

Community Board #4 Regular Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, November 28, 2012
Hope Gardens Multi Service Center
195 Linden Street (corner of Wilson Avenue)
Brooklyn, New York 11221
6:00PM

The Chairperson, Ms. Julie Dent introduced herself and welcomed all in attendance to the Community Board #4's Wednesday, November 28th, monthly board meeting at 6:35PM.

Mr. Toby Salinger a reporter from the City University of New York (CUNY) was present at the meeting. Mr. Salinger is doing a story about the bike corral. He introduced himself to the board and stated that he is present to do a story on an issue that is important to the community. He has been assigned to cover the Bushwick Community this year. Mr. Salinger will be videotaping part of the meeting.

The Chairperson, Ms. Dent stated that the Board does not have a quorum at present. She hopes that in time a quorum will be reached.

- Public Hearing Items -

1) NYC Department of Transportation – Bike Corral Request , 30 Wyckoff Avenue
Ms. Jennifer Hernandez representative from DOT briefly reviewed information for the Bike Corral request from the October 17th Community Board's meeting.

The Department of Transportation observed that the area was inundated with bikes and there was a demand for parking them. The DOT approached the owners of 30 Wyckoff Avenue and asked them if they would be interested in having a bike corral in front of their restaurant the "Silent Barn". DOT noticed that the bikes were parked by poles and trees.

Questions were entertained:

Some board members expressed concern:

- Loss of parking spaces
- Riders leaving bikes and then taken public transportation
- Bike area not kept clean
- Bikes might be stolen
- Car owners pay taxes for their cars, bike owners do not

Benefits:

- Better visibility on the corner

A Bike Corral is a row of bike racks installed at the curb site lane of the street. This is used when there is a high demand to park bikes when they cannot be parked on the sidewalk. The Bike Corral will be approximately 27 feet long and 7 feet wide. The Bike Corral will cause the loss of 1 ½ packing space.

Ms. Hernandez said that almost 350 signatures were collected from neighbors and customers in agreement with Bike Corral.

One of the benefits of having a bike corral at the corner of Starr Street and Wyckoff Avenue is that it will allow for better visibility. The corner is viewed by some as being dangerous.

Mr. Rubio: Can a bike rack be installed on the sidewalk?

Ms. Hernandez: Having the bike corral will allow the sidewalk to be kept cleaner.

Ms. McClellan: You have stated that the bike corral will allow for better visibility on that corner, would the bike corral be better as oppose to a having a traffic light at that intersection? I am sure that DOT has this information documented.

Ms. Hernandez: Yes the bike corral will make the corner safer, however if the board would like to request a traffic light instead that request can be submitted.

PO Franco: A speed bump or a traffic signal could be approved for the area. She suggested that the Community Board go out and look at the area because there might be a positive side in having the bike corral.

In response to PO Franco comment:

Chairperson: Representatives from DOT came before the board in October. People have had enough time to look at the area. The board has been to the location and the location has been identified.

District Manager: The Community Board feels that a good place for a bike corral would be at Knickerbocker and Myrtle Avenue where DOT is putting a Plaza.

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

Roll Call: 7:07PM 24 members present. Quorum not met. The board cannot vote on any items unless there is a quorum.

Chairperson's Report:

The Chairperson welcomed everyone in attendance to the November 28, 2012 meeting of Brooklyn Community Board #4.

The reason for this meeting being held a week later was due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. She wished everyone a very festive, fabulous and extraordinary holiday greeting as they enter into the holiday season.

The Bushwick Community was fortunate enough to have been spared from the devastation of Super Storm Sandy and the nor'easter that soon followed. Many people are still suffering from its aftermath. Many have become homeless; others have partial homes with no electricity or heat. Some may have lost employment. This is a time when people need to help each other. Please take advantage of any opportunity to volunteer some time to offer help.

Ms. Dent asked that the Elected Officials and /or their representatives introduce themselves and state their respective address and telephone numbers.

