

Brooklyn Community Board 4
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 17, 2023, 6pm

Zoom

Chairperson: Robert Camacho
District Manager: Celestina León

Meeting Start: 6:05pm

Celeste called the meeting to order and announced the first public hearing item.

Public Hearing:

- 1) **Zahirah McNatt, DrPH, MHSA, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Brooklyn Neighborhood Health, Center for Health Equity and Community Wellness, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene** – providing an update on the services and programming in the district public health office at 335 Central Avenue.

The Bushwick Health Center at 335 Central Avenue remains open and continues to provide services despite ongoing exterior construction.

Current services include:

- **WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) program:** In-person on Mondays and Wednesdays, telephonic support Monday–Friday, walk-ins and appointments accepted.
- **Health Insurance Services:** Eligibility and enrollment support, SNAP applications, available Monday–Friday, 8:30 AM–4:00 PM, walk-ins and appointments.
- **Teens Connection:** Works with schools and community groups to improve teen sexual and reproductive health.
- **Newborn Home Visiting Program:** Free support for new parents, regardless of age or immigration status, with home visits after birth.
- **Medical Services:** Gynecology/obstetrics (2nd floor), general medical (2nd floor), pediatrics and social work (3rd floor).

Additional programs:

- **Citywide Doula Initiative:** Free doula services for neighborhoods affected by COVID-19, including Bushwick.
- **Healthy Start Brooklyn:** Support programs and classes for expectant and new parents.

- **Brownsville Action Center:** Offers mental health support, clinical partners, dental and primary care.

New and future programming:

- Focus on expanding mental health services, naloxone training, CPR, and maternal health.
- Ongoing and upcoming community training and resource fairs (e.g., maternal health fair, infant CPR, childbirth education, lactation room).

Construction update:

- Construction is approximately 70% complete, moving into phase three (window replacement).
- Community concerns about exterior benches have been addressed.
- The center is committed to remaining open and accessible during construction, with plans for a fully renovated facility.

Community engagement:

- Ongoing outreach and partnerships with local organizations and community centers.
- Commitment to providing information and resources to residents, and to expanding services based on community needs.

Q&A/Discussion

Question from Barbara Smith:

Asked if the doula program would be up and running at the Bushwick Health Center.

Response from Estella Cohetero: The doula program is running, primarily phone-based, with different providers contracted through the citywide doula initiative and Healthy Start Brooklyn. Information and contacts would be shared in the chat.

Additional response from Dr. Zahirah McNatt: Doulas are freely accessible in Bushwick and throughout Brooklyn. The process starts by phone, but doulas visit homes, attend births, and provide postpartum visits. Contact information would be provided.

Question from Maria:

Asked when the Naloxone and mental health trainings would be held.

Response from Zulma: There is a schedule for training, and more are being planned. Zulma will coordinate with the community board to share the schedule and arrange additional training as needed. Training can be held at 335 Central if there are enough participants.

Question from Virgie Jones:

Asked if there are dental services at the Bushwick Health Center, and if not, whether there are plans to expand dental services.

Response from Dr. Zahirah McNatt: There are currently no dental services at the Bushwick location, but there is an old dental suite, and they are seeking a partner to reopen

it. Dental services are available at the Brownsville Action Center, and referrals can be made for Bushwick residents.

Question from Pastor Princess Walker (Kingdom of Infinity Ministries):

Asked if the mental health training is open to anyone.

Response from Zulma: Yes, mental health training is open to everyone, generally ages 18 and up. Trainings are being offered in partnership with local organizations, and information will be sent directly to the community board for wider distribution.

Question from Jo-Ena Bennett:

Asked about a flyer advertising a May 26 mental health training.

Response from Zulma: Confirmed the May 26 training at Palmetto. If registration is full, contact the community board or Zulma directly to ensure participation.

Question from Milagros Sandoval:

Asked if the services at the Bushwick Health Center are free or if insurance is required.

Response from Zulma: Most services are free.

Additional response from Dr. Zahirah McNatt: Many services are free, but some are on a sliding scale. The center helps enroll uninsured individuals in Medicaid or other insurance on their first visit. SNAP enrollment and other support services are also available.

