification includes both one- or two-family homes, convents, and monasteries with fewer than 20 occupants who call them community facilities in one- or two-family buildings. Right. So, if your property is consistent with any of these lessons within this last bullet, then typically you will be exempt from the local laws, local law requirements but again, you must verify that property classification if you're not unsure, do not hesitate. To contact the Department of builders we are here to help you. Schedule Okay, so as I initially stated this first cycle began January one of 2020 it was slated to end December 31 of 2020 however, there was an extension granted that pushed that data out to June 30, 2021. Now we're in cycle number two started January 1, 2021. And I say it was originally stated to end December 31 of 2021. However, a recent extension was granted pushes it out to June 30 of 2022. So that first humidity goes to five 713 and 18. And if you would like additional information associated with this somewhere. I'll provide that information in one second with the local, with the new rules that you can look up any view and gather additional information associated with the extensions and other changes that were made to the local laws. Okay, cycle three begins January one or 2022 and is slated to end December 31 of 2022. And that consists of delivery boards, 4, 6, 8, 9 and 16 and all boroughs. Cycle Number Four begins January one to 2023 and December 31 of 2023. And that's for community boards 11, 12, 14, 13 and 17. Okay so as the law indicates, that no later than then they do pay, which for this current cycle will be June 30. Are you required? Are you allowed to have your inspection done? However, we strongly encourage him to make sure you haven't done this by mistake. I highly recommend that you do as soon as possible to avoid any unnecessary penalties when learning additional property.

Okay, so this is just a matter of where you can you know, website and put your ads to let you know when your community district is built for an inspection Okay, what does the local law inspection consist of? Local Law 152 mismatches This consists of an inspection of all exposed gas piping including gas piping that is open to view. It does not include gas piping above a drop ceiling or behind the access door in a wall in a seal in, in a fire rated enclosure. We're not We're not required to open things up to create additional hardships or additional costs to have these things corrected once the inspection is completed. So basically, all the gas piping from the point of entry as it enters the building where your meters are located, or outside inside doesn't matter, must be inspected. If you have a water rule or mechanical rule, a laundry room for any other room that might house gas piping if you have a commercial space, and you have rooftop units. If you have a residential home, you have a barbecue grill, you have a Pool Heater which you know depends on the building you might have a pool, things of that nature these things are required to be inspected. You are not required to have an inspection conducted within the tenant space. Okay, so tenant space being your apartments. If you have a commercial space that has gas piping within it, they might have a mechanical room within that commercial space. Those locations are not required to be inspected.

Okay yeah, that's pretty much it for that. Okay, so if your building does not contain a gas piping system, you're required, okay? The law originally required that you hire a licensed or licensed registered architect or license architect or registered design engineer, certified it a bit and has no gas pipe and with the new with the new initials the new rule that's been implemented, you're now allowed to use to utilize a licensed master plumber or his authorized representative to verify like condition taking no longer just stuff to hire in the design professional to do this for you. Okay, so the point of entry of gas piping into the building including building surface meters and all gas pipes in public spaces, hallways, corridors, mechanical and boiler rooms inside and outside buildings, including roof tops must be inspected. Include all rooms up to what's in a space containing the gas appliance. So, as I said, if you must have a mechanical room on each floor within your building, and it's not within a timid space, then a mechanical one must be inspected. What they are going to do around a timid space is the is the person that's performing especially is going to use a portable gas leak detector system was a portable gas leak protection device and it has a probe and they're going to probe around all the doors within the building to make sure that there's not a potential gas leak with inside that apartment. If the probe gets a reading, then that person performing the inspection has obligations to contact the utility company is going to contact the owner the owner is going to contact the Department of Buildings and notifies of this condition. equipment such as pressure regulator, regulator dents, bow sleeves, point of entry sales, etc. should be inspected. What is not inspected is tenant spaces there's no exception to that. Very gas piping or conceal gas piping. It's not required to be inspected; properties that presently do not have gas service or appliances connected to any gas piping, provide a signed statement from the utility competence of verified right. So, let's say for instance, as an everyday occurrence where there might be a potential leak or another hazardous condition that exists up in that building or the grill that might be under our validation process. They might be doing a gas leak. If that is the case right now currently, and your building is soon to be up for exploration on the cycle. You can provide the documentation which has a—you reach out to National Grid and request documentation from that statement that indicates when your guest service was terminated, and it would also indicate whether the gas was restored. If the gas is terminated at that time. Then you

submit the documents into the Department of Buildings. You'll see the email account at the end of this okay, but if the building can be gas piping, while active gas piping system you are required to comply with the inspection requirements unless you're RD. To complete the inspection number 646. Inspect the building's gas piping system by five licenses is active by using 656 Okay, the license search tool to be able to negotiate apartment buildings. So that's the phone number you may search a licensee by name and the ID a 3476 when you're out searching for these contractors to perform these inspections, three to five licenses add which also want to see required requests pulled that. Okay, I don't know why. I am not sure how to answer that. Because you should be able to get in with your business card from an authorized representative of the department that provided some training. And notice that that's the only number we have. So, I don't want to know why it's telling you it's the wrong number system we don't want. Okay, okay, yeah, you could try again. Maybe it'll go through. Okay. All right.

In the neighborhood working on gas piping systems, we don't want a job from the neighborhood anywhere near your gas pipe. Hey, that is extremely dangerous. You always want to deal with a licensed professional or licensed professional company. When you're dealing with gas or pretty much any plumbing related issues in New York City that you want a professional you want someone that's certified and performing these inspections. Okay, you can also be viewed if a disciplinary action is taken against a licensee by DOB or voluntary surrender records by using the Know Your construction professional tool, which can also be found on the Department of Buildings website.

Okay, for inspection to be conducted successfully, the inspector must be provided full access to all attended areas is what I'm putting in smash it to be certified as complete. If they are not able to gain access, the inspection must be repeated. Now we've been encountered with this quite often where we might have an absentee landlord or the other might have a software and you have an inspection schedule. And certain areas within that building that house gas pipes but it's not as accessible. That is a problem is a problem in the sense that your inspection is not going to be completed the proper way and the second problem might be that you might get charged for having to have the person come back out so we perform the inspection. Also, to avoid anything, any of these things typing in, let's make sure that all necessary areas have the necessary access and we're putting inspectors in the inspection the appropriate way. Well, once the specialist completed, your licensed master plumber must submit a gas piping system periodic inspection report, also known as a GPS one, so the owner or the owner's representative within 30 days of the inspection Okay, so if you had an inspection done yesterday, you need to be seen that documentation the initial documentation GPS one from your licensee or his authorized representative no later than December 17 of 2021. Okay if you have not yet received that if you don't see within that timeframe, you need to be one. Don't wait to the 30 days. It's common to start reaching out a little earlier because you're paying for this documentation. So, you want to get this documentation as soon as possible because there might be conditions that have to be corrected and you want to get a jumpstart on it. Okay, so if you don't receive that from that contract within an allotted time, please notify the Department so we can take the appropriate action. Also, within 60 days after the inspection, you as the owner or his representative are required to submit the gas pipe the system periodic inspection certification, also known as a DPS two-sided sale by a licensed master plumber who conducted or supervising inspection for the DOP. Okay, there's only one way that that can be submitted to the VLB and that's through our certification

submissions portal. Okay. Now the poll requires that you have Google Chrome as your internet provider, as well. Not allowed to upload your data, enter the information from the document, as well as upload a copy of the document front and back. And the system will not take any device or any document that has a bandwidth larger than 10 megabytes. So, you might have to change the size of the document. You might have to take a picture of it and submit it as a PDF. You might have to play around with paper please make sure to submit it within a timely fashion. All right in correcting conditions, unsafe and hazardous conditions such as a gasoline, illegal connection or non-coal compliant installation, quiet immediate notification. So, as I said earlier, things of this nature what will be pointed to the Department of Buildings the utility company as well and you and you yourself the owner or the owner's representative immediately means while the sits away while the inspector was still on site, the inspector is not allowed to leave the location. And then we put this because there's a link in there for courses that must be taken. And all of those all those other conditions. So, the company must come in, they must verify the expected needs to be there to show them the conditions and things of that nature. Okay, so let's you know we must work together and make sure that you're having an open line of communication with the contractor. If the gas pipe is system inspection certification submitted to dob indicated that additional time was needed to deliver the conditions identified during the gas piping system inspection. You submitted the apartment or DOB within 180 days of the inspection, a gas piping system periodic inspection certification GPS tool that indicates that you need additional time that additional time you're going to be technically allowed 180 days in total from the date of the original inspection. Right but let's say you had your inspection conducted in September. Now that this has been an extension granted, you now have until June 30th to add those corrections and those conditions corrected in a document submitted to VOB showing progress has been made.

That we've granted not only is the inspection date granted an extension, but also the dates that make the necessary, so vacation Corrections has been granted an extension as well. Alright correction up in this is identified during the gas piping system inspection must be performed it complies with the New York City Construction closed including obtaining any required permits. Alright, so there's very minimal things that can be corrected during these inspections without a permit. One would be if you don't have the proper support, so the gas pipeline system you don't need you don't need a permit pool. Right? If you know something within the gas meter room and combustible materials within the gas meter room, you don't need a permit to remove those things. You know, anything that doesn't require the gas to be temporarily shut off to make a correction. Then you don't need a permit for it. Okay, that's pretty much the gist of it. Anytime that the gas must be shut to make up, whether it's a nipple change, a fitting change, for lift the pipe to be changed, whatever that may be that gas has to be shut off and the utility company must be notified before it's done. A licensed master plumber or is what the bars represent that is not allowed to shut a gas meter except for an emergency condition and that emergency condition will be a gas leak. Anything else they must notify the utility company but, in the comment, shut the gas off. Okay, and this is how this is some additional tips and information to access the portal use Google Chrome and clear the cache. When uploading the GPS to form to the portal the GPS to form must be a PDF. Refrain from uploading an image other GPS to form images are so large and affordable given our message. Reach out to DOP to troubleshoot further technical issues when uploading GPS to form to the portal. DOP VCs we can generate reports of uploaded GPS to phones we can check by address. It only deals with submission dates. Inspections conducted by utility companies

do not meet local mobile computing requirements. So, this is a popular situation right here. Right now, both utility Congress and as well as National Grid are also performing inspections on gas piping systems. That inspection that they are performing is for the Public Service Commission which still has the utility company that has nothing to do with the local open to requirement you are required. To still have the local market, inspections conducted by a licensed master plumber with the right representative okay properties with certificate of occupancy dated after December 6 of 2016 will be exempt for 10 years once continuously expired especially as required every four years thereafter. So, let's say for instance, where I'm at now on Broadway let's say you justly see our certificate of occupancy in December on December 6 of 2000. And let's say 19 For the last styling we received as a ticket advocacy on December 6, 2019. Our first inspection is not required to be conducted until December 6 of 2029. You're allowed 10 years for a new building. Okay, so once that comes out, once you do that process within that first 10-year cycle, then you fall in line with your community district cycle. So even if your community district cycle starts in January one of 2030 then you must do another inspection in January between January 120 30 and December 31 of 2030. Okay, inspection deadline extensions additional 180 days extensions are granted if owners unable to obtain inspection must submit GPS to form requesting assistance.

