

Brooklyn Community Board 4  
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes  
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Zoom

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Meeting Start: 6:08pm

Celeste: All right, so welcome everyone to CB4 September 2022 public hearing and regular meeting. It is now 6:08pm. And we're gonna go ahead and get started. We have two public hearing items and I believe one of our presenters is already on Zoom from the Department of Environmental Protection. Are you able to speak? You should be a panelist.

**2) Robert Olivari, NYC Department of Environmental Protection Rainfall Ready Presentation**

So tonight's presentation is supposed to be on the rainfall Ready Action Plan.

Okay, so a brief description. This is a brand new program where we had sent out letters to tiny and prone areas to sizes and a lot of various fields submitted to us by CO tn sanitation midday each borough New York City. Each borough weekend, Saturday and Sunday is broken. We do have—.

Celeste: I'm sorry, excuse me. Excuse me. I'm sorry, Robert. So apparently, we're still not able to hear you very well. It's unclear. So some folks have already mentioned that. We can't hear you. I'm not sure if you're able to reconnect, potentially the sound will improve. But it's just we were not able to hear what you're saying clearly.

Robert: Okay, let me log back in.

Celeste: No problem. Thank you. So I believe in the interim, we also have some of our elected officials joining us this evening, if I'm not mistaken. I believe our senator's on. Senator Salazar, are you there?

**State Senator Julia Salazar:**

Good to see you all and be with you this evening. I'm sending our affiliates Alistar. I know many of you know Carlos, our Director of Community Relations, but really glad to personally be with you this evening and hope that you can hear me well. I wanted to just share some of what our office has been up to and upcoming events to save the day. As you all may know, we have recently in New York received quite a few asylum seekers who have just arrived in New York and our office is seeking to welcome them and support them. There actually is a shelter where many of them are temporarily staying on Kosciuszko Street in our district. And so, we want to

support them with some of their basic needs. On October 1, we will be having an event to gather resources that we are there for asylum seekers who have just arrived in North Brooklyn in particular. We also want to let everyone know about a new, long term jobs initiative that the state has launched a program that will serve particularly young people in areas such as Bushwick that have been impacted by gun violence. So, for young people ages 18 to 24, they can sign up to participate in a partnership that we have with the Consortium for worker education, which is the workforce development arm of New York City's Central Labor Labor Council. So I'll share information in the community board. I can also share it in the Zoom chat. For young people who can find out if they're eligible between the ages of 18 and 24. They will receive training, job training and placement services. part of an initiative to try to decrease gun violence in our communities. I just wanted to share a little bit about with you all. We've had a busy summer, here in Bushwick, and for anything that you need at all to get in touch with me and my office. My email is LSR as getting on the car at ny senate.gov. My district office is here in Bushwick at 212 Evergreen Avenue located close to the Central Ave subway stop.

Celeste: Thank you Senator, are there any questions board members? I guess I do. Go ahead.

So are the jobs to decrease gun violence will they be focused on that? Or is it so that you can get them off the streets to be would not be

Senator Salazar: So the jobs are not necessarily related to gun violence. Prevention. All of a sudden the maybe but it's a it's in partnership with the New York State Department of Labor with a range of different workforce development groups, organizations, and what the firm does, it provides job training stipends, the ability to obtain work related credentials and placement in good paying good quality jobs for young workers who live in areas like Bushwick also, parts of our nation like East New York that have seen high rates of gun violence because we know that gun violence is is often related to gang activity, which typically is is fueled by unemployment and the the challenges that young people are facing with with obtaining employment. So it isn't, in that way, specifically related to gun violence, the way that like a buyback program might be

Jo-Ena Bennett: Good evening, Senator Salazar. Would you please clarify for us your position on legalization of sex workers and particularly how it affects?

Senator Salazar: Sure. So there are two different terms that are often used when it comes to sex work or the the legal term that's used prostitution. One is legalization, which typically refers to officially creating an industry model that they have in Las Vegas, for example, or in red light districts. And then there is something called decriminalization, which just seeks to remove statutes from the Criminal Code that have criminal penalties for essential sex between adults that constitutes sex work, right like trading, trading sex or buying or selling sex. I do support the decriminalization of sex work. Well, I don't actually support creating an industry the way that you might with like the legalization of certain substances like marijuana, but I do support the decriminalization of sex work. And I think that in a community like Bushwick where we sometimes see community members engaging in sex work in public places, because it is criminalized to for example,

Jo-Ena Bennett: What was the difference between decriminalization and legalization? Can you help us with that?

Senator Salazar: Yes. So decriminalization would not create for example, like a permanent system, for people to engage in sex work that would just remove criminal penalties or the actual act of participating then in the sex industry, as consenting adults would not for example, remove criminal penalties for for trafficking for sex trafficking, which is distinct. We do believe that that should be a criminal offense right? for engaging in sex acts and public that is a criminal offence that should be that should be constituted with sex work is. You know, there are laws that say that you shouldn't do these kinds of things in a school zone. That, you know, decriminalizing sex work would not entail removing those criminal penalties. But instead it would just say that, that the trading asbestos consenting adults would be legal and would not target individuals for participating in the sex industry in that way. So for a neighborhood like Bushwick where you might see people who participate in the sex industry, in public places, if sex work were decriminalized the way that we've seen it in other localities we believe that I believe that it would make it so that people would be they would they would be able to more safely participate in this in in private residences, for example, because under the current law, one of the ways that sex work is criminalized is is that you can even engage in in, in your own home, right in a private residence. So a lot of people who are seeking to participate in industry or Yeah, who are seeking to participate in industry might be doing so in public, which is something that naturally a lot of members in Bushwick don't really don't really want to see. Or, you know, and understandably so, I really believe that, that the decriminalization of sex work would actually decrease the sort of public manifestations of the sex industry that that we sometimes see in Bushwick.

So just a follow up question is the homeowner, the homeowner gets a renter, the renter decides I'm going to be conducted to pay my rent, provide sex for money. How is that handled? You said it's decriminalized. This person is conducting a business for money. What rights does the homeowner have? What rights do the neighbors have? And how do the police proceed in a situation like that?

Senator Salazar: So for a homeowner who has a rental property who has it was a tenant? For like, let's say that I'm a tenant and I have a dog. A landlord can certainly refuse to rent to me or say in my lease that I'm not supposed to have a dog. And I know this might seem but I'll explain why this is related, right? If I were to reject that as a renter and get a dog, the dogs are not illegal, right? We all know that. But it would be a violation of my lease, and it would be completely within my landlord's rights to kick me out and say no, you agree not to not to do this in the property that I own where you live. And, you know, they would have every legal right to tell me not to do that. So similarly, yeah, I think that the owners. Were there other questions?

Barbara Jackson: I'm a little confused to question the young lady back. She's a homeowner and I rent the apartment when I rent the apartment. I didn't tell her this is what I do. On the side,

suddenly I'm going to do this. Now I have Willie. DEP tapping in and out my house. How was that gonna be legal? That's not safe. To be its own homeowner. I'm confused.

Senator Salazar: So I mentioned before trafficking was not something legal. And effects were being criminalized. But in addition to that, property owners have the ability to set up terms for what is and is and is not acceptable behavior from tenants to you know, to a reasonable degree and if a property owner says you know, you can't have guests, different guests all the time or you know but I think it's important to set those clear boundaries. As a property owner if you have a tenant and set those expectations, and that assignment those expectations need to be met.

