

Community Board #4 Regular Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, October 20, 2010
Hope Gardens Multi Service Center
195 Linden Street (Corner of Wilson Avenue)
Brooklyn, New York 11221
6:00PM

-Public Hearing Items-

The Chairperson, Ms. Julie Dent called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance to the Community Board #4's Wednesday, October 20, 2010 Community Board meeting at 6:50pm.

The Chairperson asked the District Manager, Ms. Nadine Whitted call the first roll.

Roll Call: 30 members present constituting a quorum.

The Chairperson asked for the acceptance of the agenda with any necessary corrections. The agenda was accepted by Mr. Cyril Joseph and second by Ms. Saundria Simmons. All members present were in favor.

The Chairperson asked for the acceptance of the previous month's minutes with any necessary corrections. The previous month's was accepted by Ms. Elvena Davis and second by Ms. Martha Brown.

- Correction on September 15, 2010 minutes: Page 6 under announcements
Bushwick/Linden Community Garden: Certificates were issued to the children by Senator Martin Dilan and Councilmember Diana Reyna, and not Assemblyman Martin Dilan as written.

Chairperson's Report:

The Chairperson, Ms. Dent welcomed all to the October 20, 2010 Community Board #4 meeting. She stated that it is a pleasure to see so many in attendance who are interested in their community, taking time from their schedule to join us.

The Chairperson then asked that the Elected Officials and/or their representatives to introduce themselves and to give out their respective addresses and telephone numbers.

- 1) Italia Guerrero – Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz' Office, 209 Joralemon Street, 718-802-4032
- 2) Sam Pierre – CAU, Office of the Mayor, 253 Broadway, 14th Floor, 10007 – 212-788-7446
- 3) Michael Caver – Assemblyman William Boyland, 476 Thomas Boyland, 718-498-8681
- 4) Laurie Wheelock - Assemblyman Vito Lopez, 434 South 5th Street, 718-963-7029
- 5) Roy Sawyer – Assemblyman Darryl Towns, 840 Jamaica Avenue, 718-235-5627
- 6) Alejandro Echeverri – Councilmember Diana Reyna, 217 Havemeyer Street, 718-963-3141
- 7) Maritza Davila – Female District Leader of the 53rd District, RBSCC Housing Dept., 299 Wyckoff Avenue, 718-366-3800

Ms. Dent recognized P.O. Damaris Franco from the 83rd Pct. and thanked her for attending the meeting.

The Ridgewood-Bushwick Senior Citizen Council, Inc. has announced that applications are now being accepted to participate in the lottery for new apartments in the community.

- 1) Jefferson SPI and Melrose SPI Apartments – 12 affordable housing rental apartments are now under construction at 239 and 348 Melrose Street and 295 to 297 Jefferson Street.
- 2) Rheingold Heights Two Corp. – 48 affordable housing rental apartments now under construction at 61 Melrose Street.

Qualified applicants will be required to meet income and family size guidelines and additional selection criteria to qualify. Applications may be requested by mail from:

217 Wyckoff Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11237. Please include a self-addressed envelope with your request. Completed applications must be returned by regular mail only to a post office box number that will be listed with the application and must be postmark by November 30, 2010 for the Jefferson SPI and

Melrose SPI Apartments and postmark by December 6, 2010 for the Rheingold Heights Two Corp. Apartments.

Applications may also be requested by visiting the RBSCC Housing Office located at 299 Wyckoff Avenue between 2PM and 4PM, Monday through Friday.

Victoria Kravits: RBSCC also offers assistance in filling out the application at 299 Wyckoff Avenue between 2PM to 5PM.

The US Department of Justice – Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) would like to make a presentation to the board and public on Infra Gard collaboration for National Infrastructure Protection. Infragard protection is critical infrastructures and Key Resources. Key resources are individual targets whose destruction would not endanger security on a national scale, but would create local disaster or profoundly damage national morale. Together, critical infrastructures and key resources are so vital that their incapacity or destruction would have a debilitating impact on the defenses, economic security, public health or national confidence of the United States.

