

Brooklyn Community Board 4
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 20, 2022
6pm

Zoom

Chairperson: Robert Camacho
District Manager: Celestina León

Meeting Start: 6:08pm

Celeste called the meeting to order welcoming everyone before asking the Department for the Aging and Department of Citywide Administrative Services to begin their presentation.

Public Hearing

- 1) **Toby Sheppard Bloch, NYC Mesh** – providing an introductory presentation on NYC Mesh as requested by the CB4 Arts/Culture Technology Committee

NYC Mesh is a community-owned, nonprofit, volunteer-powered broadband network that provides an alternative to traditional internet service providers like Spectrum and FiOS. Unlike corporate providers, NYC Mesh does not charge a mandatory monthly fee; instead, users are encouraged to make a monthly donation, but service is not cut off if someone cannot pay.

The organization's mission is to ensure equitable and fair internet access for all New Yorkers, emphasizing privacy (no data collection or selling), neutrality (no throttling or prioritization), and community benefit.

Technical Details:

- NYC Mesh connects buildings directly to the internet using a decentralized, wireless network of antennas and hubs.
- An antenna is installed on a member's rooftop, connecting to a hub and creating a free Wi-Fi signal for the neighborhood. An Ethernet cable runs from the antenna to the user's apartment, providing a secure, password-protected connection.
- The network is resilient, with backup antennas for bad weather and a Mesh structure that allows antennas to share bandwidth and maintain connectivity even if one node goes down.

Community Involvement:

- NYC Mesh partners with organizations like Communify, which trains and pays young people to become Wi-Fi installers, providing valuable skills and centering youth in digital equity efforts.
- The organization is expanding its network in Brooklyn, with new hubs and subsidized hardware installation fees for residents in Ocean Hill and Brownsville, thanks to foundation funding.

Q&A/Discussion:

Question: “During stormy weather, is the connection still strong with the antenna?”

Asked by: Imini (from the chat)

Response:

Toby Shepherd Block: Explained that the network generally remains strong through most weather events. NYC Mesh uses antennas with different frequencies—some are faster in good weather, but there are backup antennas for bad weather to maintain connectivity.

Daya Spencer Mohammed: Added that during events like Hurricane Sandy, antennas continued to function for those with power. The Mesh network structure allows antennas to “talk” to each other, so if one goes down, others can pick up the signal, benefiting the whole community.

Question: “Does the grant help to reduce the cost for low-income families?”

Asked by: Unspecified attendee (from the chat)

Response:

Daya Spencer Mohammed: Confirmed that the grant is specifically intended to subsidize the hardware installation fee for low-income families in the community.

Question: “Is it safe from hackers?”

Asked by: Unspecified attendee (from the chat)

Response:

Daya Spencer Mohammed: Explained that there are two levels of security. The home connection is password-protected and encrypted, just like with any other provider. The public street-level Wi-Fi has security similar to a local café.

Toby Shepherd Block: Emphasized that NYC Mesh does not collect user data, which adds to privacy and safety.

Question: “Is Mesh available in parts of Bushwick right now?”

Asked by: Unspecified attendee (from the chat)

Response:

Daya Spencer Mohammed: Yes, NYC Mesh is available in parts of Bushwick, and the more rooftops that join, the more the network expands.

Question: How much does it cost?

Asked by: Unspecified attendee (from the chat)

Response:

Toby Shepherd Block: We have a suggested donation of \$20 a month. But if a member is not able to afford that and can donate \$10 or \$5, that's fine. We provide the service regardless of people's ability to pay.

Question: "How is the radiation? Are there health hazards?"

Asked by: Unspecified attendees (from the chat)

Response:

Daya Spencer Mohammed: Stated that the radiation levels from the equipment are negligible and similar to standard Wi-Fi routers.

Toby Shepherd Block: Added that the equipment uses the 5 GHz spectrum, is hobbyist-grade, and does not require special health precautions.

Question: "Is it only available at the antenna?"