Comment/Question from Raul Rubio (Department of Health):

Offered to provide Mental Health First Aid trainings to any group that can gather 10–20 people and shared his contact information. Confirmed that the trainings are free.

2) Gregory Bagget, Executive Director of A. Philip Randolph Square Neighborhood Alliance, and tenant leaders from Churches United for Fair Housing – presenting on behalf of the Right to Counsel NYC Coalition.

The Right to Counsel NYC Coalition is a tenant-led coalition formed in 2014 to reform housing courts, prevent displacement, and stop unnecessary evictions. The coalition includes tenants, housing organizers, legal service providers, faith leaders, unions, and small property owners.

In 2017, after a three-year grassroots campaign, New York City became the first city in the U.S. to establish a right to counsel for low-income tenants facing eviction. This local law (Local Law 54) provides legal representation in formal eviction proceedings.

The coalition is now advocating for a statewide right to counsel bill (Senate 2721/Assembly 1493), which would:

- Expand the right to counsel to all tenants and small property owners facing eviction or displacement, regardless of income.
- Cover a broader range of cases, including illegal lockouts, harassment, and other forms of displacement beyond formal eviction proceedings.

- Mandate that courts notify tenants of their right to an attorney and ensure courts have resources to connect tenants to legal representation.
- Provide state funding and legislative enforcement, addressing the limitations of local laws and the lack of city funding for full implementation.

The presentation highlighted the scale of the eviction crisis in NYC and statewide, noting that most landlords have legal representation while most tenants do not, leading to inequitable outcomes in housing court.

The coalition's advocacy strategy is long-term, aiming to build broad community and legislative support, recognizing that even if the bill passes, full implementation would take several years.

The presentation concluded with a call for community board support, opportunities for involvement in the coalition, and a Q&A session addressing board member questions about legislative timelines, community engagement, and the need for broader landlord accountability.

Q&A/Discussion

Jessica Tiburcio

Comment: Agreed that housing courts must change and that landlords should be held more accountable, not just in court but through legislation regarding property maintenance and management.

Response from Gregory Baggett: Affirmed the need for legislative action, explaining that the statewide bill would empower courts and legal representatives to better protect tenants' rights and ensure fairer court experiences.

Katelin Penner

Comment: Referred attendees to the March Housing and Land Use Committee meeting notes for more information on the right to counsel issue and noted that the presentation and Q&A would be available in community board materials.

Response from Gregory Baggett: Thanked Katelin for the reference and emphasized the value of presenting at both committee and general meetings to reach a wider audience.

Cassandra Leveille

Question: Asked about the coalition's goal for passing the bill in the current legislative session, the timeline, and how community board members can help.

Response from Gregory Baggett: Explained that due to legislative delays in Albany, the bill is unlikely to pass in the current session. The coalition is focused on building long-term, citywide support, and even if the bill passes, implementation would take several years. He encouraged community board members to join the coalition and advocacy efforts.

Barbara Smith

Question: Asked how the coalition and its team are paid—by the hour, day, or case.

Response from Gregory Baggett: Clarified that most coalition members are part of community-based organizations, with some senior leadership paid. Legal service providers may be paid or provide pro bono services. His own group works with pro-bono lawyers, separate from the coalition's core structure.

Regular Meeting:

1) First Roll Call

Board members in attendance: Isa Abney, Jo-Ena Bennett, Joshua Brown, Rawle Brown, Robert Camacho*, Felix Ceballos, Andrew Choi, Elvena Davis, Cecilia Fabian, Freddy Fowler, Joanna Fuentes, Christopher Graham, Anne Guiney, Tanesha Honeygan, Barbara Jackson*, Kyeshia Johnson, Virgie Jones, Tara Jones-Thomas, Nicolas Kaplan, Edward Kopp*, Cassandra Leveille, Kristine Malden, Imini Mitchell, Desmonde Monroe, Zulma Novoa, Levi Orenstein-Wolf, Katelin Penner, Raul Rubio*, Eliseo Ruiz, Milagros Sandoval, Vernedeaneer Shell, Barbara Smith, Maria Soler, Dustin Sonneborn, Annette Spellin, James Steward II, Jessica Tiburcio, Benjamin Tocker*, Jerry Valentin, Tashawna Wade

*signed the attendance sheet/participated in-person

Excused: Stephanie Anderson, Melissa Carrera-Solano

Absent: Makeba Brown, Christian C. Tate, Jasmin De Santiago Diaz, Zachary Hendrickson, Luisa Jose, Raman Mama, Mary McClellan, Acire Polight, Byann Price

40 board members present, which constitutes a quorum.