Excuse me. Okay, local resources local law 52 or 2016 service notice so we have service notices and start local markets and so on and apartment buildings website. And it can provide you with an extensive amount of information. We have a fact sheet that's approximately four to six pages long. I don't remember it because it's constantly growing. For any questions or concerns. You can reach out to the Department of Buildings as it has an enforcement hotline. This used to be our main line number but now it's a hotline number and that number is 212-393-2557 as well as you can reach us via our email account. Which is LL152. of 16 at buildings that nyc.gov Okay, the Department of Buildings website is also listed here. So, report exposed gas piping issues or gas leak. or anything of that nature. My first recommendation is if you smell gas, call 911 as the fire department will arrive much faster than the utility company and once, they arrive they will contact the utility company to come out for assistance. Okay, but these are the contact members to the respective utility companies. And that's it for me. Thank you. Anyone have any questions, concerns, or comments?

Thankfully mentioned that contact information again, you could please contact information please repeat that.

Okay, our telephone number is 212-393-2557 And then is there anyone you know not only I you know can help you but anyone within my unit any staff member that answers the phone can assist you with any questions or concerns that you may have associated with local law 150. So, also our email account is ll152@buildings.nyc.gov.

Annette Spellen: Hi, Shawn. My name is Annette Spellen. One question Book Two, but the most important one, what is the estimated costs of the inspection?

Answer: The estimated costs of Hello Yes, sorry. I'm excited to get back to the PowerPoint. The estimated cost of the inspection varies based on a lot of different factors. Okay, honestly, unfortunately, there's no regulation on a regulatory mechanism in place. But um, I've heard of one

average sum of three families. I've heard anywhere from \$300 to \$1,000 for three families. So, my recommendation with regards to just searching for someone to perform the inspection for you. I like to use this feature at the minimum of three contracts, the rule because three now just because the person charged me the highest doesn't mean that they're the best because they charge the lowest though minute, they're the worst. It all depends on the individuals and the company. But again, you can always also check your city contract license contract is required to register with the Better Business Bureau. Alright, and what the development is bro they have, they have report cards. So, before you hire someone you can know like, like I said, you could say the Department of Buildings, know your contractor to verify that they had a disciplinary action taken against them by the Department of Buildings. You can also check the Better Business Bureau to see their report cards which information is provided by federal customers as to the performance or the lack thereof are these individuals.

Okay, now for those of us on community board 4, can we start to have our inspections now? Do we have to wait until after the beginning of the year?

Answer: You must do the inspection within your allotted cycle. You cannot do it before. Certainly, you're allowed to do it after if you miss your deadline. And we strongly suggest that you do it as soon as possible but you're not allowed to start it before and as it won't be calculated within the proper cycle for you.

Thank you.

Elise Ruiz: Hello. Can I ask a question please? Our community for that they didn't know ascension is from January, December Excuse me? January 22 to December 22. So right now, when the lady writes that I've seen people charge six family units coming by with a gun and that \$1,000 Just to look at the sorry, say that again.

Okay, I have had a couple of plumbers that come to my unit but come to all the units in our neighborhood. And they have said that there's such a walk in the door and start checking is \$1,000 that they got a fake guess what they expect is what six family units and then after that depends on what they've tried. There's so far, we have three people that have done it in the end of the block on Covert Street, and they have found which is not a problem finding. But they have found leaks that have never been found by Brooklyn unit again. Is there anything that you upon your site can do to lower these costs or is it always going to be \$1,000? I have two six family houses.

Answer: The cost is not always \$1,000. As I just met somebody stated it sounds to the person. I said the cost varies. And again, as I stated the minimum and minimum of estimates that you should receive is three. So, but it sounds like it sounds like you are just taking the first people who want that comment. And then they do Yeah, you're locking yourself into that \$1,000 course or whatever the case may be. I've seen a company perform an inspection on a 20-family building for \$1,000. So, it varies. You must do it; you must do your research.

Eliseo: But those are the names that we need. Answer: I can't provide that type of information as we oversee the work of contractors so we can't. It's a conflict of interest for me to say go use Shawn Jones putting in the duties inspection just like I'm getting a kickback or something and

that's not right. No, that's not the case. Nobody can do that. Tanesha: Okay, my question has been to thank you so much and we appreciate your time.

Joshua Brown: I just want to verify once again, if you have a one family or a two family you're exempted from this right. This only applies to three families and mixed-use properties are correct.

Answer: We families and above and make sure it's correct. Joshua: Thank you. Mr. Camacho: Anyone else? Anyone from the public?

Tanesha: Hello. Hi. I have one more question. I just wanted to put it where can you get the certificate of occupancy? Answer: For certificate of occupancy is normally when you put in your property profile at the Department of Buildings website. Okay, is that like ACRIS? Is that what you mean?

Answer: You can also verify information on ACRIS. So, but accuracy is an HTTPS website. How's it for basic development? The certificate of occupancy would be on the New York City Department of Buildings website. Once you go to our building's information. Once you go to our website, you're going to find our building's information system. You're going to type in your address, and then your property profile is going to display and to the right under your address on the page. You're going to see a highlighted icon that says certificate of occupancy. You can click on it; it might be there. It might not be there.

And if it's not there when you're done.

If it's not there, then you scroll further down and you look for the Department of Finance classification. The fire department of finance has their classification different from what the Department of Buildings shows. But there's this specific classification that coincides with the RV occupancy group. Okay, so my next question, so the Department of Finance classification is that it's a higher family amount than it is maybe the Department of Buildings but let's say you can't find the certificate of occupancy on your website. What would you do that you'd have to go with the Department of Finance classification, or is there a way to big bad or big ground?

So, my recommendation for that is, if you strongly do purchase your home as a two family, and it still exists as a two family, but the Department of Finance might have your application listed at C dash zero, which is a three family in their eyes. That's why they're taxing us. If your property is a two family then you need to get to the Department of Finance as soon as possible and have that corrected now. What happens is it now your cycle right? Yes, I do you want to do for the most part see before. So, your cycle doesn't begin until January. So, my recommendation is that you start looking into these things now. Must be a little bit proactive now to verify these conditions. So, you have a whole year to have an inspection done. You don't have to have the inspection done with January one not to have it done between January one and the last day that you get an inspection done on December 31. So, you must have the inspection done on December 31 and have that documentation submitted to us by December 31 but that gives you a great deal of time to do all the necessary research to verify whether you have the complaint that
Okay, thank you.

Joshua: I want to say Tanisha to your question is Joshua Brown. I work in the real estate space. So how this works is you're going to go to the Department of Buildings, downtown Brooklyn and tell them you want a letter of no objection, which is a document stating that your house is illegal to or one family so you will get something else for the letter of no judgment around on the street downtown.

Okay. But they do understand that you're not sort of walking into sending a letter of no objection. You must prove to us that that that if that property is what you stated is that you're going to provide us with a copy of the deed, the bill of sale this this documentation that you're going to have to provide we're not just going to go when you know it just doesn't work well for word of mouth. We must know for sure because again, it's a reason as to why the Department of Finance is classifying the building as a family opposed to the one or two. Maybe there was illegal occupancy at some point in time. You do surveys, they walk around the properties, and they look for certain things right. So, let's say if your building is supposed to be a one family, and they've walked by and they see two electric meters or two gas meters, or multiple doorbells, things like this or amount you know, to mailboxes, you know things like this raises red flags. So, it's not just a walk in the park. So, you just go to, you know, 10 duralumin and say I'm here for a lot of them, no objection, you must have the necessary documentation available with you to prove that your property is what you're stating it is.

One more question. So, in case what if a property at some point before its last sale was like someone was trying to turn it into another family like they started the process, but they never finished it. So, it's being recorded as the wrong family amount? Which one? Do you usually go with the process with, with the Department of the shows? So, when a case like that, right, so you're going to go to the Department of Buildings, they're going to ask for a letter of no objection, right? And we're going to look at a system. Maybe I see that you have an application that you're looking to convert this property from one family to a three family, right, let's say for instance, now, there's not much in history. There's no you know; the permit has expired by limitation. There's no activity on a permit for a duration of time. At that point in time. The ball Commissioner's Office is going to request an inspection or destruction unit or someone to verify what it is that just stated. So, someone's going to come out, they're going to walk the property and when we walk the property again, this is the same as if you go to look, look, we need access to everything. We have access to this basement. We need access to the cellar. If you have an attic, we need to see every possible location to verify the Situ to make this determination so you can get the letter of no objection.

Okay, thank you. That's the last information that was good. Thank you very much.

Now Yeah. No, no, no, you can read it in the chat, we will see no, no, no, um, in all honesty right. Now this is not something that we're happier about, but unfortunately, we can't require you to perform an inspection based on the illegal occupancies your building is legally classified as a two family, then technically you will be exempt.

And then I have a question as well, this is not the ground. Can you hear me? Okay, this is not the ground that I would assume that if you have your tree, how many families are in your house? Or your property?

Yeah, so this is documentation that she would take to the Department of Finance to get them to correct the taxation issue.