Asked by: Unspecified attendee (from the chat)

Response:

Daya Spencer Mohammed: Explained that people can sometimes pick up the Mesh signal from the antenna if they are nearby or have line of sight. The closer you are, the stronger the signal.

Question: "How's the speed?"

Asked by: Unspecified attendee (from the chat)

Response:

Toby Shepherd block: NYC Mesh does not advertise specific speeds, but most users find 50 Mbps sufficient for common activities. Upload speeds are often better than commercial providers, which is helpful for Zoom and remote learning.

Daya Spencer Mohammed: Added that businesses and daycares use Mesh for multiple devices, and it works well for streaming and virtual learning.

Question: "Is it great for students working from home?"

Asked by: Unspecified attendee (from the chat)

Response:

Daya Spencer Mohammed: Yes, Mesh is suitable for students working from home.

The presentation concluded with encouragement for community members to get involved, either by joining the network, participating in installations, or supporting youth training programs. The presenters emphasized the simplicity of installation, the importance of community ownership, and the broader benefits of expanding digital access in Bushwick and beyond.

Celeste thanked the presenters and Luis Munive from El Puente for the referral.

- 2) **Chief Shawn Jones, Plumbing Unit, NYC Department of Buildings** – providing a Local Law 152 Refresher Presentation

Purpose and Background:

- Local Law 152 of 2016 requires periodic inspections of gas piping systems in certain buildings throughout New York City to enhance safety and prevent gas-related incidents.
- The law was enacted in 2016, but enforcement began in 2020, with different community districts phased in over time.

Who Must Comply:

- The law applies to most buildings except those classified as R3 occupancy (typically one- or two-family homes).
- Mixed-use buildings (e.g., residential with a commercial or medical office) are included.
- Detached garages associated with R2 or R3 residences must also be inspected.

Inspection Requirements:

- Inspections must be performed by a Licensed Master Plumber or their certified representative.
- Only exposed gas piping open to view in public spaces, hallways, mechanical rooms, and similar areas must be inspected. Inspectors do not enter tenant apartments.
- If a building has no gas piping, an engineer, architect, or plumber must certify that every four years.

Compliance Process:

- After inspection, the plumber provides a Gas Piping System Periodic Inspection Report (GPS1) to the owner within 30 days.
- The owner must submit a certification (GPS2) to the Department of Buildings within 60 days of the inspection.
- If unsafe or hazardous conditions (e.g., leaks, illegal connections) are found, immediate notification to the owner, utility company, and DOB is required.
- Corrections must be made within 120 days, with possible extensions for hardship (up to 180 additional days).

Exemptions and Special Cases:

- R3 (one- or two-family) homes are exempt, but detached garages must still be inspected.
- If a building's gas service is shut off and there are no gas appliances, owners may be exempt with proper utility documentation.
- Utility company inspections do NOT satisfy Local Law 152 requirements: only DOB-compliant inspections count.

Enforcement and Penalties:

- Failure to comply can result in significant civil penalties.

- All work correcting violations must be permitted and performed by licensed professionals.

Community Outreach and Support:

- The DOB has conducted mass mailings and relies on community leaders and Licensed Master Plumbers to inform property owners.
- Owners are encouraged to verify the credentials of anyone soliciting inspection services.

Key Updates and Issues:

- There are ongoing discussions with utility companies regarding documentation and access for repairs.
- The DOB is working to resolve issues around utility cooperation and hardship extensions.
- Owners are advised to contact DOB for help with compliance or technical issues.

Contact Information:

The DOB provided a hotline and email for questions and support, noting high call and email volumes but encouraging owners to reach out for assistance.

Q&A/Discussion:

Question: “I had my inspection without any problem. What I'm having is a problem with my neighbors. They are confused about the inspection, the 152 inspection and the utility inspection. Can the utility do the 152 or is that a separate type of inspection?”