- 1) Italia Granshaw Representing Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz, 209 Joralemon Street, 718-802-4032 .
- 2) Yanuski Rodriquez Representing District Attorney Charles Hynes, 718-250-2565
- 3) PO Franco Representing the 83rd Precinct, 480 Knickerbocker Avenue, 718-574-1697
- 4) Alice Nascimento -Representing Assemblyman Vito Lopez, 434 South 5th St., 718-963-7029

Representatives from City, State or Federal Agencies:

- 1) Judy Kamilhor – Brooklyn Public Library Washington Irving Branch, 360 Irving Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11237, 718-628-8378
- 2) Boniface WeWe – Manager of the Brooklyn Public Library Washington Irving Branch, 718-628-8378
- 3) Jennifer Harris-Hernandez – NYC Department of Transportation, email: JHarrisHernandez@dot.nyc.gov

Many of the day care centers across the city have been re-organized and now referred to as early learning centers. During the re-organization, many changes have occurred including in many cases new sponsorship. Ms. Dent has directed the District Manager to reach out and invite the programs to the Youth and Education Committee in order for the board to become acquainted with the new leadership and to become knowledgeable of any changes. The YEC Chairperson is Ms. Jones. This information will be fourth coming.

Board members that will work with the District Manager on the annual holiday party that will take place on Wednesday, December 19, 2012:

Larry Terry, Virgie Jones, Raul Rubio, Joanne Grant, Sharline Moore and Rev. Nicolas Angustia

District Manager's Report: 7:18PM

October 18, 2012 –

Mayor Bloomberg hosted a breakfast with leaders from the Bushwick Community at Gracie Mansion. Representatives from Community Board: Chairperson Ms. Julie Dent, District Manager Ms. Nadine Whitted, Ms. Elvena Davis, Mr. Eliseo Ruiz, Mr. Robert Camacho, Mr. Larry Terry and Ms. Luisa Jose

October 19, 2012 –

The Family of Akeal Christopher hosted a vigil noting the three month anniversary of his death from a shooting that occurred on Cornelia Street and Evergreen Avenue. No arrest by the NYPD/District Attorney has been made in this case.

October 23, 2012 –

The Department of Parks and Recreation hosted a scope meeting at the triangle at Beaver Street and Bushwick Avenue.

October 29 & 30, 2012 –

OFFICE WAS CLOSED DUE TO THE SUPER STORM SANDY

November 5, 2012 –

Attended the Public Safety Committee Meeting

November 10, 2012 –

Attended the Irma Lozado Street renaming ceremony sponsored by the NYPD-Transit District 33 PO Lozado was the 1st female New York City Officer to be killed in the line of duty. She was assigned to Transit District 33 and served with the New York City Transit Department for four years. Van Sinderen Avenue was renamed to Irma Lozada Way. Mayor Bloomberg and the Commissioner Kelly and others were there.

November 14, 2012 –

Hosted the Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

November 20, 2012 –

Hosted the Housing and Land Use Meeting

November 26, 2012 –

Met with representatives from FEMA's Community Relations concerning Hurricane Sandy. Even though the Bushwick Community did not sustain the damages that other communities with stained the meeting focused around three very important factors:

- Identification of Buildings (mainly large scale) that can be used to house people who have been displaced and are in need of shelter particularly as the weather becomes colder.
- Notification to businesses and employees who have been impacted by hurricane that FEMNA offers financial supplements
- In order to be eligible for any disaster assistance offered by FEMA you must register by calling: 1-800-621-FEMA 3362). For information or to apply: www.disasterassistance.gov. To apply on your smartphone at: m.fema.gov or you can apply by going to a disaster recovery center.

Once registered, a registration number will be given. That identification number will be used for further contact.