Jo-Ena Bennett: Go ahead and use said to make the guidelines clear. I mean, can someone putting in their lease knows that's working on these premises? I mean, can they be that clear?  
Senator Salazar: I don't see why not.

Celeste: Okay, thank you. All right. Any other questions for the Senator? One other question.

Joshua Brown: While we're speaking about policy, can you speak on your stand some of us so Good Cause Eviction and law with especially this follow landlords won't suing Green family homes and that they can only cap their rent increase at 3%. We essentially make the whole market rent regulated market also is if a two family landlord has a month to month tenant, they would need to use

Celeste: It sounds like Josh got cut off. But I believe he got most of the question. I don't know if the Senator would like to just jump in and we'll see if he can hop back on.

Senator Salazar: I can respond to Joshua's question. So I'm the lead sponsor of The Good Cause Eviction. Bill Jewell, okay. No. Okay, go ahead, Josh.

Joshua Brown: I was gonna say in regards to the cause more of which were increases at 3% and also for two or three family home owners, they have to have a reason to attend. But you just speak on your stance with that because essentially, for those homeowners here and what's your one so many families, as if they have attended and inflation is currently 8% As of right now we increase the one 3% Could you just speak on your stance and just how to affect us smaller homes for the larger businesses and developers and it made sense but we essentially created a 3% cap for every single homeowner so I just wanted to address that in terms of clarity before anything.

Senator Salazar: Yes, definitely. So I'm happy to share the text of the legislation with everyone so you can see it. I'm the lead sponsor of this bill. The lupines eviction bill says that. First of all, I should clarify that there are exceptions to this bill. Like to good cause even applying one example is in an in an in an owner occupied home a two or three family home that where the homeowner lives in the home, Good Cause Eviction would not apply. Even in larger buildings like 12 units or less. If a homeowner were seeking to move into the property, then the Good Cause Eviction rule wouldn't apply because the eviction bill says that is for renting a car

properties that are not otherwise subject to any rent regulation at all, that the homeowner would have to have a good cause to evict. So the cause is enumerated in the bill. It means it could mean a nuisance for example, that, you know, a nuisance situation constitutes that cause to evict non payment of rent that the tenant in place agreed to pay that constitutes good cause to evict. When it comes to rent increases, it would create a rebuttable presumption, which legally means that you know, it could be contested in court that the property owner should not raise the rent by either 150% of the consumer price index which is inflation, the current rate of inflation or 3%. whichever is higher. So if Good Cause Eviction was on right now. For example, it would be one and a half times the current CPI, which I believe is pretty high right now. I think it's maybe eight or 9%. I would have to double check but it's high. We all know that inflation is high right now that the property owner would actually really be able to without any, you know, contest, they would be able to raise the rent pretty significantly. One and a half times 8% Gosh, that's what this is 12% and, again, it's a rebuttable presumption. So if the property owner had some kind of financial circumstances such as their property taxes increasing, they could say, No, you know, my property taxes have increased. I really need to raise the rent by 20% which I should add is really high. Right where I needed to raise it by 13%. Right? It might not sound like a lot, but that's a pretty substantial rent increase. You know, I think a lot of us probably wouldn't be able to afford to live where we do if we're renters. If we were subject to a 13% rent increase, we might just move or we try to negotiate with our landlord. But I do support. I do support the bill. And I want to make sure that everyone is informed and knows exactly what the bill would do and about the exceptions because the bill is really designed to not impact small business owners and people who live in the rental properties that they were renting to tenants. Thank you.

Mr. Camacho: Yes, thank you. I'm just a little confused. I think that some communities whoever maybe wouldn't want that kind of sex work or don't want a one. I'm just curious as to you know, before we create an environment where all the maintenance issues environment where they're going to create a bill to build is an engineer to give us input on what the bill is going to do to how's it going to hurt some of the people in the community or three, is it fair that we would have input either up or down or just an advisory in regards to creating a bill or doing something because we don't get information until after all these elected officials get together? And then we don't get any informing guides to higher vote. I think that all together is a claim you really need to work together because if you create a law, I think the community should know what's going on, and how it affects us and how it works. Because every community is different in some ways. Williamsburg got their own agenda when she got one measly look at Cypress Hill, even though we're all dealing with the same thing, different things that people want. I think sometimes we cater only to one person. People who have been in this community so long are the ones that suffer. And I say all the time that sometimes professors should come to the community or to say Listen, what do you think about this? This is what I wanted. This is what's penetrating, instead of just throwing something in their sense. And now all of a sudden, they're out there, doing the utility and then offer to get their hands tied. And guess what, only we got to do what's going on the scene or just like someone when they went to have fun and see the guys who make progress walking up and down the street when you know

Celeste: Mr. Camacho is frozen. Senator if you'd like to respond to some of the remarks he made before freezing.

Senator Salazar: Yeah, definitely. I absolutely think that elected officials, we, are accountable to all of the communities that we represent. And every single person here, everyone who lives in Bushwick. I want to hear your policy recommendations and I want to hear what you think about these issues. It's always important to me not just during community board meetings, but at all times. And yeah, I mean, frankly, I agree with that. I will say that, you know, I'm not interested in introducing legislation that is not informed by the people who who are impacted by the legislation right people who have have seen you know, the sex industry, in Bushwick posting what's a gun violence in Bushwick and who are affected by the real estate market or renters who are property owners? All of these voices need to be informing policy because it impacts all of us. So I agree with that.

Celeste: Thank you, Senator. Anyone else last call for questions for the senator going once going Oh, God.

You mentioned that people don't do it, we don't get it. Do we? Do we get a chance to know about the agenda? Or it happened so that we can be a part of it like is that something that's right for?

Senator Salazar: So, um, for one, I should mention that. Like, let's let's take the Good Cause Eviction bill, for example, since we were just talking about it. That bill was actually drafted directly by individuals who live in Bushwick. And we've lived in Bushwick for quite a long time. They were renters. It was drafted with members of the road, New York. Right. And, you know, that was just the drafting of legislation when it comes to the agenda in Albany. When we're in session, January through June, typically, often, unfortunately, I don't necessarily know the the agenda, we call it the active list until, you know, the day before or a couple of days before we're voting, but so it's much it's it's you know, one of the better ways for me to constantly communicate with the community is through hosting town halls and making myself and my office accessible and soliciting that input from from you all about policy, whether it's about you know, if it's about sex work, it's about housing, etc. But, yeah, absolutely. So I think there's more than one answer to the question.

But a lot of people that do learn these things from renters, but owners I mean, it's horrible. I mean, what we see firsthand, see the business firsthand, and children and much older people. Is this going to be in all communities? I mean, because yes, it is in Bushwick, but I mean, it's not going to be on Park Avenue in different places like that. Anyway, not least anymore. So what we mean, it's illegal for them to be in our yard on our property. Right. And we did.

Yeah, absolutely. You know, you have control over what's happening in your yard and on your property. Additionally, I should add that sex work is very much it's criminalized, and this is the any proposal to decriminalize sex work is not being brought up to a vote and you all would absolutely know if it were it's a controversial issue. And as it is right now, you know, there still is very much enforcement. In fact, Bushwick both Bucha and Annie's New York, previously, just a

few years ago had had the highest rates in the city of a West that were related to prostitution, the fear of being that their hands are tied that they can't really do anything about like sex. It's actually not legal. No, it's not, it's not legal.

Annette Spellen: I just have one question. Is there going to be a public hearing in reference to this topic? Because everyone in this neighborhood needs to know you need to voice your opinion. You say that renters in this neighborhood are interested in doing this.