Asked by: Annette Spellman

Response:

Chief Jones: Clarified that the utility company's inspection does NOT satisfy Local Law 152 requirements. Only an inspection conducted at the owner's cost by a Licensed Master Plumber (or certified representative) is valid. Utility company representatives have been giving out incorrect information, and the DOB has been working to correct this misunderstanding.

Question: “How are homeowners being informed in CB4?”

Asked by: Unspecified attendee (from the chat)

Response:

Chief Jones: Explained that the DOB did a mass mailing to approximately 350,000 properties believed to be affected by Local Law 152. Additionally, information was provided to community leaders for further dissemination to constituents.

Damaris: Added that Licensed Master Plumbers are also sending notifications to homeowners, but owners should verify that these are licensed professionals.

Question: “Are Licensed Master Plumbers allowed to solicit business by sending notifications to homeowners?”

Asked by: Unspecified attendee (from the chat)

Response:

Chief Jones: Confirmed that it is not illegal for Licensed Master Plumbers to solicit business in this way. However, sometimes they may send notifications to properties that are actually exempt, as they do not know the interior details of every property.

Question: “Can the required documentation for compliance be submitted in person, or only via the public portal?”

Asked by: Mr. Juan M. (from the chat, as referenced by Chief Jones)

Response:

Chief Jones: Stated that documentation can only be submitted via the public portal, not in person. If anyone has trouble uploading documents, they should reach out to the DOB for step-by-step assistance.

Additional Clarifications and Support:

Damaris: Provided her contact information and emphasized that board members and the public can reach out directly for help with compliance or questions.

Chief Jones: Reiterated that the DOB hotline and email are available for support, though there may be delays due to high volume.

Regular Meeting

1) First Roll Call

Board members in attendance: Jo-Ena Bennett, Joshua Brown, Robert Camacho, Melissa Carrera-Solano, Felix Ceballos, Elvena Davis, Freddy Fowler, Christopher Graham, Anne Guiney, Barbara Jackson, Cheryl Jones, Virgie Jones, Luisa Jose, Imini Mitchell, Desmond Monroe, Zulma Novoa, Kyle O'Rourke, Acire Polight, Gladys Puglla, Raul Rubio, Eliseo Ruiz, Vernedeaner Shell, Barbara Smith, Dustin Sonneborn, Annette Spellin, Jerry Valentin, Carlotta Williams,

Excused: Rev. Grace Aytes, Martha Brown, Andrew Choi, Jose R. Guzman

Absent: Rawle Brown, Louisa Chan, Carlos Feliciano, Egaudy Gomez, Andy Marte, Samy Nemir, Leo Tineo, Odolph Wright, Frank Zimmerman

Resigned: Gardea Caphart, Kristen Jock

25 board members were present, which constitutes a quorum.

2) Acceptance of the Agenda as Presented

James Fitzgerald made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. It was seconded by Raul Rubio. All were in favor, so moved.

3) Acceptance of the Previous Meeting Minutes

Mr. Camacho made a motion to accept the previous meeting minutes. It was seconded by Elvena Davis. All were in favor, so moved.

4) **Chairperson's Report**

Community Support and Crisis Response: Mr. Camacho acknowledged recent events affecting the community, including support for Ukraine, a fire incident at 941 Willoughby, and the Sunset Park subway shooting. He emphasized the board's commitment to supporting affected residents and establishments.

Housing and Shelter Updates: The report included updates on Hope Gardens, where a tenant's family was able to return home after flood-related displacement. Mr. Camacho also discussed the Nica shelter, providing statistics on intakes, employment, and incident reports, highlighting the shelter's role in helping people transition to stable housing.

Community Engagement and Meetings: Mr. Camacho detailed his participation in numerous meetings and events, including youth and education committee meetings, town halls with elected officials, hearings on rezoning and historic preservation, interagency meetings about Broadway corridor improvements, job fairs, and health department collaborations.

Advocacy and Oversight: The Chairperson discussed ongoing advocacy around RAD (Rental Assistance Demonstration) conversions, tenant protections, and the need to audit housing units to ensure transparency and prevent unnecessary vacancies or misuse of subsidies.