The Community Board will make room on their agenda to learn more about this for their next month's meeting.

The Urban Planning Program at Hunter College is will assist Community Board #4 on a project around land use issues or any other issues affecting the public realm. The chairperson would like to have a conversation with this group regarding the issue of the half-way/three-quarter houses that have become a source of concern in the community. Ms. Dent will keep the community abreast of future developments surrounding this.

Garden Apprentice Program: The Chairperson encouraged the audience to invite a youth to intern at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. The Garden Apprentice Program (GAP) is a great way for teens to learn about **urban agriculture and the environment** while working in one of the most exciting public gardens in the world! Apprentices can work their way up the four-tier program, potentially earning a paid position as Senior Apprentice.

If you **enjoy getting your hands dirty** and want to **work with other teens**, GAP may be for you. You are the future –*help make it greener!*

Apprentices make a ten-month commitment to GAP, from March to December, which includes spring training, summer programming, and a weekly commitment throughout the academic year.

- Tier 1: Discovery Guide Apprentices – Open to students in 8th or 9th grade
- Tier 2: Garden Corps Apprentices – Open to students in 10th grade or to those who have successfully completed Tier 1
- Tier 3: Junior Apprentices – Open to students in 11th grade or to those who have successfully completed Tier 2
- Tier 4: Senior Apprentices – Open to students who have successfully completed the Junior Apprenticeship, Tier 3

Open House: November 13, 2010 at 1PM in the BBG Auditorium, RSVP is required to attend. Contact GAP coordinator at 718-623-7252 or gap@bbg.org. For more information and to download an application please go to www.bbg.org/gap.

Senator Martin Malave-Dilan will host a Community Conversation on Thursday, October 21, 2010 at the Hope Gardens Community Center, 195 Linden Street at 6:30PM. Guest Speakers include: NYPD, Department of Sanitation and Nadine Whitted- District Manager of Community Board #4.

District Managers Report:

The Tornado of September 16, 2010 revealed that two parks in the district withstood major damages - Irving Square and Maria Hernandez Parks. As a community we are very fortunate that the damaged incurred only affected parks and that no human life or limb was lost as a result of the tornado. The tour performed by the District Manager and a staff member revealed that over 50 locations were found with either trees down, limbs broken off and in some cases vehicles damaged by broken limbs as a direct consequence the storm.

September 24, 2010: Wyckoff Heights Medical Center Presidents Advisory Council - Elected Officials, Community Leaders, Community Based Organizations, and others were invited to meet with the officers and key personnel of the newly organized management teams at the hospital. The President of the hospital, Mr. Garg, spoke of the several initiatives underway at the hospital, including the Violence Awareness, the new Myrtle Avenue & Harman Street Clinic, and the new triage process at the emergency room. Ms. Jannitza Luna-Dilan was introduced as the Director of Public Affairs.

Comments and questions pertaining to long lines and the lack of English interpreters were directed to the President, Mr. Garg who responded by stating that the hospital is a community hospital and more time is needed in order for him to implement changes. The District Manager asked Mr. Garg to let the Community Board know when job opportunities are available.

September 27, 2010: Budget Consultation Sessions with the Following –
New York Police Department

- 5,000 officers down city wide
- New graduates will become available in 2011

Department of Transportation - Roadway work will be done

- Myrtle Avenue from Himrod Street to Palmetto Street
- Myrtle Avenue from Himrod Street to Broadway
- The Department is requesting support from the Community Board for a night resurfacing program

Department of Parks and Recreation

The Borough Commissioner Jules Siegel noted that the Irving Square & the Maria Hernandez Parks in the Bushwick Community were hit the hardest in the Borough by the September 16, 2010 Tornado. He noted that our NYC Council Member Erik Dilan took \$300,000.00 from his capital budget to be allocated for park repairs within the district. He mentioned that no other Council Member has done this.

The District Manager, Ms. Nadine Whitted suggested that a letter of thanks be sent to Council Member Erik Dilan.