Senator Salazar: Yes, okay. Yeah. So I should have had renters as the as an overview and I have not advocated for, for putting one way or the other for decriminalizing sex work. Just I just want to clarify that and but because eviction is completely separate bullets unrelated to sex work. And if there is support for a public meeting about sex work and the decriminalization and the impact on Bushwick, I would, I would absolutely support having a public meeting. about it. And we would be happy to do that.

Cassandra Leveille: Hey, I just have a follow up, which is more procedural and if folks want to help organize a public hearing. I guess this topic is a little like, no, the question of sex work is something that like a lot of folks in Bushwick feel really passionate about, and it is a controversial issue. If folks didn't want to organize a public hearing about things that they feel really passionate about, what was the process and like, or would that be something more that like, Community Board members or whatever?

Senator Salazar: Yeah, I think that it varies. So if we wanted to have a public meeting in Bushwick about the subject, I would love to work with you all with anyone who's interested in doing that, and we can just do it. We don't need the permission of the Senate to have an official legislative hearing. We do need the endorsement, I guess, of the New York State Senate that can sometimes be more challenging, because it's just subject to Senate leadership. Although if that's of interest, and I will say it's not always, sometimes legislative hearings are not necessarily accessible. They're technically accessible to the public, but often they're announced on short notice and difficult for people to testify. They're not always the superior option, but even if there's a desire to do that, instead, I would absolutely push for it and would recommend that together we, you know, maybe gather additional signatures can demonstrate popular support to Senate leadership to do it. But we don't even we don't need their permission to have a public hearing or a town hall that my office can hold. And I'm more than happy to do that. Especially if there's interest in doing that.

Cassandra: All right, thank you so much.

Mr. Camacho: for the point of travel kit case, and the community does have the right to exercise that right and make sure that what it is that we need to have a voice in and so that's under the city charter. So we do have a right as a board member in the city charter.

Felix Ceballos: Yeah. My name is Felix. I see a private company buy a building and fix it. Just put any price they want. That is illegal.

Senator Salazar: Yeah, unfortunately, it depends on the case. But unfortunately, if a let's say developer or private owner has a new rental property or they just purchased one, if it is not rent

regulated, then they do have the right to set the rent as high as they would like. And frankly, with legislation, such as the Good Cause Eviction Bill, what it would seek to do is ensure that the rents in a property like that could not just be you know, increased by an unreasonable amount on tenants who live there, but under current law, you know, they typically can but if there are cases that you know, of, where, for example, someone just came in and bought a property and they're trying to take out the tenants who are who are paying their rent, you know, or increase the rent by an enormous amount and people are at risk for that reason. I really want to know about it so that we can help and try to intervene in the situation so that people don't lose their homes. Thank you.

Celeste: All right. So we will have to wrap up now, folks, thank you so much, Senator for being here and answering these questions. We really appreciate it. And we welcome you to continue listening in on our meeting this evening. All right. So we will move on. Is Robert with us from DEP? Yeah, he's back on. All right. Audio is better, much better. Yes. Go ahead.

## **2) Robert Olivari, NYC Department of Environmental Protection Rainfall Ready Presentation (resumed)**

Okay, so I'm really grateful. The ready rainfall program was where we had sent out letters to residents and constituents in low lying areas in flood prone locations. We had this program in every borough in New York City. We did it over the weekend on a Saturday or Sunday. For Brooklyn, we did it at our waste treatment plant on the 26th ward off of flatlands Avenue. Through this program, we provided various inflatable barriers of different sizes along with the flippers who were provided sandbags that were donated to us via DLT and sanitation. We have just recently this past weekend wrapped up the pilot program. So next we're exploring how to do wider outreach to the community to provide these barriers to more residents and more constituents who want them. So we're looking to either partner with local elected officials similar to our rainbow program, or to do direct mailing to residents. We're still in the discussion phase about how we're going to move forward but that's essentially how the program operated in the constituents can receive through the program

Celeste: All right. Thank you. So I know this sounds like a lot of this is early but as DEP likely knows many of our residents and stakeholders in the neighborhood had been affected by extreme weather, and also by naturally occurring weather. Just this last week, we had rain that flooded a majority of Wilson Avenue. I knew our council members were on the ground. So I think the question here is how aligned are these efforts for rainfall ready with what's already occurring in neighborhoods like ours? And is there also alignment with other larger city efforts such as the stormwater resiliency plan, as well as the cloudburst management efforts?

Robert: Well, the idea of this program is to help residents protect their homes. See these barriers used to block off doorways, garages, you know, entryways that are susceptible to Overland flooding. So it's more of a trying to help homeowners protect themselves while the city does what is necessary to update the sewer system to take in the new reality of, you know, the storms that we experienced between superstorms which are happening with more and more



frequency and have higher than average rainfall that we were used to. The new average is higher than what was built to, to intake and manage flooding in the city. So there's gonna be a huge undertaking to change and update the sewer system, this new reality. So in the meantime, we're encouraging residents to protect their homes, either by getting a Backflow Preventer or climate for the app delete program which notifies residents to reduce their water usage tonight and date via a sewer system with more water than it's already taking into the storm. And this is a free program that we were able to actually provide real material to residents to use.

Celeste: If homeowners in Bushwick want to learn more how can they learn more about this program?

Robert: I'm reaching out to community work such as yourself or to local officials. They can try calling DEP itself. I'm not sure we have a page yet on our website that details this program, since it's still so brand new, essentially. But there will be wider information to the public as we proceed with this program at Alameda theater pilot.

Anne Guiney: Oh, yes. I'm just wondering, is this something that when the rain starts people need to deploy or can you give a little bit more information about it? Or you know, I think 80% of the people who live in Bushwick are renters or I don't know the exact numbers but it's a high ratio. So how can folks who are living in it because a lot of Bushwick is liable for flooding? Can you tell us a little bit more about that? And how to protect renters and not just like the whole community.

Robert: Well, this specific program is for properties itself not for you know wider street flooding, like I said before you deploy it before a rainstorm occurs. You actually fill it with water to inflate this barrier and then you place it along the frame of your door or garage door to prevent overland flooding from different people trading into the hole. So it's not really a solution to flooding for someone who's on like the ninth floor of a building per se, but some more on the ground level of like what when the water overflows the sewer system and is on the street and can get into a property and basement.

Is that yeah, like basement flooding. For example, can this prevent these from flooding?  
If it's a sewer backup?

Robert: No, that's more of a backflow preventer, it's more for overland flooding.

When you say overland flooding it that sounds like just just so that we all understand is that a technical term or what exactly does that mean? Is that like what is the street and it's overflowing onto the sidewalks and then up into people's property?

Robert: So it's for places that are above grade. So if we don't really work for basements, it's all above grade.

Desmonde Monroe: So a street level. Robert: Right. I guess it's more appropriate when you say street level flooding. So yeah, the basement issue is going to be a separate solution. And yeah, we recommend people to install a Backflow Preventer. But if you do install Backflow Preventer you understand that once that device is activated, yes it will prevent water from flowing back from the sewer system into your basement. But at the same time that means you also need to

limit the amount of water used within your home because it is blocking water from getting in. It's also blocking water from getting out. So most people get these devices they don't understand sometimes in the run like the dishwasher, the laundry machine stuff like that, and then they'll create their own personal sewer backup but for them means but it's the best way to protect against a combined sewer overflow or sewer backup into a basement. So, but this is from rain flow like obviously the hurricane either last year I whenever it was that. We saw the incredible street flooding. And I know and maybe Senator Salazar can speak to, is that some of the parts which are not in our community district but they're our friends and neighbors. They got hammered by flooding in that and parts of Bushwick got hammered in. What does this point mean is would you be able to tell us how this fits into a larger flood prevention program?