Public Safety and Services: Updates were provided on new neighborhood crime prevention officers, sanitation work groups, and efforts to address community concerns such as street cleanliness, tree pruning, and public health.

Community Planning and Development: Mr. Camacho referenced the Bushwick Community Plan, responsible development policies, and the need for continued community input and collaboration with city agencies and elected officials.

Recognition and Call for Volunteers: The Chairperson thanked board members, city agencies, and community partners for their ongoing work and encouraged more volunteers to get involved in board activities and committees.

Upcoming Events and Initiatives: The report included announcements about upcoming hearings, job fairs, and community events, as well as a call for continued vigilance and support for vulnerable residents, especially seniors and those facing housing insecurity.

Introduction of Elected Officials:

Councilmember Jennifer Gutierrez's Office

Representative: Juan Mayan, Fellow Community Organizer

Phone: 718-963-3141

Email was to be dropped in the chat

Senator Julia Salazar's Office

Representative: Carlos Calzadilla, Director of Community Relations

Phone: 718-573-1726

Email: calzadilla@nysenate.gov

Assemblywoman Maritza Davila's Office

Representative: Evette Lopez, Communications Director

Address: 249 Wilson Avenue, Brooklyn

Phone: 718-443-1205

District Attorney Eric Gonzalez's Office

Representative: Jonathan Pomboza

Address: 350 Jay Street

Phone: 718-250-2817

Introduction of Agency/Other Representatives:

Communities Resist

Representative: Millie Sandoval, Director of Organizing

Phone: 917-400-8504

New location to be announced in June

Newton Creek Alliance

Representative: Arturo

Contact info to be shared in the chat

Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB)

Representative: Jahi Rose, Director of Outreach

Contact info to be shared in the chat

Location for in-person board meetings: 100 Church Street, Lower Manhattan

Sophie Davis CUNY School of Medicine

Representative: Jenny (second-year student)

Survey link and contact info to be shared in the chat

Accessible Dispatch

Representative: Steven Williams

No contact information provided

83rd Precinct Commanding Officer's Report:

There was no 83rd Precinct Commanding Officer's Report delivered at this meeting. Captain Sanabria (the Commanding Officer) was unable to attend, and Captain Claxon (the Executive Officer) was also unavailable at the time. The meeting proceeded to the next agenda item without a report from the precinct.

5) District Manager's Report

Role and Responsibilities: Celeste explained the community board's primary responsibilities, including monitoring and advising on the delivery of city services, providing feedback through the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP), and preparing the annual district needs statement.

Community Challenges: The report highlighted several ongoing challenges in Bushwick, such as a looming sanitation crisis, increased rodent infestations, tenant harassment and displacement, and a shrinking population of small homeowners.

Recent Activities and Meetings: The district manager summarized meetings and events attended over the past month, including:

- Calls and meetings with local elected officials and city agencies to discuss district needs and collaboration.
- Participation in citywide meetings on budget consultations and community board operations.
- Engagement with the Department of Health regarding the use of a local facility for community programming.
- Collaboration with the Department of City Planning and HPD on housing and development issues.
- Involvement in the Bushwick Community Plan process and responsible development policy review.
- Attendance at interagency meetings about Broadway corridor improvements and traffic safety studies.
- Coordination with the sanitation working group and other community partners to address cleanliness and public space concerns.

Community Engagement: The district manager emphasized the importance of public participation, committee work, and outreach to ensure that the community's voice is heard in planning and decision-making.

Technology and Office Operations: The report noted recent technical challenges, including an internet outage that affected office operations, and the need for better support from city IT services.

Upcoming Events: Announced a team-building event for board and committee members and encouraged continued involvement in upcoming meetings and initiatives.

Recognition: The district manager thanked board members, staff, and community partners for their service and collaboration, and acknowledged her five-year anniversary as district manager.