1. Rudd Playground located on Aberdeen Street receive money to get a renovation job done partially from a company already in the area of the park
2. Barry Morrow Ball Field naming ceremony will take place in the very near future as the signage was finally received and ordered by the Parks Department
3. Tree pruning staff needed (the district manager enclosed a map showing street pruning by fiscal year from 1999-2012 which also includes what is being proposed)
4. Maintenance staff
5. PEP staff
6. Recreational Staff

September 28, 2010

United States Postal Service (USPS) Committee Advisory Committee

The Advisory Council met to discuss and problems relative to the postal to the postal service. Since the inception of the advisory council many of the complaints have not changed which involves: long lines, mis-delivered mail, attitudes, etc. Ms. Whitted encouraged all to let her know of any concerns or specific complaints which can be brought to the attention of the leadership within the Postal Service for resolution. Please be specific to include location, date, time and names if possible.

The Williamsburg area will also receive a new additional zip code due to the expansion and gentrification of the area. When the issue of the Bushwick area receiving one zip-code as opposed to having portions of four zip codes: 11206, 11207, 11221 and 11237 which blends data statistically with other districts the postal service response was that it will never happen!!!

The District Manager also spoke about the US Postal Service proposal of reducing mail delivery from 6 days a week to 5 days a week. The USPS will soon decide if that will occur, however if that should occur the Post Office will remain open six days a week.

October 4, 2010 – Attended Health Committee Meeting
October 5, 2010 – Attended the Public safety Committee Meeting

Ms. Whitted and the Chairperson, Ms. Julie Dent attended the Retirement Celebration for Commissioner Julius Spiegel the Brooklyn Commissioner of The Department of Parks and Recreation. Commissioner Spiegel retired after working 37 years for the City of New York. He served an overwhelming majority of those years as the Brooklyn Parks Commissioner. It was under his reign that most of the parks in the district received capital dollars for repair work:

Maria Hernandez Park, Thomas Boyland Park, Knoll Street Park and Ball Field, Bushwick Park, and Fermi Park are parks which have been renovated under his reign.

The board's great relationship shared with the Commissioner allowed Community Board #4 to recommend which baseball organizations would utilize the local parks. No other Community Board has had such a privilege; however there is no guarantee that the board will have the same privilege under the new leadership.

The new Borough Commissioner Mr. Kevin Jefferies stated that he will be making appearance at the board's meeting in the near future.

October 6, 2010 – Attended the Executive Committee Meeting
October 7, 2010 – Attended Brooklyn North – PLaNYC Meeting

PLaNYC launched three years ago, is the city's effort to transform the city to make a more greener, greater New York. The City is required by Local Law 17 of 2008 to update PLaNYC every four years. The first update is due on Earth Day 2011. The government alone cannot achieve the ambitions goals set forth in PLaNYC. The board must leverage the ideas, energy and involvement of the community. In 2006 over 150 organizations were involved in the creation of PLaNYC and thousands of New Yorkers participated in town hall meetings to share their vision, which resulted in the 127 initiatives and 10 goals currently in PLaNYC.

- 1) Housing – creating and making housing more affordable and sustainable
- 2) Open Space – ensuring that all New Yorkers live within a 10 minute walk of a park
- 3) Brownfields – clean up all contaminated land in New York City
- 4) Water Quality – open 90% of the district's waterways for recreation by reducing by water to ensure long term reliability
- 5) Water Network – develop critical backup systems for our aging water network to ensure long term reliability
- 6) Transportation – improve travel times by adding transit capacity for millions more residents
- 7) Reach a full state of good repair on NYC's roads, subways and rails for the first time in history
- 8) Energy – Provide cleaner, more reliable power for every New Yorker by upgrading energy and infrastructure
- 9) Air Quality – Achieve the cleanest air quality of any big city in America
- 10) Climate Change – Reduce global warming emissions by 30%