2) Acceptance of the Agenda

Raul Rubio made a motion to accept the agenda. It was seconded by Barbara Jackson. All were in favor, so moved.

3) Acceptance of the Previous Meeting Minutes

Barbara Jackson made a motion to accept the previous meeting minutes. It was seconded by Raul Rubio. All were in favor, so moved.

4) Chairperson's Report

The Chairperson's Report, delivered by Mr. Camacho, provided a comprehensive update on the board's activities and community issues over the past month. Key highlights include:

Meetings with Elected Officials: The chairperson met with Council Member Sandy Nurse and Council Member Jennifer Gutierrez to discuss budget priorities and updates relevant to the district.

Block Party Procedures: Emphasis was placed on the new requirements for block party applications, including the need to submit signatures from residents adjacent to the event location. Only five block parties are allowed per day, and applications must be confirmed with the board before submitting online to avoid losing the application fee.

Community Events: Updates were given on various events, such as open street events, co-naming ceremonies, youth and education committee meetings, youth summits, and town hall meetings.

Hope Gardens Issues: The report detailed ongoing flooding and heating issues at Hope Gardens, including the loss of heat in several buildings and efforts to secure funding for long-term solutions, such as relocating boilers to rooftops.

Public Safety and Community Engagement: The chairperson discussed the importance of public safety at block parties, coordination with the police precinct, and the need for block associations to ensure compliance with regulations.

Advocacy and Ongoing Projects: The report covered advocacy for infrastructure improvements, such as addressing lead paint at train stations, and participation in various committee meetings and community initiatives.

General Message: The chairperson welcomed new board members, encouraged active participation, and stressed the importance of following procedures and working together to address community needs.

Q&A/Discussion

Question from Desmond Monroe:

Desmond asked about the “36 mandatory rules for community board members” mentioned by the attorney at Borough Hall during the swearing-in. He noted he had never received such a list and requested clarification.

Response from Celeste Leon (District Manager):

Celeste responded that the board office had not received a list of the 36 rules either. She called Borough Hall, and they said the list would be sent before the end of May. She added that everything is in the city charter, and there was general confusion about the rules.

Comment from Mr. Camacho:

Mr. Camacho joked that if he finds 36 rules, maybe they’ll add one more and make it 37, emphasizing the uncertainty about the list.

Cassandra Leveille

Question: Asked if block party applications are submitted through DOT and what the time period is for reserving a street.

Response from Celeste: Explained that applications go through the Mayor's Street Activity Permit Office (SAPO), must be submitted 60 days in advance, and only five block parties are allowed per day. Saturdays fill up quickly, but Sundays are more available. She advised contacting the board office before applying online.

James Steward

Question: Asked about block restrictions and complaints from residents who did not sign for a recent block party.

Response from Celeste: Offered to check records and follow up to confirm if the block had proper signatures and approval. Noted that sometimes applications go through the precinct or SAPO directly.

Cecilia Fabian

Question: Asked if block parties can be held on main streets, as her church has not been able to do so.

Response from Celeste: Explained that if it hasn't been possible in the past, it likely remains restricted, but she can verify with the 83rd Precinct.

Jessica Tiburcio

Question: Asked if there is a public link to view all block party events and about sharing resources/newsletters.

Response from Celeste: Stated there is no central public link for all block parties; it's up to block associations to share their events. The board has two newsletters (meetings and monthly) and encourages everyone to join the email list for updates.