Robert: Well, as mentioned earlier, it's helped assist homeowners with protecting our homes while we work on trying to update the sewer system. So if it's an in as a means of helping homeowners to protect themselves it's not a silver bullet to solve flooding. This project and

Desmonde Monroe: I can speak to your question. Currently I'm working with Desmonde early on working with OEM ops and emergency management on their risk reduction and preparedness program for the whole city. So aside from the permits that he's talking about, there are studies about what you are talking about when it comes down to backflow valves. We're looking at how the city can, you know, cope with blocks and infrastructures of a larger program actually happening? It just hasn't been checked. Parts of it are being announced one by one and we're actually working through the whole program. So they are doing a big rollout and if you have the money it's great to see through CBDG and it's all coming into larger studies that are actually going to start right now. They're actually releasing task orders for floodplain studies in Bushwick, in Queens. So you're going to see after studies are collected, and you're going to see the initiative behind the studies that we check to get the data first.

Celeste: We have our Council Member with us this evening, as well. Council Member Nurse has a question.

Council Member Nurse: Thank you. Good evening, everyone. And thanks to DEP for sharing this and CB4 for organizing this conversation. It's really important and timely. And I know we had a city council hearing where the commissioner shared really really in depth detail about the amount of money that you all are well resourced to move these capital projects forward but they will take time. One of the questions we had and some of the things that are coming up from folks coming to our office with damages is that these are now you know these flash floods these cloudbursts are now happening in places that homeowners weren't asked to have flood insurance because these weren't previous loans. I don't know if that was mentioned before but that's just something that if you are impacted or if you're in kind of the dip in Bushwick or it's coming from you know Central and you're hitting Wilson and Knickerbocker. Those are places where flood insurance may or may not be something to consider. Because as of right now, if you don't have that you're kind of really on your own. City really hasn't had much to offer. And so and I also know that the city had just basically denied a bunch of claims from folks from last year. So there really isn't going to be some financial support at the moment and I really

encourage folks to consider that additional cost unfortunately. But thank you so much for presenting us but if you do have anything you want to offer to the folks tonight about folks who may have claims for this new type of situation that's happening more regularly, it would be great to hear any progress on that front.

Robert: Yes, so when a constituent files a claim for damages that are received or been caused by a failure or neglect by the city of New York, it goes to the city's comptroller's office. To review and to respond to whether they're going to deny it or to get financial payout. I believe the controller had ruled this as kind of like an act of God type of deal. Where, you know, it wasn't a failure of the city infrastructure since it was a storm that exceeded what was designed for. So it's really between, you know, the constituents, our elected officials and the controller who was also elected official on why he denied all those claims. Unfortunately, we're not able to get payouts, it's all through the comptroller's office.

Mr. Camacho: That's fine and dandy, but say that to someone that's been living in their home for 60, 70 years, and all of a sudden Bushwick was in a flooded area, and he was entitled to get fired. So learn how to send us all this stuff. And you see these corporate developers coming and knocking down one or two family homes so you can see that these things will occur because the city is not doing what they have to do. Sometimes they don't train the soldiers the way they're supposed to when it's going to storm very bad. And they said it wasn't. I didn't know what mechanism to add. I'm gonna add that they're not cleaned on a regular basis. Because clean and sometimes that to create better. And I also want to take a second you know, because I was out there with her I remember seeing these people actually crime people that bought homes. So the city needs to be responsible for the city, because right then you are getting more and more people playing all the time in one way so yes, why responsible for that?

Robert: Yes, we are different types of people. So you need to step up your game, and I hope all of you are going to do that. Make sure they've been compensated. We know that there is rather than you know what.

Celeste: Thank you Mr. Camacho. I see a few more questions. I just also want to be mindful of time. So it's about to be seven. I know we have more folks for this public hearing item and we're going to honor them in a stack. I see Cassandra, I see Desmonde and then I know we have a homeowner that's on as well. Just want to do a time check respectfully.

Mr. Camacho: I just wanted to let them know also how going they just wasted all that money are all those ways to get money back again, when you don't have that insurance. Celeste: Thank you, Mr. Camacho.

Anne: I think Cassandra put in the chat. She had to step away for a moment.

Desmonde: Yeah. My question is to Sandy, maybe they can help. So if in the areas of district where they're no longer there and billing insurance options, especially covered by the NFIP, the National Flood Insurance Policy. Usually what happens during that period is like a buyout and acquisition if there can't be substantial rehabilitation or potential mitigation efforts that you made to the property. Is that going to be an option for people within the city? I know we did it in Staten

Island. We did a huge buy up and acquisition program to the mayor's office and to the governor's office. Is the same thing going to happen in Bushwick community or other communities that are susceptible to flooding but won't be covered by the NFIP?

CM Nurse: It's a great question. So I'm talking about for this current round of funding or from the last round because they're currently moving forward. I mean, they can't be covered through insurance. They're going to be constantly inundated with damages.

Desmonde: So what happens in the property to buy out an acquisition and they no longer build there or what do we do?

CM Nurse: Yeah, so for folks who did claims last year, a lot of claims were dismissed, as I mentioned, occupy the comptroller because of the quote unquote, natural disaster act of God. But these are now a recurring situation, we need to update what it means that the sewer system is failing. That's a longer term process. My understanding is a lot of female folks who applied for FEMA support also didn't get a lot of stuff. People are still in the process of trying to reclaim funds. So it's a bit messy in terms of this round, the places that got hit, you know, some of these homeowners that got hit are not in flood zones so they don't have flood insurance. So it's not clear yet what FEMA can do. For them based on the conversations we've been having with them as they're filing these applications. And as they're trying to get intake in the process. We're not really sure what's being sent to them yet. So we'll stay following along and we'll definitely keep reporting back but this is something that this community really needs to be organized around because it's going to be continuing to hit here. And just to clarify, DPW has done a lot of work in the infrastructure here, permeable asphalt, parking lots and tons of rain gardens, specifically in this area. And just a couple of months ago, they did a big storm water basin catchment cleaning along Knickerbocker. I was literally there with the trucks. So they are doing things but these are big capital projects, and they take a lot of time. And right now the climate crisis is happening faster than our city can catch up both from an infrastructure level and a regulatory environment. So this community in particular, I hope we can really keep this conversation going with all the elected officials and Community Board 4 around how we are going to make sure that our homeowners, our public housing, and residents are protected from the impacts that we are again seeing just one year later. From hurricane Ida. And we can anticipate that maybe happening later this hurricane season and moving forward. But I will definitely follow back up with something a little more concrete for you.

Desmonde Monroe: Thank you. I just want to know is there a process of free with the process of designating those areas to flood zones, flood zones? I know that has to go through the city a fair way. You guys are working to do that.

CM Nurse: I'm not aware of any efforts at this moment. Maybe the person from the DEP can highlight it. They know of any conversations that are happening between DEP and different parts of city agencies. But it's definitely something that the new flood maps that DEP had I know showed parts of Bushwick having recurring flooding, so in terms of has that changed, what is designated a flood zone and what that and how that relates to your insurance and your insurance rates? Maybe up to give a little more insight on that if you have any updates. Okay, thank you.