October 8, 2010 - Budget Consultations

Department of Buildings

- Agency requesting capital money for automation (computerization)
- Agency available for a half day per district to survey areas for illegal curb cuts

Department of Homeless Services

Provided information on their active programs and services:

- Advantage – a rental subsidy that helps clients, transition from temporary emergency shelter to self-sufficiency. The one-to-two year subsidy will be available to clients who have been in shelter for at least 60 days, work a minimum of 20 hours per week and participate in an additional 15 hours of activities that will prepare them for self-sufficiency.
- The HOPE Count – the DHS estimates the number of unsheltered homeless individuals through the Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE)
- Homebase – Assists tenants at risk of homelessness due to foreclosure by informing tenants of their rights, assisting with maintaining or repairing apartment conditions and when necessary, relocation.

Other services include eviction prevention, benefits advocacy, budgeting, short-term emergency funding and assistance in obtaining employment.

Human Resources Administration

- Providing information of their services within the borough

Fire Department

- Requesting funding to purchase smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors for distribution to the public throughout the year in all five boroughs
- Requesting funding to replace aged gates (which are used to maneuver through crowds at large events)
- Requesting funding to purchase CPR kits which includes high tech mannequin and training video

Department Sanitation

- Reported that each borough will soon have a Hazardous Material Drop Off
- Missing signs – can be replaced
- Law regarding fliers – more than one complaint must come in from the block
- Beginning in January 2011 – mattress disposal must be in a sealed plastic bag

October 12, 2010

Brooklyn Borough Service Cabinet Meeting

Discussed what will be on the ballot regarding Charter Revision on November 2, 2010 Election Day

Two questions will be on the back of the paper ballot:

- 1) Two(2) or Three(3) term limits for the Mayor, Borough Presidents, Public Advocate and NYC Council Members
- 2) Seven other reforms (to find out more go to www.nyc.gov/charter)

Youth & Education Committee Meeting (See Report)

October 13, 2010

District Service Cabinet Meeting

Items Discussed:

The Department of Sanitation stated that schools receive from 13 to 15 collections per week.

- Coordinated effort of refuse collection and storage at district schools by the Department of Sanitation and Department of Education's Custodians

Three local schools were invited to engage in conversation concerning this matter. Since no one representing any of the three schools that were invited appeared, our representative from the Mayor's CAU Office made follow up calls to the Principals of the schools. As a result of his effort this issue will be revisited in the month of November with the full cooperation of the schools.

Economic Development Committee Meeting (See Report)

October 19, 2010

The NYS License Authority hosted a meeting with community leaders and the NYPD to meet with Chairman Rosen, CEO and Michael Jones, Deputy CEO. The chairman stated that the agency had problems traditionally and lacked management at the top. There will be new regulations forthcoming which will require the Community Board's approval on changes of method of operations for establishment with SLA licenses.

If an establishment received a license to sell beer, they can not start selling wine or liquor at their establishment, they must go back to the SLA and submit another application.

SLA licensed establishments can not arbitrarily sell liquor in backyards or roof tops or place tables on sidewalks; this must be specified in the application.

If any establishment is found to have six (6) NYPD incidents over a period of 60 days it is grounds for the revocation of their license.

Con Edison: In case of a storm – If electrical equipment is damaged during a storm Con Edison will make temporary repairs to restore service if possible. The customer is responsible for making permanent repairs to the service attachment. For more information on preparing for emergencies, go to <http://www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/ready/ready.shtml> for New York City.

Committee Reports

Economic Development Committee (EDC), Mr. Odolph Wright - Chairperson: Meeting Held Wednesday, October 13, 2010 at 6:00PM, 315 Wyckoff Avenue

Items Discussed:

The Economic Abstract of the 2009 Community Economic Survey of the Bushwick & Williamsburg Community Performed by Ear Properties: Mr. Reale Rose the President of EAR Properties noted the goal of the survey was to understand the broader economic needs that residents in the community are facing as a result of the recession. He noted that he also explored how public/private collaboration may be able to further increase the long term sustainable living standards within the community. Mr. Rose stated that he is committed in creating awareness within the community of its short term and long term needs.