Pastor Princess Walker (invited to attend by Annette Spellman)

Question: Asked about the \$25 fee and deadline for block party applications.

Response from Celeste: Explained that after confirming the date with the board office, applicants apply online and pay the \$25 fee at the end of the process. She encouraged contacting the office for available dates and guidance.

Mr. Camacho

Provided additional clarifications about the need for signatures, the limited number of block parties, and the importance of compliance with NYPD and board requirements.

See the [Executive Board Report](#).

Introduction of elected officials and representatives:

Office of Senator Salazar

Representative: Maria Valdez

Address: 212 Evergreen Avenue

Phone: 718-573-1726

Office of Council Member Sandy Nurse
Representative: Fran Sanhueza
Address: 56 Pennsylvania Avenue
Phone: 718-642-8664

Brooklyn Borough President Reynoso's Office
Representative: Lacey Tauber
Contact info: Not specified (stated info would be put in the chat)
209 Joralemon Street, (718) 802-3700

Office of Council Member Gutierrez
Representative: Juan Mayancela
Contact info: Not specified (stated info would be put in the chat)
244 Union Avenue, (718) 963-3141

Comptroller's Office
Representative: Ed Cen, Brooklyn Borough Director
Contact info: Not specified in the transcript (stated info would be put in the chat)

Introduction of agency/other representatives:

Department of Buildings
Representative: Damaris Falero
Contact info: Not specified in the transcript (stated info would be put in the chat)

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
Representative: Raul Rubio
Phone: 646-988-8639

83rd Precinct Commanding Officers Report:

There was no report from the 83rd Precinct Commanding Officer at this meeting as no representative from the 83rd Precinct was present to provide a report or update.

5) District Manager's Report

The district manager, Celeste León, provided a comprehensive update on the board office's activities and community issues. Key highlights include:

Staffing and Office Operations: The office remains short-staffed but is working to hire a new community associate. Merit increases for staff were processed, and the office successfully purchased Zoom services for meetings.

Budget and Funding: The district manager discussed ongoing meetings with council members to review and advocate for budget priorities and encouraged board and

community participation in the budget process, which typically runs from August to October.

Historic District Designation: Bushwick received its first historic district designation, and the board continues to support preservation efforts.

Community Meetings and Events: The district manager attended various meetings, including Con Edison resource conferences, a landlord ambassador webinar for small homeowners, and a walk-through on Halsey Street with DOT and NYPD to address traffic and parking issues. There is ongoing discussion about potentially converting Halsey Street to a one-way street.

Infrastructure and Flooding: The report addressed persistent flooding and heating issues at Hope Gardens, emphasizing the need for both long-term capital projects and short-term solutions, such as flood barriers and rain barrels.

Participatory Budgeting: Bushwick is participating in citywide participatory budgeting for the first time, with five local projects eligible for funding. The district manager encouraged community members to vote and get involved.

District Service Cabinet: The monthly cabinet meeting was well attended by agency partners, and the district manager highlighted the importance of interagency collaboration.

Community Surveys and Projects: Updates were provided on commercial retail surveys and other ongoing projects, including economic development and sanitation initiatives.

The district manager concluded by thanking board members and community partners for their support and encouraged continued engagement in board activities and planning processes.

Council Member Sandy Nurse's Remarks

Halsey Street Traffic and Parking: Council Member Nurse noted that her office previously brought the Halsey Street issue to the Brooklyn Borough Commissioner, who proposed removing parking on one side of the street, similar to Cooper Street north of Broadway. She emphasized that the MTA is currently seeking public feedback on their bus network redesign, which affects Halsey Street, and encouraged residents to participate in the process.

Broadway Junction Investment: She explained that Senator Schumer secured \$400 million for elevators and escalators at Broadway Junction, and the Adams administration allocated \$95 million for a new plaza along Fulton and Van Sinderen. The new building

will house about 3,000 city workers. She mentioned that a community engagement process is planned for the plaza's development, which will include pedestrian safety and open space improvements.

Development and Zoning: Nurse mentioned a pre-application for skyscraper development in the area but clarified that the formal land use process (ULURP) has not started and that Community Board 5 (CB5) would be the lead on any such process, as the site is outside CB4's district.

