

Brooklyn Community Board #4 Regular Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, September 19, 2018
Hope Gardens Multi Service Center
195 Linden Street
Brooklyn, New York 11221
6:00PM

The Brooklyn Community Board #4 September 19, 2018 Meeting. The Chairperson, Mr. Robert Camacho opened the monthly Community Board #4 meeting at 6:11PM

- Agenda Items -

Andrew Inglesby, Assistant Director, Government and Community Relations, MTA NYC Transit and Rami Metal, Director of Strategic Engagement, NYCDOT - Providing an L Tunnel Reconstruction Update.

This is not the final plan from the MTA, however it is close to final. The MTA would like to get feedback.

Due to hurricane Sandy the L line tunnels must be reconstructed and repaired. A full closure is required in order to accomplish this.

L Tunnel Reconstruction: April 2019 through July 2020

Reconstructing the L Tunnel

- Repairing fire protection system
- Replacing Cable: Communication 176,000 ft.; Power 126,000 ft.
- Installing 14,400 ft. of new tracks and 15,800 ft. of third rail
- Installing new tunnel lighting system
- Replacing pumping equipment
- Rebuilding two circuit breaker houses
- Building a substation
- Reconstructing 30,126 ft. of concrete duct bank

No service on L line between 8th Avenue and Bedford Avenue – Manhattan
Service operates between Bedford Avenue and Rockaway Parkway

Projected Cross River Travel Paths of L Customers:

More **J**, **M**, **Z** Service

- 32% of **L** customers
- 14% capacity increase, accommodating an additional 3,480 riders

By Subway:

From the **G** in Queens: Additional **E** & **M** Service

- 11% of **L** customers
- 11% capacity increase, accommodating an additional 3,480 riders

• Additional **7** service

- 15% of **L** customers
- 7% capacity increase, accommodation an additional 2,420

Projected Cross River Travel Paths of **L** Customers

By Subway:

A C in Brooklyn (longer **C** trains)

- 12% will transfer from the **G** and **L**
- 7% capacity increase, accommodating 2,320 customers

From the **G** in Queens:

Additional **E M** service

- 11% of **L** customers
- 11% capacity increase, accommodation an additional 3,480 riders

3% of riders will take the **2 3 4 5** trains

By Bus and Ferry:

Four interborough Select Bus Service Routes

- 17% of **L** customers
- 80 buses per hour, accommodating 4,200 riders

New ferry service

- 4% of **L** customers
- Eight ferries per hour, accommodating 1,190 riders

In Summary:

- 79% of **L** riders will take other subway lines
- 17% of **L** riders will take interborough buses
- 4% of **L** riders will take the ferry
- 71% of **L** riders will have no more than 10 minutes additional travel time in AM peak hours

Key Transfer points and Alternate Routes

Key transfer and added capacity on alternate routes:

- Added local bus service
- Free transfer between **3** and **L**
- Longer **C** trains
- Longer and more frequent **G** trains
- More **M** trains all day
- More **J** trains off peak

Interborough Select Bus Service – 80 Buses per AM Peak Hour will Travel across the Williamsburg Bridge

- L1 SBS
- L2SBS
- L3 SBS
- L4 SBS

Bus Priority Plan

14th Street Busway: Buses and local access only eastbound: Ninth Ave. to Third Ave.

Westbound: Third Ave. to Eight Ave. 5AM to 10PM, every day.

Williamsburg Bridge: Buses, trucks & HOV 3+ Only, Manhattan-Bound & Brooklyn-Bound 5AM to 10PM, every day.

Prioritizing Buses and Bikes on Grand Street, Brooklyn

Bus Priority

- Westbound bus lane from Bushwick Avenue to Union Avenue
- Similar to 14th Street policy

Eastbound bus lane from Rodney Street to Keap Street

- Eastbound through traffic allowed east of Union Avenue

Bike Lanes

- Westbound: Parking protected bike lane
- Eastbound: Buffer protected bike lane

Grand Street Bus Terminal and Layover

L1 and L2 SBS Layover Location – Grand Street L Station

North 5th Street Terminal and Layover

L3 & L4 SBS Layover – North 5th Street/Berry Street

Additional Bus Lanes for Interborough Routes

Delancey Street

- Westbound bus lane between Clinton Street and Bowery
- Eastbound bus lane between Allen Street and Clinton Street

Allen Street

- Bus lane between Houston Street and Delancey Street in both directions

Kenmare Street

- Westbound bus lane between Bowery and Cleveland Place

Williamsburg Bridge HOV 3+ Hours

HOV 3+ policy:

5AM to 10PM, every day

- Buses, Trucks & HOV 3+ Only
- Manhattan – and Brooklyn-Bound
- All lanes

Key benefits

- 5AM start discourages early morning congestion before regulation goes into effect
- HOV supports period of highest projected bus ridership demand
- Weekend and evening HOV hours support non-commute trips

DOT coordinating with NYPD on enforcement staging, strategy

Ms. Leon, welcomed Assemblywoman Davila and invited her to say a few words.

Assemblywoman Maritza Davila, 53rd Assembly District:

Assemblywoman Davila congratulated the new chairperson Mr. Robert Camacho and stated that they have a long history together, going back to when they were 20 years of age.

What is important is to bring the needed resources to the community.

She thanked everyone for coming out to vote, it doesn't matter who you voted for as long as you vote. The turnout was huge, she had never seen such a turn out before, she stated.

In 2019 rent laws are going to be affected. We must be there in Albany to fight to make sure that the laws are protected.