Sorry, all you must do. I don't have your deed, and it lists the number of units or the amount of occupants or how many floors, then I will take your deal with you. And, to get it a no objection letter. Okay. Thank you. That's all I wanted to say. Just another key. But another key thing, right, a lot of people don't notice is the building is not classified as a multi dwelling until there's more than three families right. It is responsible for oversight of maintenance, and things of that nature. dwellings. So, if you wish to go to ACRIS, which is HPDs information search tool, if you put your property address in and it doesn't display, well, then guess what? You're probably nine times out of 10. This is a legal one to family in your exam. Okay, that's one of the easiest, one of the easiest, but you must keep in mind, though, that's not the end all say, all right. So now that you have that documentation, you know that that proof from aquas that, you know, we don't populate it in in the system. You have specified as a CEO; we have this deed that indicates wherever to family. Now we're going to have no objection not to go to department alignments and get my property class. Right.

Okay. All right. Mr. Camacho: All right. Yes, yes. Thank you, everyone, for the information. Thank you, very valuable. Thank you.

Celeste: Thank you, Mr. Jones. That will conclude our first public hearing item. We have Andy Inglesby.

2) Andy Inglesby, Brooklyn Intergovernmental Affairs, New York City Transit MTA – Myrtle Avenue Rehabilitation Project Presentation

Andy: As Celeste mentioned the MTA is currently doing the overcoat painting and steel repair or the M line. We are currently in Queens. We are headed to Brooklyn. We wanted to come today and just give you a little bit of an update before we head before we get to Bourbon because we have done some work you can work with as far as steel. We'll be more than happy to come to you and the early part of this year and the middle part next year as the work progresses. We get some Brooklyn and you'll be seeing us more and more. But as far as an overview. This project consists of overcoat painting, which is scraping and cleaning and painting the am line between Brooklyn and Queens. We will go to Myrtle Avenue Broadway. And we'll be starting in Brooklyn right at the Myrtle Wyckoff Station. For the steel repairs concerns, that part is fabricating, cutting and repairing approximately 276 defects along the line. And that will ensure long term structural stability. We're also doing some column basis. And that's excavating and repairing the support structure of 21 column bases throughout the end of the train line. So, the good news is that we have completed all the steel repairs in Brooklyn, you might have seen us out there already in various parts of Brooklyn. So, we've done this field repairs in Brooklyn around the whole painting is still to come. That's going to consist of two parts. Basically, in late February, or early March, you'll see us start to go out there, we're going to be starting, as I said, right by the top station. And in February and March, we're going to be starting 500 feet up into Brooklyn, we're going to be installing decking. And prepping for the painting, we're going to be doing this 50-foot parts at a time. So basically, you'll see us too for about a week or so. And then once we're finished with that we'll be moving on, we're going to be working with EMC. As far as flagging, it will require some parking lots, but it's only going to be temporary only and only be there for about a week or so as I said in each 50-foot section. Once we're done, we're going to move on. And as I said, this is

going to take place in February and March. It's going to be prep work. We're opening some over a decking on the line once we're finished with the decking, you won't see us exactly blocking any traffic. It'll be decades, as I said, and that's prepping for the actual paint work, which right now we're currently scheduled to start in Brooklyn in the summer of 2022. As you know, the project has been delayed a little bit because of COVID issues, a couple of other issues, but we are progressing. And right now, we're looking to start the day job in Brooklyn in the summer of 2022. As I said, that's going to stay from Myrtle why conservation down some runway. And you know, we're looking forward, you know, this, this structural steel, so a lot better. And if you have seen it yet, but to steel repairs have made the line look a lot better. We've done some column repairs. And obviously, you know, once we put a fresh coat of paint on the structure, you know, we'll be very happy to give you a new overcoat for the headline. That's where we are now. As I said, we'll be more than happy to come back and brief the Community Board and elected officials once we get into February, March with the actual specific streets that we're looking at. To work on. I'll give you a detailed schedule on that. Once it happens. And yeah, I mean, as I said, we'll, we'll update you on a regular basis.

Mr. Camacho: I know that you have been anxious. You don't normally get that much love. You know, we get a lot of love. So, we want to make sure you come here and take care of us. Because we're the only commodity stores and the restaurant is terrible. So, we want to make sure that we come in and everything is good that you're doing your job and I just want to thank you for the demo you took. Andy: Yeah, believe me if it was up to me, it's up to date. Brooklyn would be first all the time you know that but keep around. We're really interested in you know. We know the community is anxious to get started, as I said, you know, we normally would have been, you know, we really were hit hard with COVID staffing issues on this, but this was one of the projects that was really hit hard, but I just, you know, I'm here tonight to you know, make the community assured that we are still doing it. And you know, we'll get along and you know, you will see us in Brooklyn soon. Okay. Anyone else? Anyone, concerns, issues?

Robert while they're doing the work, now, we're not expecting when I'm expecting any major diversions during this. It's basically, you know, the same kind of work schedule that you've seen, if you've been to Queensland, and you've seen it. So, you know, there, if there's any diversions along the outline during this. So, we'll keep you up.

Celeste: Anyone else? once going twice, anyone from the public that sign in with anything on a chat will answer? Anyone from the public? We don't see there's nothing in the chat or the q&a on this. If we get something later, we will happily pass it along to Andy and just want to say thank you, we got to thank you in the chat for the update. But we must look at each station just to get down into the capital program. So, we're putting in the chat. What color will the overcoat be? I think green, right? Andy: Yes, pretty much. Forest Green.

Celeste: All right. So okay, so yeah, thank you, everyone. If there are no other comments or questions, we will certainly follow up in the future. And thank you, Andy and Zito for being here. All right. Andy: Great. Thanks a lot, guys. He will say thank you. Likewise, we want you to say that. Celeste: All right. So that will now close out our public hearing portion for this evening.

Regular Meeting:

1) First Roll Call

We're going to go right into our regular meeting starting with our first roll call. I'm just double checking the chat just to make sure excuse me the panelists tab to make sure I have everyone if I missed you, it's not intentional. I will double check again once I get through the list board members, please be ready to unmute. And if you're on the phone star six will allow you to unmute.

Board Members in attendance: Rev. Grace Aytes, Joshua Brown, Martha Brown, Rawle Brown, Robert Camacho, Gardea Caphart, Melissa Carrera, Felix Ceballos, Andrew Choi, Daniella Davi, James Fitzgerald, Freddy Fowler, Egaudy Gomez, Anne Guiney, Jose Guzman, Tanesha Honeygan, Barbara Jackson, Kristen Jock, Cheryl Jones, Virgie Jones, Andy Marte, Mary McClellan, Imini Mitchell, Desmonde Monroe, Samy Nemir Olivares, Kyle O'Rourke, Zulma Novoa, Acire Polight, Gladys Puglla, Raul Rubio, Barbara Smith, Dustin Sonneborn, Annette Spellen, Leo Tineo, Jerry Valentin, Carlotta Williams, Frank Zimmerman

Excused: Louisa Chan, Elvena Davis, Jared Hicks, Luisa Jose, Vernedeaner Shell, Eliseo Ruiz

Absent: Marcus Alston, Jo-Ena Bennett, Carlos Feliciano, Christopher Graham, Hadiyah Harrison, Odolph Wright

2) Acceptance of the Agenda as Presented

Motion -

Second -

All in favor, so moved.

3) Acceptance of the Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion -

Second -

All in favor, so moved.

4) Chairperson's Report

I want to thank everyone. Thank you for creating a beautiful 29 And it's pretty good. I think I'm doing great. We need everybody to participate. Everybody's got to get involved, especially now. I want everybody to enjoy today's holiday because I know it's going to be hard. A lot of people on this side but you can ask me, you know, a barber spit of Turkeys or any food. We only got to try to help our people somehow. I don't know how we can do it. I know I didn't get anything from anyone. I haven't received and people have been asking me, so it's been, it's kind of disheartening. But hopefully we're going to come out of this. All of us together, we're all going to teach each other, we can embrace each other again. So hopefully the heart is out there to try to clean up the community. And you know, they're out there all the time. So, I want to thank them, man, because it's not easy to clean and black. And five minutes later, it's like you didn't do anything. So, I don't know how, you know, I don't know how to do. I really don't. But they take pride in what they do. And I want to thank them. If there are any, I don't know she is the organizer,

and the attitude of genius. But I just want to thank her and the people volunteering to help me on October 25, a Monday. The Transportation sanitation Committee met on May 26. Today the house and land use committee meeting met at 6pm. On the second Tuesday at 1130. Oh, God, we met with the ploys and the staff and HR came down regarding, you know, some of the concerns with HR issues with employment. And as some of the employees there, turned out pretty good, hopefully haven't caught up. That was November 2. I haven't seen any of the employees. Hopefully, they'll see me out there and tell me how to work. And they've been working with us. Are they doing what they must do or are they doing what they must do to take care of our tenants? November 3, on a Wednesday at 1215. I went to the precinct. There's an advisory Community Council. This borough, one PP is creating it. Part of our Smith is part A couple of people from the community as part of this advisory and we'll sit down and address some of the issues regarding the community's needs. We each need to work together and collaborate. So, we just met plasma so hopefully we'll be meeting again this month. I don't know what will happen. The captain should be on in a little while because he will be here, so I think it was done a while ago. Yeah. Okay. And then on the third was six By Wednesday the third was also six o'clock the exact report at the same time and oh yeah heard me Be quiet I was also on the burrow for me I'll do a two meter Oh I did it I didn't want on the phone and one other thing I really don't know how I did it but it was tough whatever it was it worked out and that just wanted to get to midsummer In regards to the house amendment that was on there passed by With the gym Whatever it was that they wanted to Oh wait amendments and also the open Law Now Are we going to see he counseled a lot of people Bad just going to reflect on us There were five I know that he wants to They will tell yes we are tested with a To the day I think I have I just will submit a copy of the amendment The Parole Board President Think send that to me Just say make copies Africa send it in an email so I haven't got to office. I'm going to submit copies and three other words stations so hopefully it didn't pass the way supposed to But there are amendments to the open a restaurant so It's much more bear witness I know that is a lawsuit pending A lot of People in a lot of communities fall into one in my head Brooklyn We know it was covered not only because that you don't want to continue to give in to aging as a song Want me to give him away in line for different for a restaurant.