Q&A/Discussion

Desmonde Monroe

Question: Asked about the MTA's \$500 million investment in Broadway Junction and whether there are additional projects (such as trade schools) that will benefit the community, and if there are other developments planned.

Response from Council Member Sandy Nurse: Explained that the \$400 million from Senator Schumer is for elevators and escalators, and the Adams administration allocated \$95 million for a new plaza and city worker relocation. She mentioned a pending community engagement process for the plaza and a pre-application for skyscraper development, clarifying that CB5 would handle the ULURP process.

Desmonde Monroe

Follow-up Question: Asked about R10 zoning and whether the community board is involved in the process.

Response from Celeste: Clarified that the development is outside CB4's district (it's in CB5), so CB4 is not required to be involved in the ULURP process, but information can be requested.

Cassandra Leveille

Question: Asked what R10 zoning means and about the status of lead abatement at Broadway Junction.

Response from Council Member Sandy Nurse: Stated that the MTA is working to bring on a contractor for lead abatement and will share updates as available.

Response from Desmonde: Explained R10 zoning and referenced educational materials available to board members.

Additional Comments:

- Cassandra Leveille acknowledged the responses and thanked the speakers.
- Mr. Camacho noted that the educational books are no longer free.
- Celeste said new board members will receive the books when funds are available.

6) Committee Reports*

*Digital and/or hard copies are available upon request

Joint Youth and Education & Arts/Culture/Technology – Virgie Jones and Dustin Sonneborn

The committee heard a presentation from Jennifer Zeller, Assistant Principal at Clara Barton High School, about the school's medical certification programs.

Clara Barton offers six programs: Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), Dental Assistant, Vision Technology, Medical Assistant, Nurse Assistant, and Dental Lab Technician. Students can graduate with certifications and work in local hospitals.

The school also offers EMT certification for seniors.

The graduation rate is about 80%.

The school will participate in the upcoming Shape-Up Bushwick event, providing information and outreach to students and parents.

The committee also announced that the I Mentor organization is seeking volunteers.

Arts/Culture/Technology (Dustin Sonneborn):

The committee heard from Ruhamaiah Bradley, representing The Bridge, a photography mentorship program connecting professional photographers with youth across the five boroughs, focusing on business and technical skills.

The program is in its third year and aims to expand its reach in Bushwick. The committee agreed to help promote the program.

A local film developing and photography shop presented plans for community workshops, including lending cameras and providing film photography education. Flyers and information will be shared with the community.

Both programs aim to provide mentorship, skill-building, and creative opportunities for local youth and residents.

Shape-Up Bushwick Planning – Elvena Davis

The Shape-Up Bushwick 2023 event is scheduled for Thursday, June 8, at Urban Square Park, with a rain location at Hope Gardens Community Center (422 Central).

- The event theme is "Bushwick, Living Our Best Life," and the colors are navy and white. Volunteer t-shirts will be provided by Broadway Stages.
- The event will run from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM, with setup from 10:00–11:00 AM and cleanup from 2:00–3:00 PM.

Honorees for the event include Louis Morales, Sharon Flood, Martha Brown, Barbara Smith, Anita Haynes, and Mr. Camacho, who will receive certificates of appreciation for their work in the community.

Activities will include a DJ, outreach to daycares and schools, raffles for three bikes and other donated sports equipment, tabling and giveaways from agencies and organizations, and fitness instructors (more are needed).

- The Brooklyn Public Library bookmobile van is scheduled to be on site.

Board members and guests are encouraged to share the event flyer widely. The flyer is available in the newsletter and chat.

- Those tabling must bring their own tables and chairs this year.

The next planning meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 25, at 3:00 PM.

Special thanks were given to the board office and Kimberly for their hard work in organizing the event.

Housing and Land Use – Anne Guiney

The committee meeting featured a presentation from Lacey Tauber of the Brooklyn Borough President's office on comprehensive planning, which aims to balance development across neighborhoods and prioritize community needs in areas like housing, transportation, health, and public space.