This community may have change as far as the demographics, but the principles have not. Camacho and I have seen the changes. What we did not do back then, because we did not have the knowledge, we can move forward now because we do have the knowledge, she stated. We can bring communities together. People think that this is the end. We are not the ones who fight each other. We have a president in the capital who does not care about any of us, and he is trying to destroy what every hard working woman and man has worked for. We must fight for liberty and justice. I will fight until I cannot fight no more. Thank you everyone, God bless and let's work together.

Chairperson Mr. Robert Camacho: Thank you Assemblywoman Davila, thank you for working with this community. You and I have bumped heads in the past only because we wanted the same things.

I am saddened because of the people that lost the election, because they wanted to be here when nobody else did. I remember, stated Mr. Camacho, what Bushwick was. I and others along with a former madam chair, I remember that we didn't go home at 9:00 or 10:00pm, we

use to stay here to 2 o'clock in the morning in order to make sure that the Bushwick community had what they deserve. We stayed until we got the job done. For example all of the houses, like Hope Gardens was a landmine. I could ride my bike from Stanhope to Halsey streets with no traffic lights. However there was no unity at that time. Thank you Assemblywoman Davila for coming. In fact we want all the elected officials to come to our meeting. We want them to respect this board. We are here and we do not get paid. I have been on the board since 1989 and I have not received one cent. Thank you all for making me a better person and supporting me.

The District Manager open the floor for questions to Andy Inglesby, Assistant Director, Government and Community Relations, MTA NYC Transit.

Ms. Martha Brown: Thank you Andy and your staff for being here. You are doing a tremendous job in outreaching to the public regarding the closing of the L line. Will there be station platform agents available to guide people on their journey at the major stations, such as East New York, Broadway Junction, Downtown Brooklyn, A train platform, J line, Fulton Street.

Andy Inglesby: There will be hundreds of personnel, DOT and transit personnel there to help passengers. They will be at every effected station and line and bus routes. Not only will they be assisting but they will also be monitoring to see if the system that they will have in place is working.

Assemblywoman Davila: I am worried. Will there be 86 buses an hour at the Grand Street's corridor?

Answer: There will be 45 buses on Grand Street, but 80 buses total going over the Williamsburg Bridge.

Assemblywoman Davila: The way the pavement is, are you guys making sure that it will be ready for that traffic? Also Wyckoff Avenue, there are a lot of small business, when you put up boards you will not be able to see them. What commitment do you have toward these small businesses so that they will not lose business? Years ago when the L train was being repaired the same thing happened on Gates Avenue. Large machinery was stored there and the businesses had no visibility. None of those business survived. I do not want the same thing to happen again. The small business that are there are business that come from this community. My recommendation and I will speak to the commissioner about this, is that you set up shop across the street and not on Wyckoff Avenue.

Andy Inglesby: As far as getting the streets ready Commissioner Keith Bray at DOT has had the necessary conversations with DEP to make sure that the streets will be ready.

As far as small businesses are concern, we have had communication with small businesses services, Brooklyn Chamber and have had discussions with the North Brooklyn Chamber, so they are aware and they will be more aware when we have future meetings regarding the small businesses. .

Assemblywoman Davila: What is the MTA going to do to guarantee that these small businesses do not lose their businesses due to the invisibility of their businesses?

Andy: The construction that will be starting in April will be in the tunnels, starting at Bedford Avenue L station they will be putting in 4 new stair cases and a new elevator at the Bedford Avenue station. There will also be a new elevator at the first Avenue, Manhattan station.

There is a new program called the Fast Forward program and this program is design to look at more ADA stations. There is a 5 & a 10 year plan that is still in the works to see where more ADA stations are needed.

As the MTA get closer to the date, more information will be on their website. Information will also be at subway stations for those who do not use computers.

The Public hearing item was closed at 7:03PM.

Chairperson Mr. Robert Camacho asked the District Manager, Ms. Celestina Leon to call the first roll call.

First Roll Call: 7:04PM – 30 members present this does constitute a quorum.

Chairperson's Report: 6:34PM

Mr. Robert Camacho welcomed all to the Community Board #4 Wednesday, September 19, 2018 monthly meeting.

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

- 1) Jonathan Pomboza Representing District Attorney Eric Gonzalez, 350 Jay Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, 718-250-2349
- 2) Paula Melendez, Assemblywoman Maritza Davila, 249 Wilson Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237, 718-443-1205
- 3) Assemblywoman Maritza Davila, 249 Wilson Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237
- 4) Evelyn Cruz, Representing Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez, 266 Broadway, NY, NY 718-669-5149
- 5) Anayeli Gomez, Representing NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer, 1 Centre Street, NY, NY 10007, 212-669-7415
- 6) Boris Santos Representing Councilmember Antonio Reynoso, 244 Union Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11221, 718-963-3141 & 212-788-7095: He represents the section West of Hart Street and South of Central Avenue up to Cornelia Street

Federal, State or City Agencies

- 1) Police Officer Oscar Lopez and Police Officer E. Gomez, 83rd Pct., 480 Knickerbocker Avenue, Community Affairs Unit, 718-514-1697
- 2) Captain Hugo Dominguez, NYPD, 480 Knickerbocker Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237
- 3) DI Centa, 83rd Precinct, 480 Knickerbocker Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237 175-574-1697

The District Manager invited Deputy Inspector Centa from the 83rd Precinct to say a few words regarding an issue that happened on Cooper Street between Evergreen and Central Avenue with two police officers and a well-respected community leader.