EAR Properties provided an abstract of the survey some *fast facts* on demographics, housing and education. The numbers that were presented to the committee did not seem pure and therefore was challenged by the committee. It was determined that the entire survey must be read in order to get the greater understating.

Health Hospital & Human Services Committee (HHH), Ms. Mary McClellan – Chairperson: Meeting Held Monday, October 4, 2010 at 6PM, 315 Wyckoff Avenue

Items Discussed:

1) La Providencia Clinic would like to reconnect with the community starting with Community Board #4. The clinic located at 1280 Dekalb Avenue provides a host of medical services.

The Committee also thought that a tour of the clinic was necessary and that they should have an opportunity to meet the clinic's new Director Ms. Wilma Mitey.

2) Wyckoff Heights Medical Center – Ms. Luna-Dilan, Director of Public Relations addressed the committee and stated that the Administration of the hospital recognize the fact that the hospital belongs to the community. The President Mr. Garg is committed to changing the perception in the community. Ms. Luna stated that she will be going to all the district's schools and day care centers in order to make sure that the children receive immunization shots.

The new Autism Clinic and the Mastronardi Family Medicine Center – an evening clinic, are being introduces to the community at large. The Autism Clinic provides the following:

- Evaluation and diagnosis of Autism
- Weekly appointments with and Pediatric Neurologist
- Alternative Medicine Therapy
- Genetic testing and research in Collaboration with Cornell University

The Department of Health in conjunction with the NY Presbyterian Hospital reported that in Community District 4 there are five (5) specific health outcomes which are chronic: Diabetes, Heart Disease, Obesity, Cancer and Asthma. The Wyckoff Heights Medical Center is working towards preventing these outcomes by addressing "cultural versus health".

Community Board #4 has decided to provide water with the meal provided at their monthly board meetings instead of soda in an effort to help with the health issues.

3) Ms. Evelyn Ortiz from the Department of Health reported some initiatives that are underway:

- Flu Week, November 14 – 21, 2010, Receive free flu shot
- Sugar Sweeten Beverage Extravaganza - Soda has been linked to obesity. Education is the way!!! The Dept. of Health is asking for pledges that people will make water and 100% fruit juice more readily available rather than soda and cake.

- The Department of Health is looking for organizations to take the pledge; they will provide a speaker, support and follow up.

The District Manager pledged that CB#4 will serve only water and mildly sweetened juice at the meetings.

4) Make the Road New York – Partnership for Smoke Free City: Hilary Klein spoke of the education component regarding “Smoke Free Places”. The premise is that people who do not smoke are still impacted by smokers. Currently there is a bill before the NYC Council to eliminate smoking at outdoor areas like beaches, parks and pedestrian plazas. Should this bill become a reality it will be enforced by the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation Enforcement Officers and not by the New York Police Department.

Ms. McClellan stated that too many corner local stores sell “loose” cigarettes – which are against the law. This practice is aimed towards young people. The District Manager noted that in an effort to begin a campaign to stop this practice in Community District #4 the following need to be done:

- What are the fines associated with the sale of loose cigarettes?
- How many local stores have been in violation for the sale of “loose” cigarettes over the past year?
- Of those in violation, how many are repeat offenders?
- Does the fine escalate for those who are repeated offenders?
- How often are these stores visited by the Department of Consumer Affairs?

Recommendations

1) The committee recommends that the Wyckoff Heights Medical Center forward to Community Board #4 the availability of jobs opening when they become available.