Robert: Um, yes, we have deer maps. I'm not sure how it's gonna relate to insurers being willing to provide that coverage to people when those new in those inland flood zones from what I understand. Most insurers consider flood zones to be more coastal locations, rather than inland locations but as it is revealed, even inland inland locations especially low long in-land locations are susceptible to flooding from moderate to heavy rainstorms to, you know, full blown hurricanes. So I'm not sure what the process is for what they find acceptable exactly to provide their coverage. But definitely, I can at least ask about to see what our involvement is in regarding that, but it's also I think, a question for insurers as well and what they would consider, you know, appropriate locations to give coverage.

Celeste: Thank you. I know we have a homeowner that's been waiting patiently. You should be able to ask your question momentarily.

La'Treall Maddox: Hi, yes, this is La'Treall Maddox. I live on Wilson Avenue, and I'm a new home owner. New to this area. As of May of this year. I would like to understand you know, how do home owners actually get some of these rain basin installations? The permeable concrete projects what's being done to facilitate long term strategies? Centered around remediating some of this water risk.

Robert: Alright, so that's kind of a two part answer then. So for the green infrastructure. You will basically be put forward by the community especially through local elected officials and community boards. But it has to go through a process I was testing the soil to make sure the soil underneath the ground underneath the concrete were going to install this infrastructure is permeable enough to make it worthwhile to install green infrastructure these locations like for example, Staten Island is mostly clay. So therefore there is almost no green infrastructure all we have as the blue belt where we use natural existing water bodies to drain storm runoff because it's also a second sewer system. Coney Island isn't getting any green infrastructure because their water cable is so high where the water would even drain through this green infrastructure. So if you propose locations to us we're more than happy to see if they're viable.

Oh, how do homeowners facilitate making those proposals? And then my secondary question is, you know, most of my neighbors are just learning from me. I'm new to the area and in the past six days, I've learned that through DEP protection through your water bill, there is insurance for sewage line cleaning, and or repair as well as water line. And there were a ton of routes in my sewage line that no one was aware of.

Robert: So to facilitate the request for readable structure has to go through your community board or local elected officials. The insurance program that you're speaking of a property already signed up for, specifically we don't automatically provide it to someone's property. And water resources is a private insurance company that has a contract with the City of New York to offer coverage for damage, not not cleaning with damage of sewer lines and service lines. And if you would be at a reduced rate compared to their normal rate of coverage, and it's included as part of the water bill, but the property owner needs to apply for that insurance first. It's not automatically applied to every property.

Yeah, it wasn't even offered to me when I signed up. So obviously I don't qualify for that for another 30 days. Because I just signed up for it last week. So you're saying that basically on top of this constituency here, like just generally like what do I do email How to Learn petitions to ask for rain basin installation in particular areas.

Celeste: So I may be able to help answer that. This is Celeste Leon, the district manager of the community board, you're more than welcome to contact us directly. I believe we've been emailing already. So you can always for anyone our email address is [bk04@cb.nyc.gov](mailto:bk04@cb.nyc.gov). Our phone number is 718-628-8400.

Thank you so much, Celeste.

Celeste: All right. You're welcome. And I believe that covers it for this public hearing item. This is our last call for any questions is the chat window with a chat. Question from Cassandra.

Cassandra: Hi. So you could ask has any updates on? Do I have any updates on how the sewer system will be upgraded?

Robert: So the way we go about okay, let me break this down as best I can. So, when we realize that we need to do an upgrade to a sewer system, we track what's called a drainage plan. The drainage plan is essentially the blueprint of how we want the water to flow out of the community to the outfalls and into the water bodies to release flooding. And then from there, we get to DEP design construction as a capital project. Their engineers make the actual blueprints, and then from there they hire the contractors to do the actual physical labor of installing sewers. Now, at the moment, we're in the process of revising all of our drainage plans to tackle this new reality that we're in. So basically, we're in the front running phase of trying to find out, to determine the best way to improve drainage in New York City. So right now we're working on all of our drainage plans, revising all of them and realizing that the past normal is no longer than normal anymore, and that these new training plans need to be done ASAP and these projects can be done ASAP. But as mentioned by the council member, it is a process. It does take time. And it's also you know, we have to work in conjunction with the Department of Design and Construction with their availability projects as well. We're not the only agency that uses them for capital projects. But um, essentially we're revising our whole strategies is what we've been doing.

Cassandra: What's like the actual like instrument or structural fixes like, that need to be done and so will you be able to briefly explain?

Robert: So essentially the most layman's terms what it is, is that stores need to be upside to mean they need to be a bigger size. Most of the posters were built for what was considered, you know, the average rainfall when they were built and keep in mind they were initially built like decades ago, decades ago. So it didn't take into account climate change because you know, back in the 50s, 40s, whatever they didn't even have that conception really. So essentially most of our sewers are built separately; the main main separate trunk major turn larger, but most average sewers are built to accommodate one and a half to one point 75 inches of rainwater per hour. Now rainfall even on just a regular day, or even worse, its power to succeed. So essentially what is needed done to the infrastructure just to make the pipes that's the most basic way I can phrase

Cassandra: That was excellent. I understood that. Thank you for answering that question, just for like being available for this portion of the board hearing about this issue because as you would know, like it is something that is affecting Bushwick residents right now, we really appreciate that.

Robert: Oh, yes, affecting everybody. Every, every borough at this point. Now it is a scary reality, but I'm glad we're able to have these conversations to hear out what the community's concerns are and try to answer the questions as best we can. And I appreciate you having me here. I think this is actually my second meeting with this community board. You know, I don't cover you guys normally. I think I made noise over the business owners in certain neighborhoods. And unfortunately, it's been there's been a lot of meetings. So but thank you. Thank you for having me. Appreciate it.

Celeste: Thank you so much. And that will conclude this public hearing item. We're happy to have this conversation this evening. We do have one other public hearing item and I know we have our council members here. I just want to check first is anyone from the 83 precinct NCO program on Zoom? I spoke with the NCO Sergeant before just to provide a brief overview of the program you were hoping to meet or to know who the officers are. So any information you could provide would be great.

### **1) 83 Precinct Neighborhood Coordination Officer (NCO) Program Overview**

Captain Claxton: I'm so sorry. I wasn't aware that I don't have anyone here in attendance with me. I mean, before without any further let me just say I want to thank everybody last night we had the council, person, person, person person three COVID. It was a great turnout. And I look forward to the last one I also just want to send to the press to and well wishes to our committee and council president as Barbara Smith was pretty sure she was here with us in spirit. Also, I want to send greetings from our commanding officer, Deputy Inspector Alexandra Sarubbi. She had another engagement so she wasn't able to log on tonight. And I also want to take a quick moment to just thank your chair, obviously before Barbara Mr. Barbara Camacho, but having conversations with normal frequent conversation the President in his present you actually miss the camaraderie so he says that I bought when it comes to police community engagement and relationship, police community engagement and relationship with the police department. Many of you may or may not know that he comes here. He expresses his concern with our efforts. Most often with frightening passion. And it's always apparent how much he cared for wishes and to be fully transparent. We do appreciate our conversation with him and his tribe because it just pushes all of us to want to be better than anxious and matches energy in our police engagement. Community engagement wasn't an average. So with the NCO program, I'll give an overview of the direction partners. Since the introduction of neighborhood policing, the role of our neighborhood coordination officers have continually evolved to meet the emerging needs of the department. I'll just like to clarify the history of my department's current operational expectations of neighborhood coordination officers and those assigned to the eighth precinct. The neighborhood admission officers primary responsibility is to actively patrol this sector with the goal of identifying and addressing crime and quality of life issues to problem solving and enforcement efforts where appropriate. This includes identification of large parties that bike dirt,

bike ride outs, shooter locations, shots by robbery conditions and various other major street related crimes and conditions. All NCOs should be familiar with everyone located inside the development family and any product locations. Our NCOs should also respond to all major incidents within the sector's during the tour to assist with preliminary investigation, and gather intelligence and share nations. Our installations serve as a department resource in any situation that will benefit the geographical expertise for example, Assistant investigative units like other detective squads, and identification of perpetrators and serious crimes. So throughout this over the summer, you know, I've personally reached out to our community partners. They reached out to me and mean we utilize our Instagrams. So quickly we had several backpack giveaways. We had a representative from the Assemblywoman's office, and we worked with them with anything they needed.