We're now proud of the square footage that they get taken enjoyed them already mentioned because now that's part then the rest of us I think so I don't know how they're going to do it how's it going work I also—we don't know we That is

Hey it doesn't buy A lot of people complain rodents and garbage syringes needles drugs people sleeping in them So some of them don't go Some of the bad guys Bear in my head it's a shame Don't know totally out So I don't know How's it going All four Got the sanitation to work to take care of 200 years Lady tickets 280 tickets for 30 So I worked at Motorola by 18 inches over the curb 28 and 190 They never move on ship It's free or double bar 192 3930 sidewalk and 80 minutes because they support screen at night just want to guard they gave 28 tickets so that's they're doing what they have to do with make sure that a bushing stays clean and Get to keep it clean November 5 Friday We met we read in regard to they're still secure Hopefully up How it's got to be Now that we got to see the status Good afternoon Congresswoman Find out what's going on I will see you soon that the bowl is a temporary bonus we still got people That's some of the water separating a 339 Wyckoff, Wilson Ave the some of the Prime Minister award separated from the wall and is getting cold and warm is coming through some of the tenants got Well there's still a lot of issues and home gardens that need to be dread on November 5 Friday I went to a

Coalition of Hispanic Family Services meeting we have seen before so let's fill you in we talked to November 8 2013 to see You see is three 7/7 to the always somebody put out something that they were trying to take over space. But um, we find out that the charter school I guess don't have the X amount of numbers and is 277 wants to get the space back so hopefully they'll get a space back at me that might need more room so hopefully we'll push to continue through seven, seven and get this space. Maybe our chair from the ethics committee to get more information.

Secondly, space, November 9, today, economic see before economic permits and license November 10, Wednesday 1030 CB4 District Service Cabinet meeting, or city agencies come to the cabinet meeting Josh are getting wrong. All of them. They're all there. It's wonderful that they come all the time.

And they gave us services and they're on the ball on November 10. Wednesday, 6pm CB4 help human services on the 16th. Tuesday at 6pm. CEC contract for excellence. District to get 100% funding based on enrollment and students they meet as food they go based on how many kids you got. Now we're getting 100% for all our kids in school. So, there is money in our schools for the bush to call our schools High School. And we're getting 100% funding. Because back in back there was a certain percentage that he would get but now we're getting 100%. As a representative with it today, the ATTC council meeting and see before and I say that is the end and then write the aid three pledge counselor. Yes. Champions today. And not today. See before.

Thank you. Any questions? Any concern?
going once, going twice.

Introduction of elected official representatives:

Celeste: All right. Thank you, Mr. Camacho. While we were listening to the report, I made a shortlist of some of our elected official representatives for them to introduce themselves now. A friendly reminder, just name and contact information only there will be an announcements portion later in the meeting.

Evelyn Cruz, Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez's office

Hey, evening, everybody, how are you? Good evening. I'm trying to figure out the video, so I'll do that in a little bit. But it's Evelyn Cruz, district director for Congresswoman Velazquez, our phone number is 718-599-3658. And we're located at 266 Broadway in Williamsburg. And I'll gladly post on the chat. And as you know, Julio is no longer with us. And so, you have me for a little while to do medical school, so hopefully, okay. Thank you.

Jackie Reyes, Assemblyman Erik Dilan's office

Hi, everybody. Great to be back. Just again, and Jackie Reyes from Assemblymember Erik Dilan's office. Our office is located at 366 Cornelia Street, and you can reach me at 718-386-4576. We are still only seeing people by appointment only. So please call if you need to see. Okay. Also, quickly. I know announcements are later, but I have a quick and important one. I finally got some new staff in the office. I would like to introduce Ms. Pamela Fernandez who has joined our office. Pamela: Excellent. Hi, everyone. So nice to meet you. Jackie: Hey, Pamela will very likely be the one covering the meetings in the future. So Okay.

Celeste: Thank you. Thank you both.

Jonathan Pomboza, Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez's office

Hi, good evening. Everyone who's Jonathan from District Attorney Eric Gonzalez is about this. Our offices are located at 350 Jay Street, and I can be reached at 718-250-2817. Thank you.

Sonia, Council Member Darma Diaz's office

Did not respond.

Celeste: If for whatever reason, we missed you, we can always come back.

Mamadou Sire Bah, Mayor's Community Affairs Unit

Hello, good evening, everyone. My name is Mamadou, I'm going to set a bar in the community affairs unit at the mayor's office. It's a pleasure to be on and to hear everyone's wonderful voices and see all your faces. I'll leave my contact info in the chat box. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Michael Pereira, Council Member- Elect Sandy Nurse

Hi, everybody. Okay, you can hear me. My name is Michael. I work under Sandy Nurse. And I'm available at michael@sandyforcouncil.com or by phone number. I'll say it slowly. If everybody's ready. It's 993-758-9692. Thank you.

Marcus Harris, Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams' office

Good evening, everyone. Marcus Harris here from the Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams office. And we're located at 209 Joralemon Street in downtown Brooklyn, main number 718802 3700. My direct number is 718-802-3909 which also forwards to my cell phone. I'll put all the information in chat but it's good to see everyone. Mr. Camacho: Good you aren't going nowhere Are you? Marcus: Goodbye, Camacho, I'll talk to you later. I'm going to get asked in some way somehow.

Not only I don't know, where is he what we need to hear from you. I'm on Greene Avenue. So, hey.

Celeste: All right. So, thank you. Thank you to our elected official representatives for joining us this evening. We'll now move on to our agency and community-based organization representatives.

Ariella Riapos, North Brooklyn Coalition Against Family Violence

It is Ariella from the north Brooklyn coalition. I'm the violence case manager community organizer and I'll drop my contact in the chat.

Celeste: Perfect. Thank you. And if I've missed anyone, again, it's not intentional. I just may not know that you're here. Feel free to leave your info in the chat and there will be another opportunity to speak a little bit later. And now we'll move on with the agenda to our 83 Precinct report. We have Captain Klaxon with us this evening, captain.

Captain: Claxon, Hi, everyone. Captain Shawn Claxton. Can you hear me? Yes. I am. Captain Sean Klaxon, executive officer in the 83 Precinct. So today I'll first start off with our crime, how we're looking within the 20-day period. We're down on basically all our index cards. I would say six out of the seven, put it down in felonious assaults for this year 19 versus 20 of 20 lashes, that's down one point total 5% went down. And burglaries 19 versus 3035, which is a decrease of 45.7%. We're down in grand larceny, we're not down to the kind of data equilibrium 52 versus 52. We're grand larceny autos were down 14 versus 18, a decrease in 22%. One area that we are up in that we are working on getting down is robberies for the 28-day period 27 versus 19 for the 28-day period, upon low close examination, what's driving our robberies is the individual's shoplifting. That will only be shoplifting and as the security guards or auto store owners, clerks stop these individuals they use force and that will become a bank. It's classified as no robbery and that's, that's driving us this 20-day period, especially along Broadway Avenue. We're up to about five, five robberies in that area. But overall, we're looking good for the 28-day period. And that's reflective of the year-to-date numbers. One thing I did want to address about personal residence is that we haven't seen an increase in car break-ins. So, if anyone leaves any valuable items inside of your vehicle, I highly, highly encourage you to, you know, take them out, don't have them visible for people to walk by and see and break into the vehicles, we were having a little issue with that. And, and we were talking about areas that we see an influx of that happening, and we were targeting those areas targeting those areas with an increased level of policing presence in those areas. I also wanted to address scooters. That's been a big deal. We had some initiatives with illegal scooters, we will operate e-bikes. But I would say most individuals, if they're not aware of what's legal and what's not legal and what's not, I would say sum it all up. If it has a pedal, if it has pedals, whether it can be operated or electric, and it has no it was good, it doesn't have to be registered. With the local community office, if it has no pedals, and it's operating on gas, or even electric or no pedals, more than likely it needs to be registered with the DMV. So, I highly encourage the residents in Bushwick to register your vehicle even in case it's misplaced or stolen. One more to be registered, they'll be required later to get a vaccine. And as more information you have more information on our Twitter website, feel free to stop and look at our Twitter pages. We have information on traffic related enforcement as well. Anyone have any questions, concerns, or comments? Oh, I'm sorry. One more thing to mention. We have also received initiatives within a prison, we have lots of comments coming out to paint over walls, with graffiti on it. If you wake up one morning and you see this graffiti on your property, please reach out to us, we have the resources. We have special neighbor coordination officers within certain sectors, and they go out and paint over walls and that is beneficial to the community. So please reach out to us in regards. Any questions.

Mr. Camacho: Thank you, Captain. Appreciate everything you are doing for us. And if anybody has any questions, any concerns, please let us know. They want to work with us. They want to make sure that it serves the community. So whatever concerns you may have, and if it's if you have an issue and you don't want to take it, we can sit down and we can talk to him and do it aside. Because a lot of times people don't want to say situations that didn't happen when they are in it because we don't know who can be on. So hopefully, if there's anything I can run it by me, or Bob or anyone to air and then we'll get information.

Celeste: Thank you, Captain. Thank you. All right, yeah. So that will conclude this portion of the meeting. We'll move on with our agenda. Now we'll move to the district manager's report. That's my report.

5) District Manager's Report

And one moment, good evening, everyone and Happy belated Veterans Day to all former and current military service members in Bushwick. As we know after the recent election, this coming January, Bushwick in the city at large will welcome a new mayoral administration and many new council members. We look forward to working with everyone in their new roles. So, both incoming and folks that we already know work in the neighborhood. I'd also like to introduce and welcome Kim Maldonado community board for his new community liaison. Kim if you want to say hello to everyone. Just introduce yourself.

Kim: It's a pleasure to be here at this meeting. Thank you for having me. Hopefully, soon. We all get to meet in person soon. Yeah, on this call, thank you so much.