The motion was moved by Mr. Robert Camacho and second by Ms. Elvena Davis

2) Community Board #4 will serve only water and/or mildly sweetened juice at meetings

The motion was moved by Ms. Elvena Davis and second by Mr. Austen Martinez

Public Safety Committee (PSC), Ms. Barbara Smith – Chairperson: Meeting Held Monday, October 5, 2010 at 6PM, 83rd Precinct, 480 Knickerbocker Avenue

Item Discussed:

New York State Liquor License Requests

Recommendations

1) Maria Garcia – MarCaribe Restaurant – 446 Wilson Avenue

Motion moved by Mr. C. Joseph and second by Ms. G. Puglla-Jimenez (support)

2) See PSC report for more information –

3) Francis Valerio – Tropical, 302 Irving Avenue

Motion moved by Ms. S. Simmons and second by Mr. W. Harris (support)

Youth and Education Committee (YEC), Ms. Virgie Jones – Chairperson: Meeting Held on October, 12, 2010 at 5:30PM, 143 Himrod Street

Items Discussed:

1) Resurgence of the Swimming Program at the Bushwick Campus – Mr. Carabajal – Physical Education Instructor at Bushwick School for Social Justice – who has been employed by the Board of Education for nine years and a resident of the Bushwick Community, also was a student who attended Bushwick High School and was a part of the Bushwick High School Swimming Team. He shared with the committee that during his tenure as an instructor he has instructed several swimming programs at other schools; he has letters from his previous supervisors that would attest to his abilities. The Bushwick Campus has a newly renovated Olympic sized pool that is not be used. The renovation of this pool cost the City millions of dollars. At one time Bushwick High School had one of the finest swimming programs in the City and has won many awards and accolades. Students were also able to prepare for the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation Life Guard program by taking classes; becoming certified while still in school earning approximately \$16.00 per hour. Today the City has a shortage of Certified Life Guards, so during the Summer Beach and Pool season Life Guards were imported from Europe.

Since the reorganization of the Bushwick High School, four smaller schools now comprised the Bushwick Campus. The Harbor School recently was relocated and seemed to be the only school that utilized the pool. Mr. Carabajal noted that he took it upon himself to become Red Cross Certified to teach swimming and run the program. Unfortunately there is no longer an interest by the administration to resurrect the swimming program as Mr. Carabajal presented the committee with a letter from NYC Council Member Dilan indicating his commitment to funding a program at the Bushwick Campus. The teacher noted that he has a petition from over three hundred students requesting the swimming program.

Mr. Carabajal noted that during the summer months the Big Apple Programs utilized the pool. A visitor from the Make the Road New York suggested contacting the community based organization called Asphalt Green. She said that this group boasts of many volunteers around swimming sports.

After spending a great deal of time discussing this issue, the committee suggested the following strategy's as a way to resurrect a program for the Bushwick Campus:

1. Get parents to sign a petition in support of a After school Swimming Club at the Bushwick Campus
2. Partner with the Asphalt Green community based organization
3. Develop the after school programming
4. Go to the NYC Council Member Dilan for support
5. Grow from there.....

2) NYS Literacy Zone - New initiative to close the literacy gap. Ms. Parker, Executive Director of Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow (OBT) introduced her colleagues who were present with her. She stated that OBT, Make the Road New York, Maura Clarke-Ita Ford Center and St. Christopher Oillie responded to the New York State Department of Education's Request for Proposal to establish a Literacy Zone in Bushwick.

It was suggested that the group appear at the November CB#4 meeting under the public hearing portion.

Old Business:

Laura Braslow - Proposal for the formation of an Arts and Culture Committee (ACC)

The Arts and Culture Committee will serve as a point of connection between residents, organization, businesses and the Board in regards to arts and cultural issues, opportunities, institutions and events. The key functions of this committee will be to connect the community with opportunities to make, show and view art in the District as well as to identify and foster art programs and projects between local organizations, schools, day care centers, churches and families. The committee will also address the needs of neighborhood cultural institutions, and to enhance the Board's role in local cultural events. There will also be many opportunities to connect members of the community with existing city programs.

Recommendation

To add the Arts and Culture Committee (ACC) to the standing committees

The Chairperson of the new Arts and Culture Committee will be Ms. Laura Braslow.

Motion moved by Ms. Barbara Smith and second by Ms. Linda McKinley. All members present are in favor.