6) Committee Reports

Youth and Education – Virgie Jones

Meeting Date and Presentations:

- The committee met on March 21.
- Adrian Strager, President-Elect of the Association of Black Educators of New York, presented on the Avenues Black Study Curriculum and the Education Equity Action Plan.
- This initiative aims to integrate comprehensive Black studies into New York City's pre-K–12 curriculum, focusing on African civilization, the Black experience in America, contributions of the African diaspora, and the impact of systemic racism.
- The program is being rolled out with professional development for teachers and administrators, and ongoing community engagement.

I Mentor Program:

- Horatio Hugh, Senior Recruitment Manager for I Mentor, presented on their mentoring program for first-generation college-bound students.
- The program seeks 1,400 mentors to support students, most of whom are students of color.
- Mentors do not need to be college graduates and are required to meet with mentees weekly online and monthly in person.
- The program is active in several Brooklyn schools, and interested individuals were encouraged to apply.

Announcements and Deadlines:

- The committee tabled the statement of district needs to the next meeting.
- Mr. Camacho announced a successful job fair held by NAICA on March 25.
- Upcoming events include Julie Dent's retirement celebration and deadlines for student service awards (May 30) and Avenue high school scholarships (April 30).

Committee Recommendations:

The committee encouraged community members to volunteer as mentors and to participate in upcoming events and programs.

Additional Notes:

The report included positive feedback from members who have participated in the I Mentor program and highlighted the importance of community involvement in educational initiatives.

Housing and Land Use – Anne Guiney

The committee met in March and focused on reviewing the housing section of the Bushwick Community Plan, which was developed over six years with broad community input.

- The review aimed to update and educate the community on the plan's recommendations, considering changes in the political context and new city leadership.

Bushwick Community Plan – Housing Objectives:

The plan's housing section includes seven main objectives:

1. Create new affordable housing (with six policy and funding suggestions).
2. Create deeply affordable housing, targeting long-term residents.
3. Prevent displacement, including recommendations for Community Land Trusts and other policy tools.
4. Protect tenants, recognizing that about 70% of Bushwick residents are renters.
5. Improve housing quality, ensuring both existing and new housing is of high standard.
6. Increase access to affordable housing for Bushwick residents, using city agency tools and partnerships.
7. Plan for an equitable neighborhood, ensuring benefits of any rezoning are widely shared.

District Needs Assessment:

- The committee reviewed the Community District Needs Assessment (cDNA), with top priorities including increasing affordable and extremely affordable housing, and supportive housing for families with special needs and the formerly homeless.
- Most housing-related needs fall under the jurisdiction of HPD (Housing Preservation and Development), and the committee is working to improve accountability and collaboration with HPD.

Old Business:

- The committee sent a letter to NYCHA and HPD advocating for a community space in NYCHA developments.
- Updates were provided on the Broadway Junction Town Hall, severe sanitation issues at 309 Menahan (with advocacy from multiple elected officials), and ongoing RAD (Rental Assistance Demonstration) oversight.
- The Historic Preservation Working Group is working to address the loss of historic buildings on Bushwick Avenue and increase community involvement in preservation efforts.

Community Engagement:

The committee encouraged all community members to participate in upcoming meetings and to stay engaged with the review and update process for the Bushwick Community Plan.

Economic Development + Permits and Licenses – Desmonde Monroe and Melissa Carrera**Meeting Overview:**

- The committee met on Tuesday, April 12, at 6pm.
- The focus was on reviewing liquor license applications from local businesses and updating committee procedures.

Liquor License Applications:

- Six establishments came before the committee for liquor license recommendations to the State Liquor Authority (SLA).
- Each business's application was reviewed for completeness, community outreach, and compliance with local stipulations (such as hours of alcohol sales and outdoor space usage).