Celeste: Excellent. Thank you. All right. And I just also want to say, we have some exciting projects underway in partnership with the board's committees. And within the board's office, I encourage you to get more involved if there's a particular area of interest that you may have. There's always something that we're working on. In terms of the board's office, you may remember, at last month's meeting, I mentioned the statement of community district needs surveys. It's a first-time effort that we've undertaken to help engage the community and hopefully build on the feedback that we receive regarding the needs of the neighborhood. I will be speaking a little bit later about how we're doing this and the support that we have from the fund for the city of New York. But we're really excited to see this happen. And I just want to give a shout out to some of our board members to stand in the mirror to Jose Guzman, and to appoint them for their assistance with a Spanish translation, we understand that not everybody is online. And even if they are, they may not have access to a computer. And so, we really wanted to make sure that we can meet folks in the neighborhood where they're at. Also, a shout out to RiseBoro. We're partnering with them going to our local senior residences and centers to hold a pop up to help the folks that are there, also input their information and get feedback from them. Ultimately, these surveys will be used to create a report that everyone will be able to review. And this is just the beginning. This is the first report that will produce like this, and we hope to build on it. And we absolutely encourage everyone here to look and get more involved. And I'll drop a link in the chat after I finish my report for those that haven't filled out the surveys. And I'd also like to say thank you to Mr. Camacho to the committee chairpersons and the board for your support and your efforts on behalf of Bushwick in general. I'm also very happy to inform you that my recent merit increase was processed without issue. So, thank you, everyone. And yes, thank you.

We did it. Thank you so much. And I will summarize my meetings as usual since Mr. Camacho and I do attend many of the same ones. On Thursday, October 21, I did have our first virtual meeting with Makayla Shetty, our new fellow from the fund for the city of New York. Almost every year, the fund will reach out and ask if there are any projects that the board would like to have a fellow work on or help with, we must submit an application we have to detail which you know

projects, we're going to be asking for help and describe what we'll need from them to have our projects were selected. And so, Michaela will be helping both with the surveys for the statement of community district needs as well as a Bushwick homeowners list. So, we're covering the entire neighborhood, we broke it down by zip code. And we're going through public information. So, both combinations of the city planning records, you know Department of Building records to see who owns what in the neighborhood. And then we'll be doing a report to describe the breakdown. We all know Bushwick has changed a lot in terms of homeownership. We want to make sure that we have tangible data to share for ourselves for us to know but as well as to share with our elected officials with the community so we can be better prepared to address some of the challenges and issues that come our way. We also hope to use that report as a foundation to empower local homeowners, in particular small homeowners who have a lot of the similar issues but may not be speaking to each other. And so perhaps this will be a way for there to be some type of homeowners' association specifically for Bushwick that will allow for folks to interchange and share information and hopefully be better connected to resources that are available. And on Friday, October 21 or excuse me, 22nd. I had a call with Lacey Tauber, who is a consultant. Some of you may remember her from when she worked for Council Member Reynoso's office. This time Lacey was helping as an independent consultant with the future of community boards draft report. Some of you may remember that I've mentioned this throughout the past couple of years. I'm very excited to say that after meeting the past two months with the working group that includes, you know, boards from all over the city, we were able to finalize the draft report. And we are now in the process of wrapping up the process for this entire endeavor. And I'm looking forward to sharing that report sometime in early December for everyone to look at all our work. And we also had a meeting on Starr Street the same day with some of the local liquor license establishments. We were able to discuss some of the shared issues, mostly the 70 plus noise complaints. We were able to come to an agreement where everyone was in consensus that there will be no amplified sound out. Excuse me, no amplified sound outside and it won't have any music that is happening. Everything will wrap up by 11pm. If they would like to do things inside, they're more than welcome to but just in terms of being mindful for their neighbors in the fact that it is a very dense area, we wanted to make sure that we were being respectful of everyone. So, both neighboring establishments, and of course, the residents on that block. And moving us along.

On Tuesday, October 26, I had a conversation with Gavy Contreras, CUNY student journalist regarding the MTA elevated structure and concerns about lead paint. We have gotten emails, and we've had discussions in the past regarding the elevated structures. Part of the reason why we had the MTA here this evening, we have received confirmation from them. And as well as local business owners who have reached out to the MTA to FOIL request the information have received specific data from them that explains what exactly is happening and why it's happening on its timeline. We spoke recently because of these concerns regarding lead paint in the structure, which folks know that most paint that's dated, right that's been on there for years decades, is likely going to have led in it however, those levels, we were told, didn't warrant emergency attention. We're keeping an eye on this, we want to make sure that everyone is aware of any potential hazards in the neighborhood. But to date, we haven't been made aware by the MTA or any other local environmental protection agency, that there are concerns that should trigger community notice. On Thursday, October 28, I was a part of a sustainable rate structure analysis advisory group meeting. This is specifically for water in the city. So, the DEP right now in partnership with

other consulting agencies is looking to revise how they charge for water. They broke it down into three separate categories. You have your stormwater, you have your sewer, the sewer, and then you also have I believe one other there's one other category that they're analyzing in order to determine how they will be charging, moving forward for water or how they may change the cost of I believe the third one is regarding the environment and any impacts that we may see. We know the storms that we've had in the past two months have taken a toll on certain parts of Bushwick, and we want to be as prepared as possible for that. We will absolutely keep you posted. And on Friday, November 5, as Mr. Camacho mentioned, we met with the Coalition for Hispanic Family Services, the leadership, so their executive director Denise Rosario, as well as the director for the Bushwick Community Partnership Sinthia Pena Ortiz, and then also John's Stanesco, who is the director of the hope gardens Community Center, as well as two of their other centers, both between Bushwick and Williamsburg. It was a great conversation, we wanted to hear about how organizations were impacted by COVID, how they're recovering now, and then also get a better understanding of some of the shared needs. So, we at the Community Board are always trying to connect folks to services, they provide services. And we were able to come to a great conclusion where we are now going to open the district service Cabinet meeting that Mr. Camacho mentioned. All meetings are public. But we want to make sure that there is emphasis around which meetings folks should attend, just to make sure it's always helpful when you have a better idea. We know there's been a lot of turnover, a lot of changes in Bushwick. And some folks might not be familiar with the resources and even the role that the board plays. So, we'll continue to provide that information and connect folks to those meetings. On Monday, November 8, there were two meetings that I was a part of one was the Brooklyn community boards audit exit conference. This meeting, we went through each section of the preliminary report that is only made available to the boards as they're given an opportunity to respond to some of the initial findings. I was able to communicate with the audit team to make sure that we're submitting everything that we possibly can to demonstrate that the board has tried to the best of our ability to comply with our charter mandate to hold meetings to allow for public comment. And of course, to make sure that we're spreading the information about what we do in the meetings that we host in the community. More information should be made available within the coming months. I believe their final report is due in December. And the same day I had a conversation with Afia Frimpong from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. This was an introduction as she will be the new community liaison serving Bushwick from the agency.

And lastly, I'll summarize the last three on Friday, November 12th. I had a meeting with our building manager. So, for folks that have visited us, you know, we're at 1420 Bushwick Avenue. That is between Moffat and Chauncey Street this year, we were renewing our lease and as part of that we're able to negotiate some improvements for the Board's office. So, I look forward to welcoming everyone in the future to a freshly painted office, which will be taken care of within the next couple of months. And yesterday, Tuesday, November 16, I attended the Bushwick community partnership meeting. I was invited to speak on the statement of community district needs surveys. So, I provided all the folks in attendance, usually a combination of agency representatives, community-based organizations, some teachers and administrators from schools, with a little bit more about what the community board does, and why the statement of district needs surveys are so important. I was very happy to get some feedback from folks about how they serve and connect with hard-to-reach members of the community. And I also was very

happy that folks volunteered to assist in making sure that we're able to get as robust feedback as possible. And lastly, the same day yesterday, I had a conversation with Amy Lemisch from Netflix, very excited to share that Netflix will be joining the Arts Culture Technology Committee meeting, which is going to be tomorrow at 6pm. To discuss a little bit about their new studio, I was able to clarify that their studio is technically in Williamsburg and not in Bushwick, which they did not realize. But they're going to double check the map. And they are happy to join us tomorrow to share more information. And that concludes my report. Thank you, everyone. That's it. Yes, Mr. Camacho.

Mr. Camacho: I just want to give a point of order regarding the survey. That's why every time if x, if there are any comments, concerns or issues to the body at large, that's on this meeting, because we then we need to get feedback from you guys, especially the outside not the people on the board, the outside people to make sure because sometimes they may not want now with this zoom, it may not be on the report that I'm constantly saying that anyone have any concerns. And the issue is anything that people want to address from the outside, I want to get info, and no one gives any info. So, it makes it sound like we're not opening to the people when we in Oh, that's why I always say if anyone from the outside issue, please bring them up at this time. So that we can have a report or somebody saying that we're doing our due diligence, and regarding some openings, with regards to the open law meeting, and allowing people to speak because that's part of our report. So, I just wanted to address that. And another thing regarding a home garden. And, since they have the community center there, I'm going to relate them with the owner because they don't one person don't know one person. So, I'm going to try to get them to find out because your landlord doesn't mean that you can find out who your tenants are. So, I'm going to let them together with management so they can know who they are, and they can know who the policy is because they've been there a while and they haven't connected with each other. So rightfully so working with hope gardens and the management crew. I would have to set up a meeting with a coalition for Hispanic Society and the new management that they may have issues they can address themselves regarding the center patch 422 Central. Thank you. Thank you, Celeste.

6) Committee Reports

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

Desmonde: Thank you Mr. Camacho. And I do want to reiterate just so folks understand what we're being requested to document and share with the comptroller's office who's conducting the audit. They want to program out of the small business mentoring program, But I voiced some concerns especially since DDC already has an F with African Americans opposed to women owned businesses, and a C with Asian Americans and it's using Spanish when it comes down to contract equalization. The DDC clarified in the console report and disparity study mentioned in the presentation are separate disparity study in evaluation of utilization of MWBE companies and the Comptroller's report is evaluation of each agency, which I take issue with. DDC is working to improve specifically within the construction sector as the new program launches, which is November 14. Yeah, in the YC, Executive Order denied breaks off in the contract roles and opportunities for him to be biggies. The District Manager requested to maintain an open line of communication relating to updates of this offensive data. So, the issue is that I feel that it's always

an agency issue, because the agency sets the standard within the industry to be terminated, contracting was more equitable, and there really wouldn't be an issue. So, I think creating a mentor program is kind of helpful in a way, but it really doesn't address the bigger issue. So, I think that's kind of where my issue stands. And it will always stand when it comes down to equity inclusion with MWBE ease. That's all, I think. Thank you, Desmonde. Any questions about that portion of the meeting?