New Business:

Adam Schwartz: Support for the Land Marking on Bushwick Avenue; Mr. Schwartz asked for support to protect the properties on Bushwick Avenue. Suggestions are welcomed.

Announcements:

Barbara Smith, 83rd Precinct Council President: Thanksgiving Baskets and donations are now being accepted.

Evelyn Ortiz – New York City Department of Health & Mental Hygiene: Flu Week, November 14-25, 2010. Flu shots will be given out at 6 different sites. On November 19, flu shots will be given at St. Barbara's Roman Catholic Church 138 Bleecker Street.

“Work That Beat” - STOREFRONT, 16 Wilson Avenue, Friday, October 22, 2010, 6pm – 10pm for more information www.storefrontbk.com

Bushwick Dance at the Jalreign Institute, 269 Stanhope Street (Corner of Irving Avenue), “Turning the World Upside Down”; Professional dance lesson for kids & teens, Monday and Wednesday at 5pm to 6:30pm. For more information call 347-327-6720 or www.bushwickdance.com

Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz and Long Island College Hospital of Brooklyn are please to offer Free Flu Shots. Friday, November 5, 2010 from 11am to 2pm. (First come first serve) For more information: Call 718-802-3717 or email iguerrero@brooklynbp.nyc.gov
Brooklyn Borough Hall – Rotunda, 209 Joralem Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201
Please note: This vaccine is a combination of the seasonal influenza virus and the H1N1 virus. It is one shot. All persons must be 18 years or older.

Educational Programs on Foreclosures: Engaging Hard-to-Reach and Vulnerable Homeowners. The program will provide: An overview of the foreclosure problem in New York City; a summary of the foreclosure process; and a description of the impact of foreclosures on tenants, including their rights to obtain repairs and prevent evictions during and after foreclosure. For more information, please contact Wilma Lopez at 212-636-7671 or email FeerickCentere@law.fordham.edu.

PO Damarys Franco - 83rd Pct. presented Safety Tips for the Halloween Season; Blood Drive on November 10, 2010.

Assembly Member William F. Boyland Jr. invites all to the Monthly Advisory Board Meeting on Saturday, November 13th from 10am to 12 noon. The office is located at 467 Thomas Boyland Street between Pitkin Avenue & East New York Avenue. For information call 718-498-8681

Olivia Triana - State Farm Insurance located at 136 Wyckoff Avenue celebrates its 1st year in the Bushwick Community!!! Renters Insurance for as low as \$10 a month are available. For more information call 718-386-6800.

Academy of Urban Planning Open House – Parents, students and Guidance Counselors are welcome to attend on Tuesday, October 26, 2010 from 5pm to 6:30pm at the Academy of Urban Planning, 5th Floor, at 400 Irving Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237. Please call to confirm your attendance or with question: Mr. Dale Donaldson, Parent Coordinator 646-753-0177.

Academy of Urban Planning Saturday Arts Institute at Bushwick Campus; Workshops in: Drama, Dance, Visual Arts, Voice and African Drumming. Classes will be held on Saturdays 9:00am – 12:00pm, October 23, 30 & November 6, 13, & 20. Free Program open to 7th and 8th grade students only. For more information call Mr. Dale Donaldson at 646-753-0177. Students must be able to attend all sessions.

NYC Food Fitness Partnership – NYC Food & Fitness Partnership engages communities in making the healthy choice the easy choice by creating equitable access to healthy, quality, affordable foods and opportunities for active living, starting in neighborhoods of highest need. For more information contact Sharon Wong at Sharon@nycfoodandfitness.org or 917-351-8773.

A & R Art Studio – 286 Stanhope Street, writing workshops held every Tuesday from now until December 2010 from 3pm to 6pm. For more information contact Joselyn Aviles at 347-401-1481

A & R Art Studio – 286 Stanhope Street: Yoga, dance, adult programs, for more information contact Deliana Rodriguez at 347-866-5254, www.eventandartstudio.com

2nd Roll Call: Meeting adjourned 9:10 pm