In part: A well –respected community leader was falsely accused by his neighbor. She called the police, the police came and they hand cuffed him to his gate for two hours. His security camera tape was viewed by the handcuff was police officers and it was shown that he was falsely accused. It was then that he was released from the handcuffs.

Deputy Inspector Centa was sorry that this happened. He also felt that his officers acted properly with the information that they had at the time. Every situation is different and there are different factors that must be taken into consideration when something like this happens.

District Manager's Report:

Ms. Celestina Leon took a moment to acknowledge the current hardships that many families are facing. From sudden homelessness to unpredictable targeting by ICE, under enrollment in the public schools and influx of residents from different socio-economic and cultural backgrounds and new business owners opening their doors every day.

"These are all realities of living in Bushwick today. I have observed that often we do not have space to address the tensions that so easily arise from the changes around us, as a result of displacement, the face of the community changing beyond recognition for those of us whose roots go back for generations, and ultimately gentrification. These meetings continue to provide that space for everyone in Bushwick to voice their concerns, she stated".

Ms. Leon continues, "It is our shared responsibility as neighbors to know one another, to reach out to one another, and to have each other's backs."

She asked if someone can share why they came to the meeting this evening.

A gentleman from Willoughby and Evergreen stated that he attended the meeting because he was new to the neighborhood and wanted to get involved.

Ms. Grant: A former board member, miss living in Bushwick.

Andy: Lives on Bushwick and Gates Avenues, new to the community.

The District manager continued by saying, "We all have stories of how and why we came to Bushwick. But I urge everyone to remember why you stayed--regardless of how long you have called it home. Our sense of community and resilience despite tremendous hardship is the foundation that we continue to build on and what draws so many to our neighborhood. It is the basis for us to come together and have the difficult conversations, to prepare and propose bold solutions, and tenaciously pursue them together. I call on everyone here today to get involved, seek out the facts about the issues that matter the most to you, take a stand, and help lift up your neighbors. This is why we are here this evening and although I do not speak for the board, I think everyone here will agree that we remain committed in our service to Bushwick."

Ms. Leon took time to acknowledge those affected by Hurricane Florence in the Carolinas. To our neighbors in Bushwick with family in the south we hope that your loved ones are well and coping in the aftermath of the storm. As always, should you need assistance or additional information on the relief efforts, please do not hesitate to contact the board's office.

The Community Board 4 is officially on Instagram. Follow us at @bkcb4 for information on events, meetings, and other important community notices. Keep an eye out for Twitter and Facebook with are scheduled to launch soon.

This summer the community board's office received questions about the Mayor's Charter Revision Commission, which resulted in two items that may directly impact community boards across the city. Both term limits for community board members and clearer guidelines for appointments were recommended along with other items after several public sessions. The language was recently finalized and will appear on the general election ballot this November. For more information and/or to read the resulting report, visit www.nyc.gov/charter or contact the board's office.

Moving forward a **second Charter Revision Commission** convened by the NYC Council kicked off their meetings this week. Once again NYC residents from all boroughs will have an opportunity to provide feedback on recommendations to revise the city charter. Everyone is encouraged to voice their opinions, especially if they were unable to participate in the previous process. Flyers with additional information are available. (A copy was attached to her report)

It is also the time of year when CB4 convenes with the **annual budget committee**. Board members that would like to volunteer to join this committee can contact the District Manager at the office. Each year the District Managers and Chairpersons from the boards participate in a budget consultation process that subsequently results in both capital and expense budget requests for various agencies based on the needs of the district. For more information on CB4's Community District Needs Statement, you can visit the Department of City Planning's Community District 4 profile at <https://communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov/brooklyn/4>.

This year we are also calling on board members to volunteer for a **By-Law Revision Committee**. It has been five years since the by-laws were revised, and this is an opportunity for all board members to provide any feedback for consideration by the committee.

Meetings attended:

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Moffat Garden Meeting – due to a change in garden leadership the Moffat Garden (btw. Bushwick and Broadway) put out a call volunteers and new members. The DM was able to lend a hand along with regular volunteers from the board. Thank you to both Annette Spellen and Barbara Jackson for pitching in. We look forward to the change in seasons and encourage any interested to get more involved.

Summer Friday Work Days: 7/13, 7/20, 7/27, 8/17, 8/24, 9/7

Saturday, June 23, 2018

District 32 School Fair at PS 376 – Joined Chairperson Camacho at the fair highlighting the diverse programming offered by our local public schools. I congratulate CEC 32, CEC 32 President Martha Bayona, Superintendent Sheila Gorski, Principal Maria Vera-Drucker, and all the participating school teams and students on a successful event. CB4 Youth and Education Chairperson also attended in support of our schools.

Monday, June 25, 2018

Youth and Education Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Housing and Land Use Committee Meeting

Landmarks Preservation Commission Community Board Training and Q and A Session - Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) will host a training session for the two newest transparency initiatives that were rolled out last month. The first is the Permit Application Finder, a new interactive web map that will allow users to see geographically where LPC permits have been filed and issued and what that work entails. The second is the enhanced Permit Application Search, which now gives users the ability to search applications by community

district and work type. The training session will be followed by a Q&A on the two new transparency features, but will also be open to any questions about other online tools and revisions to the proposed rules amendments.

Thursday, June 28, 2018

Brooklyn District Managers Meeting – After volunteering to take on the role of borough coordinator for this year’s budget consultation process the District Manager met with several Brooklyn District Managers to discuss their concerns and priorities that affect the entire borough. The majority noted concerns with infrastructure, street conditions, and street trees among other topics.