November 27, 2012 –

Hosted the Parks and Recreation Meeting

Other Issues –

New York State to Hire 5000 New Yorkers for Sandy Clean-up

- To apply for a job call the Department of Labor at 1-888-469-7365 or by visiting www.labor.ny.gov/sandyjobs. Individuals can also visit their local Disaster Recovery Center or One-Stop Career Center. All individuals must be unemployed to be eligible. Once hired, workers will earn approximately \$15 per hour to work on a short or a long term project that includes cleaning and repairing damaged public structures and property in each of the nine counties declared disaster areas.

In addition to offering benefits and on-the experience, each worker will be given assistance in finding their next job. Eligible youth will also be certified in the Governor's New York Youth Works program.

New York City Department of Environmental Protection: Removing of Leaves and debris can help clear catch basins across the city, thus prevent flooding from occurring by sweeping and cleaning catch basins in front of your home or area.

New York City Department of Parks and Recreation: As of Monday, November 5, 2012 the dog run at the Maria Hernandez Park has been open. This added facility was funded by NYC Council Member Diana Reyna.

Due to Hurricane Sandy: Irving Square Park (Halsey Park) was closed due to large hanging and loose branches and limbs which are very dangerous.

Evergreen Playground's Basketball area and asphalt field was closed due to dangerous leaning trees. As of November 26, 2012 all parks have been re-opened.

FDNY- Fire Department: On November 5th after the storm, Chief Chris Joyce of the 28th Battalion located on Himrod Street informed the Community Board that they are available to assist with the de-watering of flooding basements and the cutting of trees that are blocking access to homes.

On 11/20/12 - A fire occurred at 1152 Halsey Street: A three story vacant dwelling. There was a structural fire located on the 3rd floor with extension to the roof.

On 11/21/12 – A fire occurred at 34 Granite Street: A one story dwelling structural fire. There were no injuries and the fire was placed under control.

New York Department of Transportation:

- No Standing Anytime – Regulations at 23 Montieth Street to allow access for trucks entering and exiting the driveway. The installation should be completed by January 2013.
- Installation of a traffic control light at the intersection of Cypress Avenue and Stockholm Street. The installation will be performed by January 2013.

Wyckoff Heights Medical Center – 374 Stockholm Street: Has rescheduled their Community Town Hall Meeting Tuesday, December 4, 2012, 6PM, 5th Floor Conference Room. The community will be able to meet the New President and CEO of the hospital Mr. Ramon Rodriguez.

Wyckoff Heights Medical Center-Positive Health Management World AIDS Day invites you to attend their Celebrating LIFE & Getting to Zero.

- Zero New HIV Infections
- Zero Discrimination
- Zero AIDS related - Deaths

On Thursday, December 6, 2012 at 374 Stockholm Street, Brooklyn, NY 11237, 6PM-8PM, 5th Floor Conference Room.

Project Safe Surrender – No More Worry, No More Waiting: Friday, December 14 and Saturday, December 15, 2012 between 9AM and 3PM. Clergy, Pastors, Lay Members and Defense Attorneys will be available to help resolve outstanding summons warrants. The Court will be present at The Mount Sion Baptist Church, 365 Ralph Avenue, Brooklyn, NY

While This Is Not Amnesty, Favorable Consideration Will Be Given To Those Who Participate.

The Audrey Johnson Day Care Learning Center located at 272 Moffat Street, Brooklyn, NY 11207 has openings for after school care program for children ages 5-12. The program offers:

1. Pick up from Local Public Schools
2. Nutritious Meals
3. Homework Help
4. Arts and Craft
5. Dramatic Play, Chess

6. Computer Classes
7. Performing Arts
8. Trips
9. And Much More

Licensed Teachers / Curriculum based on Child Sound Development Principles. The Day Care accepts all HRA Vouchers and Private Children. Hours of Service: Monday-Friday 3:00PM to 6:00PM and from 8:00AM to 5:45PM during the summer time. For more information please call: 718-574-0310