However, now the department, in terms of SEO engagement with the community, the department wants all NCOs to engage with a goal of identifying and addressing crime and quality of life issues. Time spent in the form of community engagement should marginally correlate with ongoing community complaints and conditions in various sectors. For example, community business, the bodegas that address commercial robberies, meetings, good attendance of problematic buildings, note things of that nature, including, I mean, they also need to identify the quality of chronic conditions and developing solutions. That should continue to be the main focus of them a lot of things we improve on our host our building block meetings online. I encourage everyone in Sweden for and constituents to just let the community know to attend these Bilderberg meetings. We have a lot on the site and posted on our Facebook page where we have these meetings just a new way to answer incidents from increasing so it can further give us what they see because we can't be everywhere at once, right? We need to help a community but that's that's really what we use our NCOs for right now in the direction that we're going turns a bit towards the towards when scheduling towards which should correspond with crying and lucky and light issues in their respective sectors. And that's the direction to move on with that.

Celeste: Thank you, Captain. We really appreciate that and your kind words about Mr. Camacho. I think I speak for everyone when I say his enthusiasm for what he does inspires everyone within this neighborhood, myself included. So I don't know if there are any questions, board members.

Mr. Camacho: I have to set a price and quantity because you know, we never had the campaign notch it's a default price. And he came over and he did the best he could. And we want to thank him and I want to thank him though he was in there only to become the big me because he didn't have the time. He did the work and I just want to thank you. He was always there for us and I know he was out there as part of my report when I get this when it rains I agree. It was hands up arguing. And guess what they sat me down and said oh, we have to get together and do the right thing. We're not saying any of the things I want to say at the end. I also have to do what I'm going to be knowing so I want to say that I know we got good news, and anyone that I'm even does anything wrong. I know we can take care of, we know how to take care of our people and like any one of these elected officials when they implored me and we go back so we



got to take care of it. So that's what I'm doing. That's what I'm going to divide into. Thank you. I'm sorry it's taken a bit more time. I got a full night.

No problem. All right, we have I see another hand was that Zuma?

Zulma Novoa: Yes, fine. Good evening. First of all, I hope a bunch is attending the community or reading in Coney Island Z. And I want to thank Ken for speaking. I do have my question. Is reference to the quality of life. How do we go about reporting this is just brought to my attention. If somebody's selling vehicles for using it as a sidewalk as his personal lot to sell a used vehicle. How do you go about reporting that?

Captain Claxton: So? So we do have everyone who has had access to one system or one and we just inform them through one system of when you went into terms of illegally parked vehicles. It's not registered, no inspection sticker. We do come by. We'll bring the investigation and we'll move something to that vehicle. That vehicle has multiple summonses and will always be at the top of the tree. But that's the best way I mentioned to combat conditioning. As I say everyone should have a good relationship with the neighborhood coordination officers. They are assigned to a particular sector and they will be able to further address issues or maybe just a son of a son to be able to.

Zulma: Okay, great. I appreciate that. Then I'll go through the community board to find out who is the assigned officer where I live.

Celeste: Thank you for asking that question. All right, any other questions? Anything in the chat? All right, seeing none. Thank you so much, Captain. We'll go ahead and we'll wrap up this public hearing item and note and we'll get down to the report from the precinct a little bit later. So before we do that, I do want to give our Council Member a chance to speak.

**Council Member Sandy Nurse:**

I think everyone I'll be very, very short because I know these can go so long. Council Member Sandy Nurse, I just want to give my office address and our phone number. We're at 1945 Broadway behind Broadway junction next to the tombstones where no one comes to us. We're trying to do it but in the meantime, come visit us. We work remotely on Mondays. So just three things to keep in mind. One I want well, one I want to thank CB for leadership, Celeste and Mr. Camacho. Especially with support on collaborating to support the 41 folks who were displaced by the four alarm fire on Halsey the other night last week. Yeah, five households were impacted. The same night there was flooding damage. So I want to thank Mr Camacho for hanging out with me till 11:30pm at night going to check up on folks who had flash flooding one woman or the windows broke in her basement apartment and she just got out in time so it was very quick. And I'm glad that DEP was here to provide a little more information but we have a long way to go. The second thing I want to announce is we have a new community organizer for the Bushwick side that's a friend who has been around for a long time, has been a friend to see before and has come to see before for a long time. So she's going to be taking care of our Bushwick side so please get to know her and you'll see her face around. The third thing I wanted to announce is or just to put on everyone's radar. I know many people are hearing about

the asylum seekers that are coming to or being bused and being used as political football and being bussed to New York City folks are coming with nothing, you know, the clothes on their back rent, you know, days old babies. It's very, it's literally a humanitarian crisis that's happening here in New York City. 11,000 people have been bussed here. And so if you're meeting folks if you're meeting folks who may have just arrived, please send them to our office and let us know we want to be able to provide support. We want to be able to help organizations. I know our shelters are feeling a lot of strain. We want to be able to help out with people with clothing and just get them in a place where they're able to navigate and know that they have an office here to connect with. So reach out to us. We want to help. And the third thing I want to announce is that this year we're going to be doing participatory budgeting, which I'm really excited to do. And it's the first time I think this district has done it. If I'm correct. So it's new. And we really like to work with you all you have ideas right now there's a for those people know what participatory budgeting is, is the 32nd line is it's basically we're offering 1 million of our \$5 million dollar capital budget that as a council member, we get to decide what we invest in a million of that gets determined by you all. So we're really excited to have your ideas, all of your ideas. There's an actual idea of map online but you can send that out to all to get started already. People have a lot of conversations going on about the dog right in Irving Park. So there's already people talking so please participate in those conversations, but bring your ideas and we're going to be looking forward to doing some joint assembly some gathering joint gatherings with Council Member Jen Gutierrez because their district has done this for many years so we're excited to learn and collaborate with councilmember Gutierrez his office and try this out here and we're excited so say hello fan when you on your way out and show me around and get to know her and we've come by our office again. And we're looking forward to seeing what ideas you all have and to see if we get some cool stuff going on. Thank you so much.

Celeste: Thank you, Council Member.