Thursday, July 5, 2018

Governor Cuomo’s Vital Brooklyn Announcement – Attended Governor Cuomo’s announcement in Brownsville and was encouraged to learn that funding has been allocated to Bushwick parks and gardens among other benefits. For more information on Vital Brooklyn you can contact your State Assemblyperson or visit the following website: <https://www.ny.gov/transforming-central-brooklyn/vital-brooklyn-initiative-0>.

(Meetings attended by the District Manager – Due to time these meetings were not mentioned at the September 19, Month Board Meeting)

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Brooklyn Budget Consultations Meeting – Attended a secondary meeting with Brooklyn District Manager’s to confirm the moderators for various agencies and review any follow up concerns. A portion of the meeting was dedicated to a presentation by the Department of City Planning on the current online forms for budget requests. The remainder of the meeting included a discussion of the technology needs for the boards and a request to meet with the Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications and Beta NYC in August. She volunteered to coordinate in partnership with Office of Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams.

Meeting with Dr. Marta Hernandez and Ms. Z Novoa from the Center for Health Equity at Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – discussed the Uproot Initiative and gauging the need for services for the LGBTQ population in Bushwick. She encouraged Dr. Hernandez and Ms. Z Novoa to connect with local community groups for additional feedback and referred them to the Community Board’s Health/Hospitals/Human Service—Committee meeting.

Wednesday, July 18, 2018

Economic Development Committee Meeting

Friday, July 20, 2018

Meeting with Annel Cabrera from the New York Restoration Project – discussed Bushwick gardens and the potential for a larger community garden network.

Thursday, July 26, 2018

Betances Health Center Grand Opening at 1427 Broadway – She was honored to join Chairperson Camacho at the grand opening of Betances Health Center. Council Member

Antonio Reynoso was also in attendance, as well as, Evelyn Cruz representing Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez. It was a celebratory affair.

Meeting with NYC Parks and the Friends of Rudd Playground – Chairperson Camacho and the District Manager joined NYC Brooklyn Parks Commissioner, Martin (Marty) Maher, along with other personnel from his office to discuss the status of Rudd Playground. The leaders of the Friends of Rudd expressed concerns about the skate park however, they were assured of both design and security principles.

HeartsSmart Faith-based Cardiovascular Education Program – Attended along with Mr. Camacho the kickoff meeting of the HeartsSmarts program at Bethel Evangelical Church located at 215 Cooper Street. Listened in on the introductory discussion for eating healthier and picked up a few tips: ditch the soda, drink more water, and eat plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables. For more information on the program or other faith-based health initiatives please contact me in the office.

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

National Night Out Against Crime 35th Anniversary in Maria Hernandez Park – attended by Chairperson Camacho and Willie from the CB office.

Monday, August 13, 2018

Meeting with Council Member Rafael Espinal – the Council Member requested a meeting with both the Chairperson Camacho and the Ms. Leon to check-in and ask about any concerns. Reference was made to the need for assistance organizing the remainder of the Broadway corridor and spoke about the ambiguous status of the Bushwick Community Plan.

Meeting with DOT and the Pilling Street Block Association – Attended along with Chairperson Camacho to discuss the opening of the rest of Pilling Street by the Pilling Street Block Association (between Evergreen Ave and Bushwick Ave).

Wednesday, August 15, 2018

Bushwick Community Plan NYCHA meeting – meeting organized by Brigette Blood, a member of the Steering Committee, to primarily share principles for NYCHA land use and housing, given the ongoing Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) conversations.

Friday, August 17, 2018

BP Adams Senior Karaoke Competition at the Diana H. Jones Senior Center – one of the best events of the summer. The District Manager was filled with joy listening to our talented seniors put on an exciting show. A heartfelt congratulations to everyone who participated. Thanks also to two of the judges from Community Board 4, including Chairperson Camacho and Barbara Smith. Thankyou also to Borough President Eric Adams for making this program a reality in Bushwick.

Monday, August 20, 2018

Bushwick Community Plan Town Hall Planning Meeting at 1349 Gates Avenue – the first planning meeting to discuss event logistics and prepare for the September 22nd town hall.

Tuesday, August 21, 2018

Meeting with DOITT and Beta NYC – the internal office needs of community boards aren't discussed enough. This past summer she joined other Brooklyn District Manager's to discuss the intensive technology needs of community boards, including a pending request for a Customer Relation Management (CRM) software.

Monday, August 27, 2018

Meeting with Deputy Director Ewel Napier and Tee Garcia from the Center for Health Equity at the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – the DOHMH is looking to host additional overdose prevention trainings in Bushwick either at the Bushwick Neighborhood Action Center or through partnerships with local organizations and/or community groups.

Monday, August 27, 2018

Follow up Call with Ciera Dudley from YPLAN

Tuesday, August 28, 2018

DECM Block Association Meeting (DeKalb Ave between Central and Evergreen Aves) – Attended the block meeting to listen in on their concern, which included issues with mail delivery and a desire to clean up with block, especially the tree pits.

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Day 1 Brooklyn Budget Consultations - the BK District Managers met with DSNY, DOT, DEP, FDNY, and Parks.

Attended the Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, September 7, 2018

Meeting with Katy Golvala from the Bushwick Daily along with Chairperson Camacho., met with Katy to primarily discuss the Bushwick Community Plan and the need for community input, as well as, accurate and clear information on the plan and its status in the media.