Committee Reports: 7:35PM

Arts & Culture (ACC): Ms. Laura Braslow, Committee Chairperson, Monday, November, 26, 2012, 6:30PM
Ms. Braslow was not present at Community Board Meeting – Minutes will be forthcoming

Housing & Land Use (HLU): Ms. Martha Brown, Committee Chairperson, Tuesday, November 21, 2012, 5:30PM
1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370

Members Attended: Ms. Martha Brown, Mr. Robert Camacho, Rev. Matthew Rae, Mr. Cirilio Nunez
Others in Attendance: District Manager, Ms. Nadine Whitted, Ms. Trang Dong (Student Associate from Pratt Institute), Mr. Jordan Most (BSA Application Calendar No. 199-12 BZ), Mr. Lawrence Yang (DIA & Associates P.C., 782 Hart Street),

Mr. Scott Short & Mr. Brando McCall (RBSCC), Mr. Chad Nicholas (Broadway Bushwick Builders, LLP)

Items Discussed:

- 1) 421A Tax Exemption Credit Application to HPD, Re: Property at 9 Woodbine Street and 951 Madison Streets btw. Broadway & Bushwick Avenue

Mr. Chad Nichols presented two proposals for housing seeking tax abatement for the proposed projects at two locations. This projected development will need financing and tax abatement from the City of New York Department of Real Estate. The proposed development will have a roof-top deck and a high quality façade on the outside of the building. They have preliminary approval for new construction under an ICIP exemption.

Mr. Nichols advised that Bank of America would only approve the financing for the proposed developments if they got the tax abatement. They alluded that Senators Chuck Schumer and Nydia Velasquez were in favor of the Betances proposal for the health clinic at the location. The committee advised that they should seek information from the offices these elected officials regarding funding for affordable housing and financing options for the project and to get back to the board when they had a more amendable proposal and could come up with some subsidized housing proposals.

The proposed rent for 9 Woodbine Street:

Contain 73 apartment units which consist of:

- 40 One Bedroom Units
- 12 Two Bedroom Units
- 21 Three Bedroom Units
- Rentals would range from \$858.00 for a 1 Bedroom unit to \$2,600.00 for a three bedroom unit.

The HLU Committee felt that the rents were NOT economically feasible or reasonable for Bushwick's residents and there were no offers of affordable units for residents of our community. The committee feels that the tax abatement options far outweigh the benefits that we as residents of Bushwick would receive. The committee also felt that this was a proposal for housing that would not be affordable to Bushwick residents and would attract outsiders into the community that could afford to pay the rents, therefore, excluding more residents from the community from affordable housing.

The board requested Mr. Nichols to go back to the drawing board and come back to the board in at future date with a more feasible proposal that would benefit community residents who were seeking a decent place to live at affordable rents.

- 2) DAI & Addociates, P.C. – Mr. Lawrence Yang, Esq.

Property located at 782 Hart Street, Brooklyn, New York 11237, Between Wilson & Knickerbocker Avenues

Mr. Yang appeared before the committee regarding a Preliminary Certificate of Eligibility for Partial Tax Exemption with the NYC Dept. of HPD as is required under Real Property Tax Sections 421-a-(5) and 28 R.C.N.Y. Sec. 6-03. My Yang appeared before the board without his counsel. He came with certain schematics of the 5 story, 22 unit condominiums which have 22 parking spaces for the 1, 2 and 3 bedroom condos.

The board advised Mr. Yang that he should return with his attorney at a future date to discuss the tax abatement and the further discussion of the terms of his request for a tax abatement. It appears that these condos will have a purchase price of \$180,000 to \$350,000.

- 3) RBSCC - Ridgewood Bushwick Senior Citizen Council – Mr. Scott Short and Mr. Brandon McCall requesting a Letter of Support for Our Lady of Lourdes Apartment former Convent Site on DeSales Place between Bushwick Avenue and Broadway. The proposal 100% low-income, 50% large families (4+members) and 50% supported housing for special needs persons with mental illness. “Concern for Independent Living” a Long Island based provider of services to the mentally ill with over 30 years of experience. Preference will be given to residents of the Bushwick community. Building description: 5-story building with approximately 70,000 square feet of residential space. Approximately 80 units with studios, and three bedroom units including a superintendent’s unit. Two elevators and approximately 10,000 square feet of community facility space. The committee recommends approval of a letter of support for this proposed project and will be voted upon by the entire Community Board.