- The presentation highlighted disparities in development across Brooklyn and provided data on market-rate and affordable housing.
- The committee discussed the Bushwick Community Plan and the borough-wide comprehensive planning effort under Borough President Reynoso.

Maria Valdez from Senator Salazar's office answered questions about the "good cause eviction" legislation, which did not pass but remains an ongoing topic for advocacy and discussion.

The committee is monitoring changes to city planning for new shelters, noting that the mayor has removed some traditional planning permissions due to the emergency, and that school gyms are no longer being used as shelters.

The Rent Guidelines Board has released recommendations for rent increases (2–5% for one-year leases, 4–7% for two-year leases), and public hearings are scheduled, with the next major one on May 25. The committee encouraged public testimony and input.

Resources were shared for estate planning, especially for long-term homeowners, and for affordable housing education.

The City of Yes carbon neutrality initiative is under public environmental review, and the committee is following its progress.

The report also mentioned a march against displacement organized by local groups, and ongoing monthly meetings with tenants at Hope and Bushwick Gardens.

The Department of Buildings is proposing rule changes for parapet inspections, and the committee attended a citywide affordable housing meeting.

Anne welcomed new members and encouraged participation, highlighting the availability of resources and information in the committee's shared drive.

Health/Human Service/Senior Citizens/Veterans – Vacant/Committee Chairperson

The report was delivered by Mr. Camacho in the absence of the committee chairperson.

The committee met on May 11 but did not have a quorum (only Reverend James Steward II and Mr. Camacho were present), so no votes or recommendations could be made.

The meeting was informational, focusing on a request for support from the NYC Smoke-Free Program (Public Health Solutions). The program is collecting signatures to urge the NYS Attorney General to address the influence of smoking, vaping, and e-cigarette use in entertainment and media, with the goal of protecting youth from tobacco exposure.

No old or new business was discussed, and the meeting was brief, running from 6:10 to 6:28 PM.

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

The committee met on May 9 and reviewed two liquor license applications:

1. Andpup Wyckoff LLC (49 Wyckoff Ave, Unit 408A): Sought a new wine/beer license for a dog social club and café/bar. There was significant opposition from tenants and residents due to concerns about noise, safety, and the impact on the building's residential and business occupants. The committee discussed the need for clear stipulations and community input.

Liquor Sale Hours: Monday–Sunday, 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM

Stipulations/Notes:

- Not a late-night venue; must close by 10:00 PM.
- Significant opposition from building tenants and residents due to concerns about noise, safety, and impact on residential/business occupants.

- Committee and board recommended disapproval of the application due to adverse impact on tenants and businesses.
2. Café Mez (430 Troutman St): Sought to alter its existing license to add a public roof deck for seating (no bar, no live music or DJs, outdoor area to close by 10pm). Community members expressed concerns about noise and compliance with previous stipulations. The owner agreed to the proposed restrictions.

Liquor Sale Hours: While the original application listed Monday–Sunday, 12:00 PM to 4:00 AM, the committee and owner agreed to restrict the outdoor roof deck to close by 10:00 PM.

Stipulations:

- Outdoor roof deck must close by 10:00 PM.
- No bar on the roof.
- No live music or DJs.
- No amplified music outdoors (not even small speakers).
- Owner agreed to these restrictions.
- The board required the applicant to update their paperwork to reflect these stipulations.

The committee also received an update from the RiseBoro Neighborhood 360° Initiative, which is running various economic development programs in the area.

No recommendations or votes were made on the economic development update.

7) Recommendations

Andpup Wyckoff LLC (49 Wyckoff Ave, Unit 408A)

Recommendation: Disapprove the liquor license application due to significant adverse impact on tenants and businesses and include DOB/DOH responses and tenant letters.

Motion made by: Barbara Jackson

Seconded by: Barbara Smith

All in favor, so moved.

Café Mez (430 Troutman St)

Recommendation: Approve the alteration to the liquor license with stipulations—outdoor area closes by 10pm, no bar on the roof, no live music or DJs, no amplified music outdoors.