Saturday, September 8, 2018

Bushwick Town Hall at the Mayday Space – Attended along with Chairperson Camacho the town hall meeting hosted by Mi Casa No Es Su Casa and GREBLS. The conversation became heated at times however, everyone present was ultimately there to gain a better understanding of the current proposed zoning plan and spread awareness throughout Bushwick before reorganizing with alternative solutions.

Monday, September 10, 2018

Myrtle Broadway Press Conference in response to K2 overdoses – Joined Chairperson Camacho at the press conference bringing attention to the K2 crisis at the intersection. A follow up meeting is being planned on Friday, September 28th at 6pm in 97 Jefferson Street (corner of Evergreen Ave).

Tuesday, September 11, 2018

Bushwick Community Plan Town Hall Planning Meeting #2 – follow up preparation for the town hall meeting on September 22nd.

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Borough Service Cabinet Meeting – Joined other fellow District Manager’s to listen to a presentation put together by the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene on the amount of opioid and other drug-related deaths. She was able to alert them to the ongoing efforts to address the chronic issues with K2 at Myrtle-Broadway.

Friday, September 14, 2018

Meeting with Jamila Pringle-Fynes, the new Mayor’s Community Affairs Unit liaison. Ms. Pringle-Fynes introduced herself and noted concerns shared by Chairperson Camacho and the District Manager, including the lack of deeply affordable housing on NYC Housing Connect, the ongoing community planning process, and various board committee initiatives.

Saturday, September 15, 2018

Street Co-naming Ceremony for Ms. Avellar Hansley – Council Member Antonio Reynoso and Community Board 4 co-hosted a heartfelt ceremony for former board member, Avellar Hansley, who wore many other hats as a community leader in Bushwick. Ms. Leon encouraged all to take a moment to remember and learn more about Ms. Hansley the next time you pass by Linden Street and Broadway. Thank you to all of the board members, who attended the ceremony, and Ms. Elvena Davis for helping coordinate the event. A special thank you to Council Member Reynoso for ensuring the legislation to co-name Linden Street in Ms. Hansley’s honor went through the city council in a timely manner.

Tuesday, September 18, 2018

83rd Precinct Community Council Meeting at the 83rd Precinct – Attended what turned out to be a tense, although productive meeting. Attendees expressed concerns over various issues during the summer that primarily stemmed from differences in communication. Chief Rodney Harrison, Chief Jeffrey Maddrey, Deputy Inspector Sergio Centa, and various representatives from the precinct were in attendance. Thank you to Deputy Inspector Centa for his responses to all inquiries, and remind everyone of our shared responsibility to do all we can for Bushwick. Don’t let questions or concerns build up, reach out and check in.

NYC Community Emergency Response Teams – <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/em/volunteer/nyc-cert.page> . NYC CERT teams are teams of dedicated volunteers who help to prepare their neighbors and communities for different types of disasters. Members undergo a training program that provides basic response skills needed for fire safety, light search and rescue, community disaster support, disaster medical operations, and traffic control. NYC CERT is now recruiting in Brooklyn for classes to start in October. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please go to their website.

NYC Houses of Worship & Faith-based Nonprofit Emergency Preparedness Survey

The NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) and New York Disaster Interfaith Services (NYDIS) invite clergy and faith-based nonprofit leaders to fill out a survey to determine the readiness level of the New York City faith sector and the ongoing needs for training and resources.

For more information please go to the following links below and to take the survey:

[For Houses of Worship](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HQ25MBB) <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HQ25MBB>

[For Human Services and Faith-based Nonprofits](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MWFXHML)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MWFXHML>

Committee Reports: 7:54PM

Youth and Education Committee (YEC), Virgie Jones, Committee Chairperson, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207-1422

Meeting Held: Monday, June 25, 2018, 6:00PM

Committee Members Attended: Ms. Virgie Jones, Ms. Acire Polight, Ms. Denise Reyna-Dolin,

Others in Attendance: Mr. Robert Camacho, CB4 Chairperson; Ms. Celestina Leon, CB4 District Manager; Jeffrey Ulysses, JU Consultants LLC; Del Sledge, Hey Young World Inc.; Martha Bayona, CEC 32

Overview of Presentations:

- 1) Jeffrey Ulysses, CEO, JU Consultants – presenting on their education and empowerment programs and workshops.

Mr. Ulysses shared a video from the Power to #Be event that was held earlier in the year.

They are invested in young people, doing socio-emotional work with a restorative approach. They believe in transformation and transcendental work and also provide youth financial education.

Their recent youth financial Ed. Tour was in partnership with Capital One and Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams's office. They targeted 18 schools (9 middle schools & 9 high schools) in Bedford –Stuyvesant, Bushwick, and Brownsville, servicing over 1,500 people. Mr. Ulysses noted that the work that they do is very real. Participants are coming from and living in temporary homes, shelters, foster homes. Unemployment, injury to assault, and pregnancy rates are all very high.

JU Consultants also facilitates Alchemix Solutions, a young men of color empowerment program. The Power to #Be was an Alchemix Solutions program for young women. In the private sector Mr. Ulysses offers one-on-one coaching for clients. He also recently was invited to Liberation H. S. in Coney Island to sit on a panel. There he had the opportunity to speak with three young men; one of them was on his way to Riker's. Since then the young man has accepted a plea and has been checking in with him twice a week and the rest of the week in CASES.

Additionally, Jeffrey spoke about space transformations and how he turned a space in IS 113 on DeKalb Avenue and Adelphi Avenue into the first Student Life Center, including a virtual community theater, media bar, peer-to-peer conflict resolution, and a Zen space. Safe spaces were intended to give students a space to destress and decompress.

