

**BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 6  
ECONOMIC/WATERFRONT/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING  
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**September 18, 2017**

**Attendance:**

R. Bashner	E
D. Carcache	P
M. Carter	E
E. Causil-Rodriguez	E
G. Fabbri	P
V. Heramia	A

A. Krasnow	P
J. Li	P
C. Linsenman	P
R. Luftglass	P
V. Malerba JR	P
L. Mattern	P

D. Payne	P
A. Ramdhari	P
G. Yedwab	P
N. Zephyrin	A

**Guests:**

L. Gouff

P. Payne

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**Discussion of upcoming committee topics and ideas for future meetings.**

Economic/Waterfront/Community Development & Housing Committee

Meeting Notes: September 18, 2017

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**1. Introductions**

**2. Orientation:**

- a. Mandate, goals and mission of the EWCDH committee.
- b. Presentations, role and actions taken by the committee over the past year.

**3. Discussion: Topics of Interest / Areas of Focus / Potential Presentations**

- a. **Gowanus Rezoning:** Department of City Planning is in the middle of a rezoning process for Gowanus. Economic Development, Waterfront, Community Development and Housing will all be impacted by any land use changes in the rezoning area, and beyond it. What steps should the committee take to be fully educated on the issues and possibly become advocates for issues of specific interest?
  - i. **Understand the basics of zoning better.** What are implications of changes to the zoning? Possible presentations:
    - 1. City Planning, HPD's Mandatory Inclusionary Housing presentation, Fifth Avenue Committee's Zoning 101
    - 2. Preservation of existing neighborhood mix of incomes, residents, uses.
  - ii. **Focus on Infrastructure.** How are infrastructure changes going to reflect increased development? Possible presentations:

1. City Planning; EDC; DEP, Con Ed
  2. Transportation: Greenway
- iii. **NYCHA Properties:** Issues related to the City's approach to redevelopment; (NYCHA NextGen & City Planning Gowanus Plan) efforts to coordinate, but separation of processes, equal focus on improvements, etc. Possible presentations: City Planning; NYCHA; NYCHA resident committee
  - iv. **Artist Studios & Cultural plans:** Gowanus, and throughout CB6. Possible presentations: DCLA.
- b. **Red Hook Container Port:** Follow up from Port Authority, EDC, Brooklyn Borough President's office (port received a reprieve, but what about the future)
  - c. **Sustainable Development:** Position to be taken on green building priority within CB6. Look beyond city requirements; review CB6 Responsible Development Standards on Environmental impacts, and strengthen recommended criteria (re: solar, passive construction, energy/water uses; sustainability factors in the flood zones, etc)
  - d. **Community Benefits Agreements & Responsible Development Policy**
    - i. As potential for more development in CB6 increases, we should review and understand these policies better.
      1. Conduct an inventory of existing CBA agreements and Responsible Development projects and set up method to monitor projects
    - ii. **Development Bonus programs** (Community Facilities, MIH). Audits are required to make sure that affordable housing bonuses are maintained, but there is no monitoring of Community Facility benefits- which sometimes result in empty or underused Community Facility spaces. Public Open Spaces that received bonuses are also now being audited. Any zoning bonuses should be tracked. Possible presentations: DCP, Councilman Lander's office.