Mr. Brandon McCall made a presentation before the board regarding the following location:

One DeSales Place Between: Eastern Parkway near the Broadway intersection. The building will be an 80 unit 5 floor building that will have a lounge and have amenities for the residence. The building will have supportive services on site.

Population: Level 1 – which means that the residences with mental illness and/or higher functioning are fit for community integration.

RBSCC is asking for the Community Board’s support and a letter of support stating that there is a need for this building in the community. Mr. McCall stated that after receiving the letter of support the board will hear back from them by April 2013 and construction will start at the end of 2013.

Questions were entertained:

Ms. Whitted: What are the size of the units and the rent amount?

Mr. McCall: They are 3 bedroom units and renting at \$1227.00 which is 60% of the median income. 50% of the units are preference for Bushwick residents.

Ms. Dent: What impact will this be for jobs?

Mr. McCall: There will be 7-10 full time jobs available; there will be all around security needed and on site counseling person (s) needed. There will be approximately 3 part time positions available. The construction of the building will require workers, so this project might require approximately 37-40 people.

A general contractor will be hired; those positions will not be all filled by local residents. RBSCC as an organization try to hire woman, minorities and businesses from within the community...Local employees will be hired whenever possible, for example for the permanent positions, they will be filled by local residence.

Mr. McCall stated that there is an advisory board in place (they are working on how it should be structured) and there will be community meetings so that the community can address any issues or concerns.

Forty of the three bedroom apartments will be designated for Bushwick residence. Some residence will be selected from a previous RBSCC listing. They will be applicants who applied and qualified for housing in the past however an apartment was not available. They must still be eligible and qualify for these apartments.

This type of housing was done in the Crown Heights District and it has worked out well, RBSCC is looking to bring the same type of housing to the Bushwick community.

- 4) Mr. Jordon Most of the law firm of Sheldon Lobel, 18 East 41st Street, 5th Floor, New York, NY 10017 Regarding the property located at 1517 Bushwick Avenue corner of Aberdeen Street, Brooklyn, NY 11207 BSA Calendar NO., 199-12- BZ Lot 5, Block 3467

Mr. Most is requesting on behalf of the applicant, a variance, a request that has been filed with the Board of Standards and Appeals of the City of New York (BSA). The variance is a bulk request to construct a self-storage facility that exceeds the maximum permitted floor area on a lot that is split by zoning district boundaries and is bounded by the LIRR and MTA tunnels that run under Bushwick Avenue. The proposed wall of the area is also The Rudd Park located at Aberdeen Street and Bushwick Avenue and bounded by the tunnel of the L line run underground and adjacent to the walls of the lot and prevents and underground construction at grade for building any type of substantial housing. The tunnels from the LIRR freight spur and MTA tunnel of the L Line run

underground and adjacent to the walls of this lot and prevent any underground construction at grade for building any type of substantial housing. The LIRR tunnel burdens over 50% of the premises and the property are split by zoning districts, the residential portion of the property is completely unusable given the location on Furman Avenue. The self-storage warehouse will occupy the entire front of the Bushwick Avenue block. The use is proposed as a "quiet use" facility.

The Committee recommended that this issue be brought before the Board at a Public Hearing at a date to be determined by the District Manager and the Chairperson. The Committee also recommends that the approval be brought before the entire Community Board.

5) Emergency Declarations: HPD
1205 Broadway
750 Bushwick Avenue

HPD Vacate Orders
Full Vacate Orders
138 Grove Street – Building Not Inhabitable
1091 Madison Street – Not Inhabitable

Demolition Notifications
28 Jefferson Street
1453 Gates Avenue

The HLU Committee drafted a letter to the Elected Officials regarding rezoning. Mr. Brown encouraged the board members to read the letter.