Businesses discussed included:

- Its Music LLC (Brooklyn Skyline): Did not attend; invited to return with complete documents.
- A Me See Italian Foods, Inc. (305 Knickerbocker Ave): Beer and wine license; owner has a history of hiring locally and agreed to all stipulations.
- AMK Brooklyn (880 Flushing Ave): Full liquor license; application incomplete, asked to return with more details.
- The Steel Mill LLC (1363 Bushwick Ave): Reinstating liquor license after pandemic closure; agreed to all stipulations.
- Farm to People (1100 Flushing Ave): Adding DJ/live music to existing license; agreed to stipulations for hours and outdoor space.
- 97 Jefferson Street Restaurant Corp (97 Jefferson St): Full liquor license; owner is a long-time community member, agreed to all stipulations.

Committee Procedures:

The committee reviewed and adopted a new stipulation sheet to standardize requirements for all applicants, ensuring transparency and consistency.

Community Engagement:

- The committee encouraged business owners to attend meetings, conduct outreach with neighbors, and work with the 83rd Precinct on any issues.
- The committee also highlighted the importance of hiring locally and supporting community events.

Additional Notes:

- The report included a brief update from Desmonde on economic development (no additional items to add).
- The committee's recommendations for each business were presented for full board approval.

District Office – Mr. Robert Camacho

Board Member Attendance:

- The committee reviewed board member attendance records.
- Letters regarding attendance were sent out in October and January to members with low attendance.
- Most members improved their attendance after receiving letters.
- One board member, Carlos Feliciano, was discussed due to health-related absences and not submitting a renewal application; the committee decided no further action was needed as his term would naturally end.

Office Operations:

- The report encouraged board members to read the full written report for more details about office activities and updates.
- The district office continues to manage board operations and support the work of the community board.

Recent Challenges:

The report referenced ongoing technical and operational challenges in the office, including issues with technology and communication (further detailed in the District Manager's Report).

Next Steps:

The committee will continue to monitor attendance and office operations, and keep the board informed of any significant updates.

Arts/Culture/Technology – Dustin Sonneborn

Meeting Overview:

- The committee met on Thursday, March 24.
- The main recommendation was to have NYC Mesh present at the full board meeting, which occurred earlier in the evening. Dustin praised NYC Mesh's mission and encouraged other committees to consider how they could support the organization's efforts to expand community internet access.

Public Art in Parks:

- The committee heard from the public art coordinator (or liaison) from the Parks Department about public art opportunities in Bushwick parks.
- No new public art installations are currently planned, but the coordinator provided information on requirements and processes for proposing public art projects.
- Community members were encouraged to reach out to the committee with suggestions for public art.

Committee Logistics:

- The committee discussed some internal scheduling conflicts and may change its regular meeting dates in the future.
- There was also mention of concerns from outside the district about 5G towers, which the committee plans to address in upcoming meetings.

Additional Notes:

- The committee reviewed mail and discussed general housekeeping matters.
- All other details are available in the written report.

7) Recommendations

Economic Development and Permits and Licenses Committee Recommendations:

Adoption of a Stipulation Sheet:

The committee recommended creating a standardized stipulation sheet for all liquor license applicants, outlining requirements and expectations. The board voted to approve this recommendation.

Motion – Annette Spellman

Second – Kyle O'Rourke

Liquor License Applications:

The committee presented recommendations for several local businesses seeking liquor licenses. Each application was reviewed for compliance with committee stipulations (such as hours of operation and community outreach), and the board voted on each:

- A Me See Italian Foods, Inc. (305 Knickerbocker Ave): Recommended for approval with liquor sale hours from 11am to 11pm, Monday through Sunday and stipulations.

Motion – Desmond Monroe

Second – Gladys Puglla

Abstained: Elvena Davis

Motion carried

- AMK Brooklyn (880 Flushing Ave): Application incomplete; recommended to return to the committee with more details (no board vote needed).