Mr. Camacho: Yes. I want to thank you and Jessica Franco out there. I see her on there. I want to thank you guys because, you know, I felt so bad for those people because you know people that were burned out. That's why anyone, anyone. It is a sad thing to see those people and these women and these kids have no way. We're family and we got to support them and help them so I know. I said we just came from the senator's office. I know we can say we can. I don't know what's going to happen. Those will help bring them back. I don't know. I don't know if they can be more mercury. How's that? Oh, got to keep up with people. We got to do something. I don't know what it is. all get together. When our board members come to the government make sure we take care of the people that are here. I don't know what we can do. But we've been getting a lot of five anyone who were compatible with the government. I just want to thank them and I just got involved with you that was there all day and I'm trying to just give them a hug and let them run assured that you know, we understand we really don't you know just give them free numbers anyway

Celeste: It looks like Mr. Camacho may have frozen again, but the point has been finished Thank you Mr. Camacho in our class member wanted to respond that just

CM Nurse: Just one other thing. We've been working with Celeste for a while to get a citizens pruner tree course going. So we're doing that. Please reach out to us. I will find the dates and send them to us. You can post in the chat before the end of this meeting. Please sign up. I think it's a small fee like a \$15 class. But you know the Parks, the pruner for the parks department. The contractor is under investigation from the FBI. So our trees are not getting ruined for a long time. So this class is gonna be really instrumental in taking action to take care of our own dreams and the more of us who know this skill, the better we can we can really support ourselves and take action because I don't know when this is going to be resolved. So Tuesday class is for Tuesday's for two hours and one class where you have to go out actually oh the classes are for Tuesdays is two hours 5:30pm to 7:30pm at Bushwick Library on Irving.

Barbara Jackson: My question is do you have to go to all four classes? And then they have one outdoor class and know what you know when you go to the first class where you're gonna go ask me pruning the tree and it's only \$15 or \$15. Anything else on Tuesday takes class.

Celeste: So we'll share the information again just to make sure we have all the details correct. So it was in the newsletter in case anyone received the newsletter for this month below. We circulate it and if anyone has questions, feel free to contact the board's office or council member nurses office and this starts next Tuesday. So do it now, register now.

Anne Guiney: For those who are going to be attending the housing and land use committee meeting next Tuesday. Is there some way we could attend to become a tree pruning person, but also miss one class or they come later on?

Celeste: So I had the same question and then I actually asked Kim if she could cover housing since I was gonna have to be there. But let's talk offline. See, I know I talk offline and see what we can figure out.

CM Nurse: There's another one in the spring. Celeste: All right. So we'll follow up on this online but great to see some enthusiasm and a big thing, even Council Member Nurse for making this happen. All right. I think that covers all our questions. Nothing in the chat.

Kim: There was Ms. Hicks asked since there are no holds barred on construction, can this council term revisit zoning laws?

CM Nurse: So basically since right now we're seeing a lot of concern. I understand the question. So basically because the neighborhood had seen a lot of out of character construction because of the current zoning, when are we going to revisit that? That is a phenomenal question. I'm glad it's been asked. The housing and land use committee for the community board is meeting next Tuesday. We're gonna have some updates both there and also a little bit later at this meeting since it's been discussed, you know, by the board's executive body, so that you know, we we right now it's unclear what will come next in terms of rezoning however, we have been reviewing it for the past year under the umbrella of district needs. Some folks may remember the Bushwick Community Plan. Each committee of the board reviewed the relevant section from that plan and we are scheduled at some point within the next few months. To connect with city planning to talk about what's realistic. We've also had meetings with both council members to get a better sense

of what may happen as everyone knows we have a new mayor, a new administration, so that means there's going to be some type of new housing plan. And right now they're figuring that all out will absolutely keep everyone posted and I encourage you to get more involved. With the housing and land use committee for the details. All right, any other questions? Seeing none, we will go ahead and close our public hearing for this evening. Thank you everyone for participating. And we will go right into our regular meeting. Hopefully we'll be able to keep moving. I know we are a little bit pressed for time, but we thank everyone for being here including our elected officials. You help make the most out of these meetings.

### **Regular Meeting:**

#### **1) First Roll Call**

So board members, be ready. I'm going to start with the first roll call.

Board members in attendance: Isa Abney, Stephanie Anderson, Jo-Ena Bennett, Joshua Brown, Rawle Brown, Robert Camacho, Melissa Carrera, Felix Ceballos, Elvena Davis, James Fitzgerald, Joanna Fuentes, Christopher Graham, Anne Guiney, Jose Guzman, Hadiyah Harrison, Tanesha Honeygan, Barbara Jackson, Virgie Jones, Luisa Jose-Olea, Nicolas Kaplan, Cassandra Leveille, Desmonde Monroe, Zulma Novoa, Raul Rubio, Eliseo Ruiz, Milagros Sandoval, Vernedeaner Shell, Maria Soler, Dustin Sonneborn, Annette Spellin, James Steward, Benjamin Tocker, Jerry Valentin, Tashawna Wade, Carlotta Williams

Excused: Freddy Fowler, Mary McClellan, Imini Mitchell, Acire Polight, Barbara Smith

Absent: Grace Aytes, Andrew Choi, Cheryl Jones, Kweighbaye Kotee, Samy Nemir, Kyle O'Rourke, Gladys Puglla, Leo Tineo

35 board members present. That constitutes a quorum. Thank you, everyone.

#### **2) Acceptance of the Agenda**

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

#### **3) Acceptance of the Previous Meeting Minutes**

Celeste asked for a motion to table as she is still catching up on everything after returning from medical leave.

Mr. Camacho made a motion to table the acceptance of the previous meeting minutes. It was seconded by Annette Spellin. All were in favor, so moved.

#### **4) Chairperson's Report**

Mr. Camacho provided an overview of all the meetings, events, and activities he attended after the June board meeting to the present.

Celeste: Thank you. Mr. Camacho. There's a silent round of applause. All right. Any questions for Mr. Camacho? All right, going on.

Joanna Fuentes mentioned one event Mr. Camacho missed.

Celeste: The Family Fun Day. I'm glad we got that in there too. So everybody knows. Okay, so if there are no questions, we're gonna thank Mr. Camacho. I will elaborate on some of the things he mentioned a little bit later in my report, but I'll keep us moving right along with the agenda. And we have our **introduction of elected officials and representatives** for those that have yet to speak. Please raise your hand so we know that you're here if you're participating remotely. And this will also play as we all will add our agency representatives and community based organization representatives together just to save us some time. So introduction only name, contact information for our elected officials and representatives, agency representatives or community based organizations.

Evette Lopez, Assemblywoman Maritza Davila's office

Thank you, Celeste. I just quickly wanted to thank CB4 for always being proactive in the community and addressing people's concerns. You guys are amazing and we appreciate you so much. So I just wanted to point that out. My name is Evette Lopez. I'm the Communications Director for Assemblywoman Maritza Davila. And we are located at 249 Wilson Avenue. We're open Monday through Friday from 9am to 5pm and can be reached at 718-443-1205. Thank you.

Juan Mayancela, Council Member Jennifer Gutierrez's office

Juan Mayancela, the organizer for Council Member Jennifer Gutierrez. Our office is located at 244 Union Avenue. Our phone number is 718-963-3141. Thank you.

Jonathan Pomboza, District Attorney Eric Gonzalez's office

Hello, good evening everyone. My name is Jonathan Pomboza. I bring greetings from District Attorney Eric Gonzalez. Our offices are located at 350 Jay Street and our phone numbers are 718-250-2340. I can also be reached directly at my office line 718-250-2817. Thank you and happy Hispanic Heritage Month.