- 2) Martha Bayona, President, Community Education Council (CEC) 32 – sharing education-related updates for district 32 schools.

The Committee Chairperson Ms. Martha Brown informed those in attendance that the DOE is having different hearings about diversity. The same rules should apply for everyone.

Housing and Land Use Committee (HLU), Ms. Martha Brown, Committee Chairperson, Committee Co-chairperson, Joshua Brown, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207-1422

Meeting Held: Tuesday, June 26, 2018, 6:00PM.

Committee Members Attended: Ms. Martha Brown, Mr. Joshua Brown, Mr. Jamie Wiseman, Mr. Robert Camacho, Ms. Kweighbaye Kottee, Ms. Anne Guiney, Ms. Jo-Ena Bennett, Mr. Desmonde Monroe

Others in attendance: District Manager, Ms. Celestina Leon; Philip Hofmann, Annie Tirschwell, Erin Lilli, Drew Vanderburg, Deeba Zivavi, Magen Martin, Gregory E. Louis, and Asher Freeman

Overview

1. Drew Vanderburg, Project Manager, RiseBoro Community Partnership – Presenting on Bushwick Alliance Apartments.
 - RiseBoro and St. Nicks Alliance are partnering to bring 28 new units of affordable rental housing to Bushwick. The proposed development will consist of 3 new buildings on 3 currently vacant city-owned lots. This housing will be available to low and moderate income families.

Key Project Information:

- 3 New buildings
- 28 rental units of affordable to the 37% - 90% AMI levels
- Mix of studios, 1 bedrooms, 2 bedrooms and 2 bedrooms with a study
- Passive house design for healthier environments and lower utility bills
- Applications will be available on NY Housing Connect

Project Status and Anticipated Timeline:

- Summer 2018: Predevelopment Design & Due diligences
- Fall 2018: Demolition at 272 Jefferson Street
 - Fall 2018: Public Approval process begins (ULURP on 63 Stockholm Street):
 - Community Board hearing
 - Borough President hearing
 - City Planning Commission hearing
 - City Council
 - Spring 2019: Public Approval Completed
 - Fall 2019: Project Financing Secured
 - Winter/Spring 2020: Construction commences
 - Summer 2021: Marketing commences
 - Spring 2022: Construction completes, lease-up, and occupancy
- To stay updated on this project contact RiseBoro Community Engagement Manager Brigette Blood: bblood@riseboro.org
3 City owned vacant lot locations and existing and proposed plans are as followed:
- Location 1: 63 Stockholm Street between Evergreen and Central Avenues
 - Existing Conditions

- Vacant city-owned land
- Lot area is approximately 7,500 square foot
 - Proposed
 - 20 units
 - 4 stories
 - 37% AMI – 60% AMI
 - High efficiency utilities
 - Solar panels
 - Laundry room
 - Bicycle storage
 - Approximately 19,000 square foot
- Location 2: 272 Jefferson Street between Knickerbocker and Irving Avenues
 - Existing Conditions
 - Vacant, crumbling house + garage
 - Lot area is approximately 2,500 square foot
 - Owned by Neighborhood Restore
 - Managed by RiseBoro
 - Proposed
 - 4units
 - 4 stories
 - 37% AMI – 60% AMI
 - High efficiency utilities
 - Back yard
 - Approximately 5,500 square foot
- Location 3: 332 Eldert Street between Knickerbocker and Irving Avenues
 - Existing Conditions
 - Vacant city-owned land
 - Lot Area is approximately 2,500 square foot
 - Proposed
 - 4 units
 - 4 stories
 - 87% AMI – 90 AMI
 - High efficiency utilities
 - Back yard
 - Approximately 4,300 square foot

2. Gabriel Check, Property Owner/Applicant, 1090 Greene Avenue, the Doering-Bohack house- Presenting proposed plans (Docket LPC-19-25939) to remove the current porch which is pretty much in disrepair and built a more appropriate one. The application was received by the Landmarks Preservation Commission on 5/16/18 and is under review.

3. Annie Tirschwell and Jill Crawford, Type A Projects and Getz Obstfeld, Suydam Inc. – Presenting on 349 Suydam Street/1250 Willoughby Avenue.

- The developer seeks a zoning map amendment to rezone portions of Block 3210 from M1-1 to M1-5, MX (M1-5/R7D) and R6 to facilitate the construction of a new approximately 86,400 gsf, 95 unit residential building at 1250 Willoughby Avenue (Block 3210, Lots 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21) and the approximately 14,052 square foot enlargement of an existing manufacturing building at 349 Suydam Street (Block 3210, Lot 51). In addition the proposed development sites, the proposed Project Area includes two properties that are not controlled by the developer: Lot 15 which will be rezoned from M1-1 to M1-5/R7D and a sliver of Lot 1 which will be rezoned from M1-1 to R6.

The developer is requesting a zoning text amendment to create a new Special Mixed Used District for the mixed use portion of the Project Area (Block 3210, Lot 15-21) as well as a zoning text amendment to ZA Appendix F to establish the MX portion of the

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

1420 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207-1422

Meeting Held: Wednesday, July 18, 2018, 6:00PM

Members in Attendance: CB4 Chairperson, Mr. Robert Camacho; Desmonde Monroe

Member Excused: Mr. Odolph Wright

Others Attending: District Manager, Celestina Leon; Edwin Delgado, Elizabeth Tavares, Tiera Mack and Kofi Thomas

- 1) Community Board #4 MWBE (Minority Women Business Enterprise and Small Business Resource Fair Planning – the CB4 EDC endeavors to plan an MWBE forum and small business resource fair in the fall. The event is tentatively scheduled for October 2018. All are welcome to attend and participate in the planning. Local organizations and stakeholders that work closely with the small business community are encouraged to contact the board's office in advance for more information.