Motion made by: Desmonde Monroe

Seconded by: Ben Tocker

Opposed: Barbara Smith, Barbara Jackson, Joanna Bennett, Zulma Novoa, Elvena Davis, Virgie Jones

Abstained: Raul Rubio
Motion carried.

8) **Old Business**

None

9) **New Business**

Edward Kopp raised a new business item:

He asked about Mayor Adams' initiative for neighborhood support teams, noting that community boards, CBOs, and council members were invited to submit expressions of interest, with a deadline of May 31. He stated he had not heard any discussion of this at the board.

Celeste responded:

She explained that the topic was supposed to be discussed at the executive board meeting. Mr. Camacho has been in communication with the Mayor's Office of Operations, and there are three proposed projects, with a focus on the Jefferson L train area to address nightlife-related quality of life issues.

10) **Announcements**

Austen Martinez (former board member)

Raised a concern about a recent meeting regarding Irving Square Park, specifically about a bathroom and dog run proposal, and the lack of outreach to homeowners.

Fran (Office of Council Member Sandy Nurse)

Responded to the above concern, explaining the town hall was informational, outreach was conducted, and a summary will be shared. Clarified the bathroom project is not from the council member's office.

Lacey Tauber (Brooklyn Borough President's Office)

Announced a comprehensive planning public workshop at Borough Hall, a public hearing on community board affairs, and an Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month celebration.

Ed Cen (Comptroller's Office)

Announced the NYC Banking Commission's first public hearing on May 25, inviting public testimony about banks eligible to hold city funds.

Damaris Falero (Department of Buildings)

Announced the DOB Small Business Support Team, a resource for small business owners and entrepreneurs, and shared information about in-person support at the Brooklyn Borough office.

Juan Mayancelaa (Office of Council Member Gutierrez)

Announced participatory budgeting results, upcoming tree plantings, trash issues and how to report them, and the historic landmarking of Bushwick's first district.

Danielle Chambers (St. Cyprian Episcopal Church)

Announced the church's annual Community Health Fair on June 3, with health checks, information booths, and homemade food.

Fran (Office of Council Member Sandy Nurse) [second announcement]

Announced a Narcan/Naloxone training for Pride Month on June 17 at All Night Skate, free HIV testing, and upcoming movie nights at Irving Square Park.

Noel Allain (Bushwick Starr Theater)

Announced the Summer Arts Festival on August 27, to be held on Elder Street, with arts activities, performances, and school supply giveaways.

Thomas Green (Community Member)

Raised concerns about the Open Streets program on Troutman Street, noting lack of resident input and worries about noise and quality of life.

Celeste

Responded to Thomas Green, explaining that Open Streets is a DOT program and the board will follow up to connect residents with organizers.

11) **Second Roll Call**

Board Members in attendance: Tashawna Wade, Jerry Valentin, Ben Tocker, Jessica Tiburcio, James Steward II, Annette Spellin, Dustin Sonneborn, Barbara Smith, Vernedeaneer Shell, Milagros Sandoval, Eliseo Ruiz, Raul Rubio, Katelin Penner, Levi Orenstein-Wolf, Zulma Novoa, Desmonde Monroe, Imini Mitchell, Kristine Malden, Cassandra Leveille, Edward Kopp, Nicolas Kaplan, Virgie Jones, Kyeshia Johnson, Barbara Jackson, Tanesha Honeygan, Anne Guiney, Christopher Graham, Joanna Fuentes, Cecilia Fabian, Elvena Davis, Andrew Choi, Felix Ceballos, Robert Camacho, Rawle Brown, Jo-Ena Bennett, Isa Abney

Excused: Melissa Carrera-Solano and Stephanie Anderson

Absent: Maria Soler, Byann Price, Acire Polight, Katelin Penner, Mary McClellan, Raman Mama, Luisa Jose, Tara Jones-Thomas, Zachary Hendrickson, Freddy Fowler, Jasmin De Santiago Diaz, Christian C. Tate, Makeba Brown, Joshua Brown

12) **Adjournment**

Barbara Jackson made a motion to adjourn. Elvena Davis seconded the motion. All present in-person were in favor, so moved.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:05pm