Celeste: All right. Melissa did let me know she had to hop off to take care of her son. So, I will summarize the second portion, the permits and licenses portion. We had; I believe just two liquor license establishments. One was TK planners LLC at 156 Knickerbocker Avenue. It's a new one beer cider license for a Japanese restaurant chain. They've been in business for 15 years and they're looking to open their third restaurant location in Bushwick. Within two weeks. There'll be applying for a temporary liquor license and then the open restaurant program with department transportation as well. They were made aware that there's no amplified music and outdoor spaces and they were okay with that. The establishment is 660 square feet 10 tables 20 chairs with the bar seating seven and one bathroom. Tenants residing above and adjacent have signed a petition in favor of the business and their intended sale of alcohol. Ours as stated in the committee meeting are seven days a week Sunday through Thursday from 12 to 10pm. And Friday through Saturday from 12 to 10:30pm. The establishment will comply with no sales of alcohol or liquor after 12 midnight on Sundays. And the establishment has reached out to nonprofits in the community as well as the 83rd precinct. They are looking to be involved with the community on a larger scale. And again, this is TK planners LLC at 156 Knickerbocker Avenue. And the second applicant, Michael Rubinoff Farm to People, 1100 Flushing Avenue, this is a new liquor wine, beer cider. And this, they came to the committee before the full Board has already voted on their liquor license application. However, they had a separate request for excuse me, 3 one-day licenses. So, it's three. It's supposed to be three one day licenses, there's a typo. So, three one day are temporary licenses which they've been using as they wait for their full liquor license to come through their permanent license. They have not heard back yet. They obtained a letter of recommendation from the 83 precinct and they're requesting the same support from CB four. And so far, they've been issued up to four for this year, they needed three additional just to close out the year. And then a community refrigerator and compost drop off site has been added to their location, and their attended set of hours will remain the same. No changes made to the hours and the hours that the board already voted on. And the establishment follows no sale of liquor after midnight on Sundays. And the permits and licenses committee chairperson Melissa clarified the extensions, if granted, must be handled respectfully and responsibly within the framework of suggestions and recommendations made by the board. And they indicated that they understood there was some mail regarding a notice from NYC and company. You can read the report for additional information.

There was some old business I did reference the meeting on Starr Street with the establishments and then there was some new business. We are working on a stipulation sheet that will allow liquor license establishment owners to be able to feature next to their license posted in their establishment. The board also received complaints regarding Moonrise at 1329 Willoughby Avenue. The Assemblywoman Maritza Davila observed that the business has been operating outside of hours and in conflict with their current method of operation. So, we will be following up

with both the assemblywoman we've already alerted the 83 precinct and we will be informing the SLA as well.

Environmental Protection/Transportation/Sanitation + Parks and Recreation - Barbara Jackson

Celeste: I know we do have a change in leadership. So, Barbara, if you feel more comfortable with me providing an overview. I'm happy to do that. Ah, my first thought is Go ahead. Yeah. If you go for it.

Barbara: Oh, we had a meeting on October 5. We had a gentleman Chris Yandoli, from the Parks capital projects. The update on all the parks that have been set up wanting to be big and stay motivated. And then there's Rudd Playground. And again, Maria Hernandez. For more about what's going on get the full report from the board. Also, Teresa Cunningham from the Department of Sanitation. She gave us updates on the continue to call them and that the 18th in violation was going into those fallen lorries in the state for now they're giving tickets so as a homeowner and really look all homes on the line that we do have to sweep in front of our house and then 18 inches in the street. Even though it's not our property, we must do that. Otherwise, we will be fine. Also, if the vehicles that are on the street for a while you can call 7311 and they will come, and we will vehicle because I mentioned the vehicle and that avenue, and the vehicle is now gone. And, she spoke about illegal dumping.

Mr. Camacho: You did a wonderful job. Excellent. Barbara: Thank you, got it.

Celeste: Thank you, Barbara. And just so everyone knows Barbara is our new environmental protection plus sanitation committee chairperson so welcome. And thank you, Barbara. She's been on the board for a while and has been a part of this committee.

I did get a request. This is for the board. Jackie from Assembly Member Dylan's office asked if it would be possible for her to make a quick announcement as she must head out. I leave that up to the board.

Jackie Reyes, Assembly Member Erik Dilan

Hey everybody. So just quickly I wanted to let you all know that the assembly member is going to be holding a toy drive this year. We will be accepting gifts for all genders. Any age up until December 10. And we will be accepting them at the office. If you have anything that you need me to pick up. Just give me a call and I'll come get it from you.

Celeste: Do you have a flier anything that we can share Jackie or is it just the verbal? Yes, I will be posting the flier on his social media. And I'll be sharing it via email within a week, okay, perfect. Thank you. Have a good night, everybody. Did you have something Barbara Smith?

Barbara: collecting toys, but we're going to give them back out to the community?

Jackie: Yes, most definitely. Of course. Yeah. So when, when I am still trying to figure out which I'm going to be giving them to a couple of our daycares in the community. I'm looking at December 15. For the day that we're going to do it. It's not finalized just yet. Right now, we're just collecting

the choice. Okay, got it. Okay, great. Once everything is made final, I'll reach back out and let you know, when we're going to do it.

Celeste: Okay. So, let's have something in the chat that says I have called 311. And the Department of Sanitation several times about getting more trash cans on evergreen Avenue are the 299, a PS 299. But we have not gotten any response yet. So, trash cans, not as straightforward. So, we can of course chat offline, I'm going to drop my info in the chat, in case you want to reach out to me tomorrow. Also, just an overview. So, all garbage can requests typically require the council to be made aware because council members are the only ones that can allocate funding for garbage, and additional garbage cans to be placed.

And when the sanitation department looks at locations, they look at the current routes where they collect garbage. So, there's a little bit of nuance. I'm not sure exactly why this location wasn't, you know, addressed. But we can certainly investigate that and get you a better answer.

Mr. Camacho: I'm good with that in the chat. I'm just reading it. Celeste: Perfect. Thank you.

All right. So, we'll move on. Mr. Camacho: They said Thank you. Celeste: Excellent. All right. So, we'll move on with our next committee report, which is our Health Human Service senior citizens Veterans Committee that Cheryl Jones. And Cheryl, that might be one of the numbers that I didn't. Yep, let me figure out who's on with the phone number. Once I move on to the next report.

Housing and Land Use - Anne Guiney

Anne: Thank you, Celeste. So, our meeting for the housing and land use committee was on October 26. And the vast majority of what we talked about was the responsible development policy and final review. So, what we did is we walked through step by step, this policy that has been in development for several years. It was an initiative suggested by Celeste and then brought to the committee to develop internally, a set of values, a statement of what we believe in for this community? What we want for housing, what we want? They have already looked at it as this is not a legally binding document. This is not but it is still we have as a community worked through what I believe. And we are sharing here, the developers. So, we walk through that. I think a lot of you have probably looked at this, these conversations are still a process. I don't want to go through the whole thing because it took us almost an hour and a half to do so at the meeting, but I think it's worth looking through. I encourage everybody to, and we also work so welcoming input on that. So that was what we went through the responsible development policy.

By the way, also, the Department of City Planning has developed a new online tool about urban design. Urban design is the streets, the shape of the parks, it's basically all the public space that we can all share and enjoy. And so, this is a tool to help them develop guidelines to shape their policy about that. And it's a citizen input tool. And it's online. So, Mr. Camacho raises a really important point. And that we talked a fair amount about, which is if this isn't online, only, who's going to be participating? Is this only going to be, you know, something for young people who are very online to participate in? Because any tool is only as good as the input of the information that goes into it? Again, yeah, if only 25-year-olds put in, it's going to be a city designed by 25-year-olds. And guess what, this is not that city, we live in a city, that many, many, many people. And I think Bushwick is very lucky to have an incredibly rich, you know, so many ages of people living here and contributing to this community. So, one of the things that we pushed back on DCP was

to make sure that they do active and outreach in senior centers in events where people can be participating and sharing their thoughts about what makes good public space and good cities. So, this is something that they said that, yes, they would agree, we have to say that we would commit to sharing information that they could not get. We would, we would let them know when there were events that they could send somebody. So that was another thing that was more of a public hearing item, they were sharing that information for anyone who was interested in looking at that tool. And we also need to figure out a better way to share that tool as well. It's good urban design dot NYC. So, it's basically just those three words, no spaces, good urban design, dot NYC. We can't share that. And it's in the notes. And please, everybody looks at it. But I also think we need to make DCP accountable in terms of making sure that it is a tool widely used by a lot of people or accessible to a lot of people so that that information gets into DCP and their thought process. And yet, the next thing was basically there was a committee mail, where we looked at their demolition permits that were issued for 31 Melrose, which is right at Flushing Avenue and 138 Schaefer Street. We don't have a lot more information about either one of those, but we will be watching both of those sites. We know, any demolition permit, most likely it means there's going to be development. So, we will be watching that very closely. The next thing was that the ERAP which is the rent relief program that came through the pandemic, those applications are now closed. We had Corina Lozada from Communities Resist. We will be following that closely. The next item was 747 Evergreen Avenue right at Pilling. So, the developers we're going to come to the housing and land use committee meeting

They canceled at the last minute. So, we don't know what they were going to or we're not going to present. They are now scheduled for the next meeting, which is November 30. And we, anyone who is interested in this, you know, we absolutely recommend that you come participate. What we do know from our, our, you know, dear friend and fellow board member, Joshua Brown is that there have been community questions and I think that it's going to be a robust conversation, and I hope we can all participate in that. Finally, there was a groundbreaking, or the Rheingold will not finally a couple more things, the Ryan gold senior housing, many of you who have been on the board for several years, three years know that the Rheingold rezoning was a really difficult moment for the board. I believe it happened in 2011-2012 And it was, a lot of people have a lot of reservations. And one of the reasons we voted for that rezoning was because we believe that we're going to get community benefits. What happened was that four to five months after the rezoning passed, the landlord sold to or the owner of the site sold to a different a different owner, who did not then abide by the deal, we had worked out a number of community organizations and activists who were not part of organizations fought really hard after that, to make sure that we get a better deal. And that we get back to a higher level of affordability, and more senior housing. And so basically, you know, long story short, I think a lot of people move the story. And anyone who does not know the story, please reach out and we can share it. There was a commitment for senior housing, right at Montieth Street. There was a groundbreaking the other day that is now happening. And that is led by Los Sures, which is an organization from Williamsburg that we have worked with for many, many, many years. And so that is happening, and we'll share more information on that. The next thing, the last two things was we as a committee, have had a lot of trouble recently communicating with the Department of Housing Preservation and Development. So, we voted that we would send a letter to them, expressing our concerns about communication and their communication with us very specifically, because we in the form of Celeste have reached

out to them, and they have not necessarily been helpful. So, we had to ask for that. That was sent from the committee. And then finally, our fellow member, same year, raised some very concerns, strong concerns about the housing lottery, how it works, and the real lack of transparency. So, what we have decided is to put that on the agenda as a future item about how especially in a community where there's a lot of development, which is being thankless as like we can provide community housing for this community. We need to have a much clearer sense about how the housing lottery works.