Who: Bushwick MWBEs, local organizations, and other relevant representatives

What: An MWBE Forum and Small Business Resource Fair

When: Tentative Thursday, October 25th at 6pm to 8pm

Where: To Be Confirmed

What is needed: contact the board's office to sign up for the upcoming planning meeting to discuss logistics. Community support is encouraged.

Those in attendance discussed Outreach to the following groups:

RiseBoro, St. Nick's, SBS, EDC, Evergreen Exchange, Brooklyn Chambers, Workforce Development, OBT, Brooklyn Cooperative

Recommendations:

Ms. Mary McClellan: Bus shelter at DeKalb Avenue and Bushwick Avenue. When it rains, anyone waiting for a bus will get soaked.

Mr. Austen Martinez asked how many people knew about the Saturday, Sept. 22nd meeting. He suggested that churches be used in order to get the message out instead of using social media. Also he suggested that the Community Board reach out to the parent coordinators.

Chairperson Mr. Robert Camacho stated that he appreciate the suggestion but he have been reaching out to the churches. Board member Ms. Elvena Davis who is a member of the clergy council has been informing them as well. Also chairperson Camacho has giving out flyers, as well as having board member Ms. Virgie Jones distribute flyers in the schools.

Ms. Martha Brown: The chairperson have been working on this project for three and a half months.

She requested that he as well as others board member attend the Bushwick Community Plan RELEASE meeting on rezoning. Saturday, Sept. 22nd at 11am – 2pm at 400 Irving Avenue, Brooklyn, NY.

Old Business:

Ms. Martha Brown: Housing and Land Use recommendations from June 2018 meeting. The board could not vote because the meeting was disturb because of the protest that occurred.

Hotels in M1 Districts:

In M1 districts, hotels are uniquely suited to the zoning envelope:

- Ability to use all of the permitted Floor Area Ratio (FAR)
- **Height and setback regulations** that allow for tower development
- Capability to site on **small lots**
- **Low parking and loading** requirements

Active Industrial Area

- Land use conflicts with surrounding businesses
Noise, truck traffic, pollution and other nuisance
- Unsafe conditions for pedestrians
- Unpleasant streetscape: design out of context

Mixed-Use Areas

- Concentration of hotel uses
- Tourist-Oriented growth
- Changes to the neighborhood character
- Unpleasant Streetscape: design out of context

Proposed Special Permit Findings

New transient hotels will be permitted by Special Permit when the City Planning Commission finds the following:

- The proposed site plan includes element that are necessary to address potential conflicts between the hotel and adjacent uses (ex: access, orientation or landscaping).
- The new hotel development will not cause undue vehicular or pedestrian congestion on local streets.
- The proposed new hotel development will not impair the essential character or future use of the surrounding area.

Proposed M1 Hotel Zoning Text Amendment

- Existing hotels will be considered conforming use.
- Hotel developments with a permit before referral would be vested. From the date of adoption, these projects will have 3 years to either complete construction or receive a certificate of occupancy. This provision was adopted as part of the East Midtown Rezoning.
- Rules for transient hotels developed for a public purpose will not change.

CPC Special Permit Application Process

A Special Permit is a discretionary action subject to full ULURP review.

Pre-Application Process * Land Use and Environmental Applications

ULURP Process:

- Community Board review
- Borough President review
- City Planning Commission review
- City Council review
- Mayoral review

Receipt of Special Permit

Proposal Timeline

- First public announcement: 10-Point Industrial Action Plan
- Study of hotel restrictions for IBZs
- Decision to expand proposal to all districts
- Study of hotels and tourism industries
- Issuance of DSOW & Public Scoping meeting
- Completion of DEIS & Certification
- Review period for Community Boards, Borough Boards, and Borough Presidents
- Public Hearing by the City Planning Commission
- Vote by the City Planning Commission
- Vote by the City Council

For more information: DCP website – Plans/Studies – Citywide – M1 Hotel Text Amendment
M1hotels_DL@planning.nyc.gov

The District Manager stated that this already passed due to time. However the board conducted a blanket vote for their records.

The board passed all board members present were in favor.

Martha Coxson, the daughter of former board member Mrs. Avellar Hansley thanked the Community Board and everyone who help to make the street co-naming for her mom possible.

New Business: 8:10PM

Ms. Jo-Ena Bennett recommended that the board send a letter to Senator Martin Dilan thanking him for his many years of service and dedication to the Bushwick community. She stated that he might have lost the election but he is not a loser, he made us all better, she stated.

Mr. Robert Camacho second the recommendation. All members present were in favor. Motion passed.

Announcements: 8:25PM

The Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment: Office of Nightlife

The First of a Five Borough Listening Tour- Brooklyn

With Ariel Palitz: Senior Executive Director of the Office of Nightlife, Elected Officials and City Agencies

Tuesday October 2, 2018, 6:00PM to 8:30PM, Doors open at 5PM

What can the Office of Nightlife do for you? Tell us your comments, concerns and ideas.