The District Manager stated that the Community Board would like to be in front of the changes that are going on in Bushwick. Zoning is one of the major issues in the District.
The Community Board is working with a Pratt Institute Student Intern in order to get the rezoning done.

Ms. Dent stated that the job of the Community Board is to do the leg work and find out all the particulars before the Community Board can do any voting. Since the Parks Department will be involved with the construction of the building the Chairperson suggested with regards to item # 4 (1517 Bushwick Avenue) that Ms. M. Brown the Chairperson of the Housing & Land Use Committee and Mr. R. Camacho the Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Committee have their meeting together.

Mr. Martinez questioned the need for another storage facility. He suggested that perhaps something else can be built there.

Mr. Wright stated that maybe the board can find out what else can be built there before a decision is made.

Since 1517 Bushwick Avenue is privately owned Ms. Whitted suggested that all recommendations and suggestions regarding what should be done there should be forwarded to her so that the board can start working on it before their next meeting with Mr. Most and the property owners.

Parks and Recreation Committee (PRC): Mr. Robert Camacho, Committee Chairperson, Wednesday, November 14, 2012, 5:00PM, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370
Members Attended: Robert Camacho, Joanne Grant, Lucy Belardo, Luisa Jose, Carlos Feliciano
Others in Attendance: Nadine Whitted, Edwin Vargas, Director of Ballfields – Department of Parks and Recreation and Jacqueline Nunez, PO D. Franco – 83rd Pct.

Items Discussed:

Dept. of Parks and Recreation (DPR) – New Policy and Procedures Concerning Ballfield Permits

- 1) The Do's and Don'ts will be printed on the back of the permit once they have been issued
- 2) 2012 – DPR will accept applications via: Fax, Mail or in Person
- 3) Each Organization was instructed to bring in their rosters from last year/season so that the committee can have an accurate view of each organization's needs.

- 4) Due too many problems in the COMMUNITY DISTRICT FOUR, ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE ALLOCATED TIME BY SLOTS. ACCORDING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION THERE ARE 17 SLOTS IN EACH OF THE FOUR (4) BALLFIELDS.
 - Thomas Boyland Park
 - Hope Park
 - Barry Morrow Park
 - Knoll Park
- 5) Once the slots are allocated the assigned organization must utilize the park or forfeit the time. The following organizations will be offered an opportunity to vie for allocated slot time:
 - 1) Eva's Sport Club
 - 2) The Brooklyn Queens Sport Organization
- 6) BBQ are not allowed in the parks. Violations will be issued.

Eva from Eva's Sport Club expressed her distress stating that she was not informed of the meetings that were held because she was in the hospital.

The District Manager stated to Eva that this matter is something that should be spoken about at another time and that she will be re-invited to the next Parks and Recreation Meeting.

On Tuesday, November 27, 2012 an additional PRC meeting was held. In attendance were Mr. Robert Camacho, Ms. Nadine Whitted, and Mr. Edwin Vargas via telephone and PO D. Franco— NYPD, 83rd PCT. Community Affairs Officer

Public Safety Committee (PSC): Ms. Barbara Smith, Committee Chairperson, Monday, November 5, 2012, 6:30PM, Location: 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370

Members Attended: Barbara Smith, Mary McClellan, Elvena Davis, Rev. Grace Aytes, Joanne Grant, Miriam Lamboy, Linda McKinley, Freddy Fowler and Takiyah Ali

Others in Attendance: Nadine Whitted, Alsides Almonte, Raymond Gutierrez, Nicholas Scala, Peter Brook, Miguel Maldonado, Linda Russell, Ramon Moralejo, Anthony Caraballo, Conception Caraco and Sonia Gullo

Item Discussed:

NYS Liquor Authority License Requests

- 1) Alsides Almonte – 185 Starr Street
- 2) Raymond Gutierrez – 84 Central Avenue
- 3) Miguel Maldonado – Botanas - 133 Irving Avenue, aka 877 Hart Street
- 4) Ramon Moralejo – Lot 45 LLC
- 5) Consepcion Caraco – 1264 Myrtle Avenue
- 6) Sonia Gullo representing Javier Gracia – 127 Wyckoff Avenue Corp.