Celeste: Thank you and just a point of clarification, the groundbreaking is this Friday. And any questions?

Anne: 11 Monteith between Evergreen and Stanwix exactly. Okay. Yeah. I know there was a letter regarding Pilling Street without my signature on it. I know that it was attached to that, but I'm not too sure. I think that was 2019. I think that was an attendance sheet to indicate the people that were there. But just for clarification, it wasn't that anybody can send anything off without approval for the full board. Mr. Camacho: Hello. Please. Make sure because I saw the letter, and I saw the paper and it will say it and I think that should have an amendment that says page one and two to be attached with it because it looks like it was in the attendance sheet. And when we say something, they attach it to a memo saying that we agree, which that's not the case. You know, I will be going to that meeting. All the board members that were present when we met because I did sign an attendance sheet that are invalid myself today. Not as she indicated that we approved that because I can't make that decision. You know the board must make that decision. So, we need some clarification regarding some of those signatures that they put in the package with that piece of paper. So, I really didn't understand, and I wasn't in the chair. Anne: I think at that time he did so to find out. What was it so I would like to just follow up on what Mr. Camacho said. I also have a lot of concerns about this just because it is presented as an agreement. So, the community board has never heard one thing about this. We have huge amounts of respect for the immediate neighbors and the neighbors who have been there for years and who have been working through this. We need information. And so that is it. I think this is an incredibly important and I think Mr. Camacho raises a very good point.

Joshua Brown: But I'm sure it's for sure. But we will present what that is. That was the developer voluntarily signing papers and that he was going to agree to the AMI levels that the Pilling Block Association advocated for, so everybody understands is fully clear. That's not a legally binding document. It's just the developer voluntarily saying, hey, as a community partner, I'm going to actively give you this amount of affordable housing. So, when they come, it's a good point one to hold them accountable to them because it's in our favor and to get full clarity as to what the action plan is, given that that was two years ago.

Anne: And I would like to add that I think that I was just looking closely through those documents today. And it looks like the project is 50% affordable. And AMI levels like there. You know, some of those are good. Some of them are we would push for more but 50% affordable and this is MTR which is a manufacturing district to residential that would require that rezoning. In this situation. I think we would ask for a lot more than just 50% affordability at this point. So, I think that I would like to we both want to respect with the local immediate neighbors care about but we also want to very importantly stress this is a neighborhood wide important decision and must be run through

the community board must have the input of an has to go through that process. And I think you know, honestly, 2019 and 2021. Like we now want to ask for more. So, we want to ask for a lot more. I don't think 50% affordability in the last few projects. We've never accepted 50% affordability. We want more than that. Because especially because as we all know, affordability in the like, you know, affordability is not actually always affordable. Or Bushwick. So, for any affordability, we must look at exactly what the AMI numbers are and make sure that there is very widespread affordability for this community, especially if we are going to support any kind of rezoning from losing manufacturing capacity. Manufacturing land and turning it interested into just a quick point of clarification.

Keep in mind and just to point out with the ULURP are solely advisory and we don't determine. I understand that very well. You might as well. Fight that for as much as you can get.

Barbara Smith: Yeah, but sometimes you must be careful because if they pull out and go another route they don't need to, so you know like we need to push them to make it affordable. But some people that build they have the money to do whatever and it's not common courtesy that they come to us that they come to us because they want that little pack lighter. Those so far because look over your back to the bar. That's private land. They didn't they don't have to keep getting bored. They could do a sign they could kind of build a 10-story building on that land over the you know, so this is really got to look at the whole picture. On it above.

Anne: If you choose to Miss Smith, you're 100% right. This is a situation where we can push because they will need a rezoning to do what they want to do. Whereas at the food desert site they don't need that or the like and lo Linden site they don't need are on this site That's right.

Celeste: So just a quick point of clarification on this project. The presentation on the 30th is not a certification, it is not starting the ULURP clock, it is informational for them to share with us. A revised or an updated right project proposal. So, anything else that would happen it'd be awkward for them to certify right now just given the upcoming transition so they will likely wait to certify in the beginning of next year. And then those conversations will be had with the new council members and new administration etc.

Anne: Right. And I say one more thing, which is I think one of the reasons we're having this conversation now and there's a lot of back and forth about this is that they have not yet come to us, and I think that's a bit of a problem. They are coming up to us. There's an unofficial meeting tomorrow and they will be coming to us at the housing land use committee on the 30th. And I think that's great. But if we really want this to be a good project like we're not against good projects. That is 100%. What we're saying is we want this to be good. But I think the reason is that there has been a lot of like back and forth, but we haven't had any information from them. So good. Thank you.

Celeste: Thank you. We'll move on now.

Health/Human Service/Senior Citizens/Veterans - Cheryl Jones

Hi, board members, Cheryl Jones. So, we had a meeting on November 10. And we had a big organization with that or op ed and they talked about what they were doing in the schools. They teach healthy eating and food demonstrations in some of the high schools of the board. We also

talked about some things that we plan on doing for this year. And so, we all agree that we want to be a little bit more proactive and have some more additional beds besides our Bushwick Shape-Up we love. And so, we talked about having some virtual summit on healthy eating and mental health. And that's what we're planning on doing for this board year.

Yes. And, we would like to have some support in recruiting some members or we have a very small committee. And so, we could have some additional support. Members, membership.

Mr. Camacho: Yep. So, whoever wants to get on, please get on let us know if not guess why we'll be putting people on there. She said it's a nice way I'm going to say the bad way. I'm sorry.

Cheryl: Want to do some virtual summits on healthy eating and mental health. And so, we're looking forward to those endeavors. And we also will be doing our wonderful shape-up and this year is going to be bigger and better. It was great last year. And so, we were very successful. And so, the order is very exciting for the committee to expand and have this event. Like to thank Celeste, Mr. Camacho, and Barbara, for Thank you Ms. Jones. Thank you. You're doing a wonderful job, everybody.

Barbara: This is a great question. Okay. I have a question for Cheryl. The person that came to present about a food program that they had in schools. Are they doing anything in the district already or? Cheryl: So that's a question that we could follow up. So, my only concern is, you know, with the presentation it was a great presentation, but you know, there's a fee we can ask. Is this no cost for you? No, really, and the only way I can think of is to go to school and I believe that they pay from a type of salary to pay the fee if we were for my older sister. Barbara: Okay, because my next question was going to be had they reached out to the CEC32. But alright, but I'll double check. So, I saw it as an end for you or both of you. That was just a concern. Thank you.

Celeste: Thank you all right, going once, going twice, show.

7) Recommendations

Celeste: Thank you. Alright, we'll move on now to recommendations. We should only have, I believe two recommendations this evening, both coming from our permits and licenses committee. I will provide another overview of the specific recommendations the committee made. This is for TK planners LLC at 156 Knickerbocker Avenue for a new wine beer cider license. The recommendations were the following hours of operation seven days a week Sunday to Thursday from 12pm to 10pm. And Friday through Saturday from 12pm to 10:30pm. No sales of alcohol liquor after midnight on Sundays, and no amplified music outside and the second recommendation is regarding Farm to People at 1100 Flushing Avenue. They have already applied for a new liquor wine beer cider license. The board has already voted on that specific recommendation with their hours and with their other stipulations, so no sales of liquor after midnight on Sundays they confirmed that they will comply. They are simply requesting for this visit to the committee, three additional one day licenses. And I will ask now, go ahead.

Motion for a blanket vote.

Barbara Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor, so moved.

Motion in favor of the committee recommendation.

Mr. Camacho made a motion. It was seconded by Jose Guzman. Andy Marte abstained. The motion carried.

Mr. Camacho asked about a letter for the HLU committee and Celeste informed him it would come directly from the committee; it did not require a full board vote. Okay. All right. Thank you.

Celeste: All right. We appreciate your thoroughness. Any other recommendations? Going once, going twice.

8) Old Business

Celeste: We'll move on now to old business, any old business going once going twice. (None)

9) New Business

Celeste: Any new business, any new business? Yes, Barbara. So, Barbara first and then Cheryl.

Barbara: Precinct Council turkey giveaways and toy giveaways but I want to thank our Assemblywoman Maritza Davila. Because this year is very bad because of the pandemic and people got flooded. So, I'm really if you know anyone that needs to cozy up to me tonight or tomorrow. So far, we have a beat for the people that call in are ready for the theme. And the theme, Assemblywoman and our Councilman Antonio's, we got another favorite clip of the season. They say give us a donation of 30. I will get them to make sure people have a good Thanksgiving. Thank you, guys, for coming, they don't want the passion toy. Thank you whoever and whomever has money that wants to give. I'm going to give it to Celeste so she will blast out the info.

Cheryl: I was just going to say this at this meeting during the community board every year that I've been on it. There is a call for somebody dropping five bucks 10 bucks 20 bucks into an envelope for exactly this.

Barbara: Yes. And I want to thank our manager who's writing a check for us. I thank you so much. And when our community people came to me, he donated \$100. Mr. Camacho: I'm going to give you a check to Barbara, but I don't know if it's going to work.

Celeste: Alright, so we have Cheryl, and I heard some other folks with new business go ahead.