Murmrr Theater at Union Temple of Brooklyn, 17 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, New York 11238

Please RSVP by October 1, 2018 at 5PM; RSVP Link: goo.gl/DZTkxk

RiseBoro Community Partnership:

Beacon Afterschool Program, 125 Covert Street, Brooklyn, NY 11207, Room 149b, 718-919-4453, www.riseboro.org

After School Programming 2:30pm to 6:00pm. Evening open Gym (MS & HS): Mon-Thu 6:00pm-8pm
HS Open Gym: Friday 6pm – 10pm, Saturday (MS & HS): 10am to 5pm, Adult Open Gym: Monday-Thursday 8-10pm
Come in to get an application TODAY!!!

Adult Education Classes (HSE/GED)

High School Equivalency (HSE) classes are designed to prepare student for the national high school equivalency examination, the Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC). Instruction is based on the content of the test, which includes Math, Reading, Writing, Social Studies and Science. Students receive instruction in the following subjects, Language Arts-Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies.
Placement Exam Dates: October 10th, 2018 at 5pm & October 16th 2018 at 10am. Enrollment is now open!
For more information call 718-381-9653, 1474 Gates Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237.

Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez: Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration – Puerto Rico, One year post hurricane Maria, Resilient and Unbowed
Wednesday, September 26, 2018; 6pm to 8pm; Feil Hall Brooklyn Law School, 205 State Street, 22nd Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11201, Doors open at 5:30pm, program starts at 6pm
Refreshment will be served. Please RSVP at communityaffairs@brooklynda.org or call 718-250-3888.

Friends of Maria Hernandez Park Festival, Sunday, September 23, 2018, 11am to 3pm.
You're Invited!!! Join us for a neighborhood festival in the park. Children's Arts + Crafts/ Local vendor tables/lawn games + dominoes tables/ yoga/raffles /music.

Brooklyn Neighborhood Services: Housing Forum, Saturday, October 20th, 2018, 10am to 4pm, 1012 Gates Avenue, 1st floor, Brooklyn, NY 11221
Featuring: First-Time Home Buying Seminar, Intro to Home Maintenance Training, Money Management 101, In-person Mortgage-readiness review & avoiding & handling foreclosure.
For more information, contact: Brooklyn Neighborhood Services at 718-919-2100 – www.bnscdc.org

North Brooklyn Coalition: NBC provides the following services to victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Sexual Assault (English & Spanish)
If you or someone you know needs support or if you would like to make an appointment, please reach out to: 718-302-4073
Annual Candlelight VIGIL – Commemorating Victims of Domestic Violence
Date: Tuesday, October 2nd, 2018, 5:30PM, 81st Precinct (30 Ralph Avenue), Brooklyn, NY 11221 OR 83rd Precinct (430 Knickerbocker Avenue), Brooklyn, NY 11237
Both location will proceed to march on Linden Street to Heckscher Playground
For more information: call or email either Adriana Ruvalcaba 929-312-4307, aruvalcaba@northbrooklyncoalition.org or Viomari Vargas 929-312-4301, vvargas@northbrooklyncoalition.org

Brooklyn Public Library:

Science Baby! STEM Explorations and Stories for Children 0-3
Science Baby is a creative science program for 0-3 year olds led by teaching artist Emma Gordon. The heart of Science Baby is exploring the wonder of science through story, repetition

and play. Exploring gravity, motion, magnets, chemical reactions, light water, bubbles, sound and more!!!

Washington Irving Library /360 Irving Avenue / 718-628-8378 Wednesday at 10:30am: October 4, 11 & 25; November 1, 8, 15, & 29; December 6

DeKalb Library/ 790 Bushwick Avenue/ 718-455-3898: Thursday at 11AM: October 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31; November 7, 14 & 21

Join us at the library for this special 8-week series for babies and toddlers exploring STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering and Math!

Library Lanes Seniors Bowling – Participate in Washington Irving’s digital bowling league! Fridays, 10:30AM. Older adults are welcome to join a team, learn how to bowl using a Microsoft Xbox One and compete with neighborhood libraries and senior sites in the community. For more information call 718-628-8378, 360 Irving Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237

Ready, Set, Kindergarten!!! Have fun at the library and help your child get ready for school. For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers.

Saturdays: October 13, 20, 27, & November 3, 10 & 17 at 11:00AM

Washington Irving Library, 360 Irving Avenue

Saratoga Library, 8 Thomas S Boyland Street

Brooklyn Navy Yard: Are hiring Security Officers

Position Requires: 8 hour security certification, 16 hour security certification, NYS security license, NY State Driver’s license (considered if willing to attain within 60 days of employment)

Position Details: \$13 hourly rate (annual increases), full time, great benefits, union status after 90 days of employment

Qualified applicants please call or send an email to be scheduled for an interview, 718-907-5996, recruit@bnydc.org

Evelyn Cruz, Representative of Congresswoman Nydia M. Velázquez: Hosting Press Event on Puerto Rico one year Post-Maria. On the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Maria’s landfall in Puerto Rico, Rep. Nydia M. Velázquez (D-NY) will join with Mayor Bill de Blasio, other federal lawmakers and a range of community leaders to discuss the Trump Administration’s failure to help PR recover and the path forward for the Island to be made whole.

The event comes on the heels of the President making widely criticized comments on Twitter impugning the most recent official death toll estimate of 2,975.

During Thursday’s event, Velázquez and her colleagues will promote legislation to hold the Trump Administration accountable for failure in the federal response, while also discussing necessary steps for Puerto Rico’s long-term rebuilding.

Thursday, September 20th at 10:00am to 11:00am, City Hall Steps, New York, NY 10007.

Meeting Adjourned: 37 Members Present.