- 97 Jefferson Street Restaurant Corp (97 Jefferson St): Recommended for approval with liquor sale hours Monday through Saturday from 7am to 2am and Sunday from 7am to 12am and stipulations.
Motion – Gladys Puglla
Second – Felix Ceballos
Abstained: Raul Rubio, Elvena Davis, Anne Guiney
Motion carried
- The Steel Mill LLC (1363 Bushwick Ave): Recommended for approval with liquor sale hours Monday to Thursday from 7am to 2am, Friday and Saturday from 7am to 4am, and Sunday from 7am to 11pm and stipulations.
Motion – Barbara Jackson
Second – Desmonde Monroe
Abstained: Elvena Davis
- Its Music LLC (Brooklyn Skyline): Did not attend; invited to return with complete documents (no board vote needed).
 - Celeste later noted that the applicant had a family member impacted by the Sunset Park shooting. Their attorney reached out and let the office know. Otherwise, they would have attended.

8) Old Business

None

9) New Business

None

10) Announcements

Carlos Calzadilla (Senator Julia Salazar's Office)

- Announced the State of the District address (May 7 and May 12).
- Provided highlights from the state budget, including funding for ERAP, landlord/homeowner relief, NYCHA, public safety, transportation, childcare, and business credits.
- Shared office location and contact information.

Joshua Brown (Community Board Member)

- Thanked attendees for participating in the estate planning webinar.
- Reminded everyone about an upcoming webinar on deed fraud.

Evette Lopez (Assemblywoman Maritza Davila's Office)

- Provided additional details on the state budget, including gas tax suspension, tax credits, rental assistance, and utility arrears.
- Highlighted free legal services for tenants facing eviction or harassment.

- Offered to share a detailed budget description and provided office contact information.

Arturo (Newton Creek Alliance)

- Announced a community program with educational workshops about environmental issues around Newtown Creek, including hands-on projects and walking tours.
- Provided information about upcoming events and partnerships.

Jonathan Pomboza (Brooklyn District Attorney's Office)

- Announced that the DA's office is accepting applications for the 2022 Summer High School Internship (July 5–29, deadline May 12).
- Provided the application website and eligibility details.

Felix Ceballos (Community Board Member)

Announced his candidacy for District Leader in District 53.

Pat Hayes Torres (Candidate for Civil Court Judge)

- Announced her candidacy for Brooklyn Civil Court Judge (countywide).
- Provided her campaign website and email.

Jahi Rose (Civilian Complaint Review Board)

- Announced that CCRB is resuming in-person board meetings (second Wednesday of each month at 100 Church Street, Manhattan).
- Offered outreach presentations and workshops on police accountability.
- Provided to share contact information in the chat.

Jenny (Sophie Davis CUNY School of Medicine)

- Announced a community health assessment survey for Bushwick.
- Encouraged community members to participate and provided a survey link in the chat.

Ms. Bennett (Community Board Member)

Reminded attendees about the Brooklyn Borough President's inauguration on Sunday, 2pm.

Other notes:

There was a mention of Accessible Dispatch (Steven Williams), but no announcement or contact information was provided in the transcript.

Several speakers indicated they would provide additional information or links in the chat.

11) Second Roll Call

Board members in attendance: Carlotta Williams, Jerry Valentin, Annette Spellman, Dustin Sonneborn, Barbara Smith, Vernedeaneer Shell, Eliseo Ruiz, Raul Rubio, Gladys Puglla, Acire Polight, Kyle O'Rourke, Zulma Novoa, Desmonde Monroe, Imini Mitchell, Luisa Jose, Virgie Jones, Cheryl Jones, Barbara Jackson, Anne Guiney, Christopher Graham, Freddy Fowler, Elvena Davis, Felix Ceballos, Melissa Carrera-Solano, Robert Camacho, Joshua Brown, Jo-Ena Bennett

Excused: Jose R. Guzman, Andrew Choi, Martha Brown, Rev. Grace Aytes

Absent: Frank Zimmerman, Odolph Wright, Leo Tineo, Samy Nemir, Andy Marte, Egaudy Gomez, Carlos Feliciano, Louisa Chan, Rawle Brown

12) Adjournment

Elvena Davis made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Barbara Jackson. All were in favor, so moved.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:47pm