Cheryl Jones: I was going to bring up the turkeys and the toy until you can get my message. Thank you. So yes, I'll be donating and we're hoping he can get \$5, \$10 I mean we have a lot of families. Barbara: I'm going to buy candy bags and give it a tour. So that's what we're going to do with the fact that we can't have a fundraiser this year to audit people on both sides. So, we got to do it like this. Okay, perfect. All right.

Andrew Choi: Okay, I just had a question. I was just wondering; I didn't hear at the beginning. What organization are you speaking on behalf of? Barbara: The 83 Precinct Community Council. Andrew: Thank you, Andrew.

Martha Brown: No, I'm telling Robert you will accept the envelopes that your house was throwing on leaving the house with me? Mr. Camacho: Yeah, you can bring it to my house.

Celeste: Alright. Just wanted to make sure if there's no other new business, we have a lot of jokes tonight. If there's no other new business, we'll move on. Go ahead.

Barbara Smith: Yeah, well, yeah, we'll send information to the board. And then we'll put the cash app out to the public because the Cash App is public. So yeah, we'll send information to the board and then we'll make sure that everyone else has access to the Cash App. Sounds good? Okay. Yeah. Celeste: All right. No other new business going once going twice.

10) Announcements

Celeste: We'll now move on to our announcements. A minute and a half please. I'll go through the same list of elected official reps that we started with. If anyone else has an announcement, please let me know in the chat.

Evelyn: Okay. So just want to it's been a learning curve again, a few things having to do with the recent report for this month on the child tax credit as we all know, the advanced tax credit 62,000 Children, families in our district received Child Tax Credit this month, for a total of \$35 million in tax cuts. That's basically money that went back into these families' pockets, which is awesome. The average payment per household was \$417. This historic tax is putting money back in the pockets of families. The final payment will be next month, December 15. And then the remaining half of the advanced touch credit the families will be able to claim when they file taxes next year. So, it's the advance payment and over 40 to \$70 per child in the household this month, next month will be the same thing. We're looking to expand that in the infrastructure bill that is being worked on out in Washington. I don't have to tell you incredible news of the infrastructure bill that has gotten millions of dollars to New York City and into our district. I heard Dan be talking about MTA concerns. I'm surprised he didn't see me. He didn't mention that we have been in communication all day about certain stations in our district that really need infrastructure bills. We saw what happened in Bushwick. On the streets of Knickerbocker Wilson, I was out there last week to tour Hope Gardens, some of the units that have been destroyed. And we know that we need to improve the infrastructure of what's under the streets, in those in that neighborhood and we need to improve the quality of life for those residents. So that is something that we are going to be working on as the congresswoman is working on as we speak. So, the build back better bill isn't playing out with the President trying to shore up the rest of the vote and Ms. Pelosi the everyone's doing their effort to lock in the votes. It is the most important framework that stands at \$1.75 trillion. And it is important because it is the budget that has a lot of important funding for everyday living in our districts. One of the key things is children. Without social security numbers we're looking at to make sure that they are also eligible for the child tax credit right now you have a child that had the PIN number, that family that could be working with a tin but because it's not an SS number, that family would not be eligible for any tax credit. That is something that we're looking to correct and make sure that families are all children are counted and are eligible for a tax credit. So that's one of the key things for us. And in the buyback bill. Of course, we know what universal and free

preschool affordable housing funding I mean, there's a host of this will share it with you by email. Something that's happening in January is the cola and the cost-of-living increase. Because of that the cost of living will be adjusted. It will be the biggest adjustment in decades. It's going to go up about 5.9%. This will be the biggest COLA increase since 1982. And the reason behind is because the pandemic has caused a lot of consumer prices to spike energy prices despite waterfall housing. I mean, you know what's gone up so that's going up and then 8 million disabled. We'll also see SSI increase in 2022. But given that there's also going to be an increase in the Medicare have a CMS has declared an increase of 5.9% towards the Medicare Part B. So, we're going to see an increase in from those that paid Medicare Part A and Part B, the increase will be from \$148 to about \$170. But this increase will be covered because you'll be able to pay for this increase because of a COLA increase as a standard due to the SSA. So, there's a lot of things happening in Washington that are going to impact us positively in the district. And this is something that the congresswoman continues to advocate for. And so, we'll continue to keep you updated in the weeks ahead. Thank you for your time. Thank you.

Celeste: And just a quick question that's in the chat. I want to make sure it's addressed. Can we bring toys to the 83rd precinct directly? I believe that's for Barbara. No, okay. Barbara Smith: This Barbara, we're going to show people will have anything available to the elderly. Yeah. Yes, ma'am. Thank you to the Congressperson representative. Got it? Mr. Camacho: Let me know too, because I got some starving people here too.

Andy: I just want to thank you. I just wanted to thank the congresswoman representing the screws for her office reaching back out regarding ensuring that faith-based organizations have an opportunity to provide universal pre-K for some reason. It's not something that's being included in the build back better program but as someone who has benefited from those programs as a child, I think it's important that we also include programs in the universal pre-K. Thank you.

Annette: Hi, Evelyn, can you send us some information on that Medicare increase because there are a lot of seniors who don't understand it and it's coming at us quick from different directions. So, I like to do that. Evelyn: I will send you the CMS reports. And, and I think it will be helpful and it will be a wash for many of us. Okay, because the COLAs that increase so you'll be able to cover. You'll have about \$30- \$35 with the increase so I will share that.

Martha Brown: I also read that my Medicare premiums are going to be increased. Just what I know it's going to be increased from 148 to like 170 Choose about 25 About a \$29 increase. But we're not coming out of our social security check. Evelyn: That is correct. That is correct. Martha: We've got our payments are going to be agreed to almost \$175 And we're getting a course of living but it's still going to be for it's not it's not to be cost effective. Anyway, that's for me. I don't know about anybody.

Evelyn: Okay, I will send you the info. According to The Economist. It's going to almost be a fair wash for many constituents, those that are on fixed income and those that are in Social Security. It will almost be a wash purse for men for millions. But I will be happy to share that with Celeste and then she can circulate that information. Okay, I just wanted to give you an advance

announcement because it was just announced this week. And then getting that notification as we know everything has gone up. But there's also a reserve of reserve because we have over 100,000 people on a waitlist to get Medicaid assistance and for home care assistance. So, this is part of creating a cushion to also help those to become eligible but it's a long explanation, but I want to. I'll be happy to share that with Celeste-the list. Thank you

Marcus Harris, Brooklyn Borough Hall

Okay. So just want to say Happy Thanksgiving everyone in advance. Understand if you want to go on our website, brooklyn-usa.org You can see all the events that we're having the virtual events, we're still trying to make sure that everyone is staying safe. If anybody needs me again, you can call me at 7188023909. It forwards to my cell phone. So, no matter where I am, you will get access.

Mamadou Sire Bah, Mayor's Community Affairs Unit

Oh, yes. I'm still here. I can folks hear me Yes. Hi, everyone. Um, no immediate announcements, but just wanted to just thank everyone in advance for anyone who attended yesterday's Brooklyn City Hall people resource fair, in which the mayor was there if along with Eric, along with Brooklyn Borough President, Eric Adams, along with a number of city agencies at the Madison Boys and Girls Club on Nassau Street. And I also do want to share in the group chat that there is going to be a pickup for folks that want to pick up sandbags and anticipation for the continuation of hurricane season. There isn't anything in Brooklyn but there is one in South Queens and then there's one also in lower Manhattan. So, I'm going to share that in the chat box. it's a limit of 20 per household please wear a mask pickup. And yet that's all. Thank you so much.

Mr. Camacho asked for him to follow up regarding a town hall or meeting in Bushwick, especially given the impact of Hurricane Ida.

Celeste: All right. So, a time check. So, I want to go back to Michael. I believe Sandy left. I know there are multiple meetings happening tonight. But Michael if you have anything now's the time.

Michael Pereira, Council Member- Elect Sandy Nurse

Yes, of course. You know, forgive Sandy. She's in CB five meaning currently. So, a few things that we can say in this transition will be facilitating a few town halls that are pending. But as soon as we get the concrete on the calendar, I will make sure that they're related to you. In addition, we'll be doing some tours. As you know, a lot of the between like the red pad agreements. So, we'll be doing some tours of nature buildings in the district. And, as some of you may know that the tax lien sale the final date to file a hardship letter due to COVID will be December 15. So please share with your networks. If you have any questions, and however we can support, I'll put my contact information and send these in the chat. We want to make sure that we get those letters in sooner than later since there's less than a month to avoid somebody mistakenly or potentially getting on that list. So, I'll put my information in the chat.

Celeste: Thank you. Okay, if there are no other announcements, I don't see anything in the chat. This is the last call for announcements. Board members, everyone public. All right. Going once, going twice.

11) **Second Roll Call**

Celeste: We'll now move on with our second roll call. Please be ready everyone.

Board Members in attendance: Frank Zimmerman, Carlotta Williams, Jerry Valentin, Leo Tineo, Annette Spellen, Dustin Sonneborn, Barbara Smith, Eliseo Ruiz, Raul Rubio, Gladys Puglla, Acire Polight, Zulma Novoa (sound issues), Kyle O'Rourke, Samy Nemir Olivares, Desmonde Monroe, Imini Mitchell, Mary McClellan (sound issues), Andy Marte, Virgie Jones, Cheryl Jones, Kristen Jock, Barbara Jackson, Tanesha Honeygan, Jose Guzman, Anne Guiney, Egaudy Gomez, Freddy Fowler, James Fitzgerald, Daniella Davi, Andrew Choi, Felix Ceballos, Gardea Caphart, Robert Camacho, Rawle Brown, Martha Brown, Joshua Brown, Rev. Grace Aytes (sound issue)

Excused: Vernedeaner Shell, Luisa Jose, Jared Hicks, Elvena Davis, Louisa Chan, Melissa Carrera

Absent: Odolph Wright, Hadiyah Harrison, Christopher Graham, Carlos Feliciano, Jo-Ena Bennett

12) **Adjournment**

Celeste: Okay, a motion to adjourn please. Someone make a motion. Annette Spellen made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Raul Rubio. All were in favor, so moved.

Celeste: Thank you, all. Happy holidays. Have a good night.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:50pm