Ms. B. Smith asked that the board members to read her minutes.

The Chairperson reminded the board that they will not be able to vote because they do not have a quorum. Ms. Dent publically thanked PO Franco for working so hard and closely with the Public Safety Committee. She thanked PO Franco for giving the business owners in the community a chance to get whatever they need in order to open their business and to get their licenses. It is not the Community Board's desire to close a business down or in any way hurt businesses. PO Franco works with the business owners so that they can correct any problems they may have. Ms. Dent expressed her appreciation to PO Franco for giving her time and effort in helping the community.

Recommendations:

Cannot vote - no quorum

The Board will vote at the December Community Board Meeting

New Business:

Mr. M. Rae: Would like the tree branches to be removed due to Hurricane Sandy

Old Business

Mr. O Wright: In the spring of 2012 the Board requested the Department of Transportation to investigate a dangerous intersection at Halsey Street and Broadway. DOT sent a letter to the Community Board stating that they will look into the matter. As of today's date nothing has been done and there has not been an additional response from The Department of Transportation.

PO Franco suggested that Community Board #4 get Community Board #3 involved since the problem is in their district.

The Board will get Community Board #3 involvement.

Announcements: 8:40PM

Judy Kamilhor, Brooklyn Public Library:

The Brooklyn Public Library has received Federal & City Grants to bring laptops and job readiness classes to 8 libraries. The laptops can be used for up to two hours at a time.

The libraries that are in the area are:

Dekalb Library, 790 Bushwick Avenue, 718-455-3898

Washington Irving Library, 360 Irving Avenue, 718-628-8378

Saratoga Library, 8 Thomas S. Boyland Street, 718-573-5224

Ms. Smith thanked those who help support the "83rd Pct. Thanksgiving Give Out Baskets". This year they were able to deliver 65 turkeys. This year they focus on person who lost their jobs due to Hurricane Sandy. They were also able to reach out to Brooklyn South and the Rockaway areas sending 10 turkeys to the area as well as 2 televisions some comforters and sheets.

Friday, November 23rd is the 83rd Pct. Fund Raiser. One of the honorees is Community Board's own Mr. Eliseo Ruiz. Please join them. Food, music will be there. Donations are accepted and the monies collected will go to The 83rd Precinct Community Council Children's Toy Distribution being held on Saturday, December 8, 2012 at New Jerusalem Church, 484 Knickerbocker Avenue, 10AM-1PM,

Ms. Linda McKinley invited all to attend the 125 year celebration of her church located at Knickerbocker Avenue and Palmetto Street on December 8, 2012 at 3:00PM. There will be a service held and dinner served afterwards.

Mr. Boniface WeWe –Manager of the Washington Irving Avenue Public Library Branch: Applications for FEMA's Disaster Relief help are available at the library and can be picked up for those who are interested.

PO Franco: 83rd Precinct Coat Drive: Collecting coats of all sizes until December 31, 2012. If necessary the coats can be cleaned in order to be given to those in need. The coats must be slightly used.

PO Franco named PO John Cubells the husband of her former partner PO Sandy Cubells, some members from the Clergy Council and Wyckoff Merchant as well as some of the other names of the 24 honorees that will be honored at the 83rd Precinct Fund Raiser that is being held on Saturday, December 8, 2012.

Ms. Dent thanked the Hope Gardens Multi service Center for allowing Community Board #4 to host their meetings.

2nd Roll Call: Meeting adjourned 8:47PM