Evelyn Cruz, Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez's office

Hi, Celeste. I'm glad to hear you're doing better and I can hear you loud and clear. I want to say hello to the chairman, our elected officials, and our board members. I've been on vacation for about two weeks and catching up with everything we want to know. So the office is at 266 Broadway and I'm the district director for Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez. The phone number is 718-599-3658. I hope you all had a great summer. I've been on the phone. I've been listening since the beginning of the meeting. And I'm going to jump off because I need to go elsewhere. But I wanted to say something if I can to the conversation about the flooding. That has been a critical concern for the congresswoman. As you know the infrastructure bill passed and was signed into law in December of 2021. The Congresswoman penned a letter to the Governor hopeful with the priorities having to do one of them be a good trick community rather than push

it over the flooding issue. We continue to revisit that. I spoke with Jessica Franco who works with our Senator, distinguished senator and we were discussing the city that come on to talk about it. It's important to get our city agencies to really start cleaning up our drains and our old storm catch basins throughout our district. It is critical. There is over there is over this trillions of dollars that have been allocated for a lot of this work. And we will continue to monitor the other pieces we are going to be organizing a town hall with the SBA and insurance industry. So we're going to be doing this collectively with our elected officials in about two weeks. So we'll keep you posted on location with thinking either virtually or when I'm working with one that identifies but it is important because Fiona really injured a lot of our homeowners, a lot of our businesses. So we've been tracking that throughout our entire district. So I just wanted to share that. Thank you.

Carlos Calzadilla, State Senator Julia Salazar's office

I'm here with our great Senator and just want to say hi to everyone, with whoever I know that ever went to Evergreen. I'm the Director of Community Relations. So it's 786709476 Thank you.

Celeste: So I don't see any other hands. Nothing is in the chat. We'll keep moving on now.

### **83 Precinct Report - Captain Claxton**

In terms of our law enforcement department, it has increased by 4.8%. In 2021 versus 2024 497 versus 40 289. The data, as of September 4 2022, gunners have increased one 2%. Our stocks have declined by 98.7% in the year 2021 versus 2011 91 99,100 and well versus 684,330. Get a date. As the symbol for our stops have increased about 80% to about 10,240 versus 5435. In terms of our use of force in 2000 Wanting to pop in 2001. Our members responded to almost six point 5,000,009 on one assignment, an increase of more than 4% in 2020. As a result of these assignments force was used about point 1% of time and \$2 put more calls involving weapons total 71,971 which is a 3% increase in 2022. Data 21 force will use 2.9% of the time during the rest and use approximately 1% of the time during encounters with persons in crisis. Moving on to training in the department all your uniformed members receive de escalation, cultural awareness actor by standard shirt for law enforcement. It's called Abel training, and it plays implicit bias training. civilian employees have also begun implicit bias training as well. The department has completed training for over 34,000 of his uniformed members and investigative encounters. That training is under the federal monitor. terms of accountability in this discipline. 91% of our uniformed members have never faced a disciplinary chart joining nearly 830 8% of our active uniformed members have never received a CCRB complaint. Nearly 80% of our active uniformed members do not have a single substantiated. CCRB complaint complaints received by CCRB has declined by 55.5% in 2001 versus 2006 The numbers 30 409 versus 7663. So what does it mean in the 83 precinct of specifics? In crime what up and a few of our major indexes kind of Rose robberies we up to the 28 day period 31 versus a 16 increase in length. So we have been seeing an increase in street related robbery robberies, and particularly emanating from our Heckscher playground Sector Boy and we simply develop and we recently developed a pattern where we have affected the arrests of two miners that have committed these acts. Just as I alluded to in our community council meeting last month, I want all the community members and residents to be investors to rest assured that we have an excellent

detective squad in third increasingly important group job canvassing, we deal with it in perpetrators for our apprehension by our patrol officers. So know that we haven't gotten already. We're well on our way along as assaults we have seen mostly domestic violence related assaults that we want versus 25. An increase in unemployment said we are down in burglaries 12.5% and see a 5.6 decrease in rent last one versus 54 for the 20 day comparison. ran last year. We are up 23 versus 14 and increasing 64% Many are happening restoring motorcycles in the area. I encourage everyone who has a motorcycle or moped. Don't just leave it outside. Within an incredible edge with these lock it up in chains make it very difficult for perpetrators it's great still, you know a motorcycle Tober October index crime the energy system behind reported which is up from 134 Last year an increase of about 21% piles up and so Rs So we've affected we've affected 174 arrests for the period versus 111. That's an increase of about 55%. I'll just move on. I'll keep moving. I'll talk a little bit about practicing. In the 28th period we live down in all of our statistical categories regarding collisions with data collisions 147 versus 520. Day compared to last year, a decrease of 85% year to date. We are also down 12 125 versus 190. But we will also be down in production and collision six versus seven in total 14%. We get down in the bicycle collisions eight versus 16 and decrease of 50%. I like to attribute the downward trend in collisions to our many initiatives. In traffic safety in particular. The legal mode, mopeds and street motorcycles had initiatives regarding those on Sunday, September 11. We confiscated a total of 10 Illegal mopeds issued 52 summers in the biking moped related violation because this was so successful that we had two more initiatives Sunday and Monday, this past Monday as I'm reminded when combined with obfuscating 17 more legal bites, what motivates an issue behind your moving violations. We also do a lot of checkpoints to toggle these opportunities and of course we also advocate given fires and coping motors. We also did a joint international campaign on Wyckoff Michael Jackson the Troutman with Mr. Wallace, Department of Transportation educated, he bites and moped motorists of pedestrian safety along the Wyckoff corridor, broadening our enforcement on hazardous substances such as disobeying signs. See plating involves cell phones, leading red lights and proper returns to yield the right away pedestrian. We have a total of 647 summons issued versus last year 298 which is an increase of 354 before or 121% increase, but it's only a period issue on total voice 4640 for the year to date, which we see an increase of 96% from last year.

Thank you. Questions?

Celeste: Are there any questions from the board members? I don't see anything. There anything in the chat? All right. I just want to say thank you and provide some information to the community. So often the board's office will get calls about a lot of different issues in the neighborhood. And the captain mentioned one example of how we work together to coordinate inter agency response. So when folks are calling us and saying there are e bikes all over my block, you know, there are people that are disregarding traffic laws. You know, our first step is to notify the precinct and then sometimes they say if we need education, we invite the Department of Transportation to work with us to make sure they can get the word out. So in this instance, they were able to do that on Wyckoff Avenue. And I know earlier in the year, they were also able to do this on Bushwick Avenue and Broadway. So thank you, Catherine, for those efforts in the update. All right. Last call. There, we'll see anything we'll keep moving on. And I believe that concludes our chairperson's report. So we will go right into my report.

## 5) District Manager's Report

Celeste: I just want to start off by saying good evening, everyone and Happy belated Labor Day. Happy Hispanic Heritage Month. This is a very busy time of year. The board is officially back from summer recess. It is also the board's budget season and what that means is as Mr. Camacho mentioned, we've had two days of meetings from 9am to 5pm with various agencies where we hear on a borough level, what their plans are, how they review our district needs statements. And what projects they intend to implement within the coming years. Some important dates for everyone to remember next Monday, September 26 is the board's annual budget committee meeting that's going to be on zoom at 6pm. The information is in our newsletter from this month and I'm happy to provide it to anyone else that needs it. On October 12, that is a Wednesday, we are endeavoring for the first time to plan a District Needs Townhall. So instead of each year we have the option of meeting with agencies on a one on one basis within the neighborhood to talk about needs. This year. We said instead of scheduling 15 Plus meetings with you one on one, how about you all come to us one at one time in one place and not just hear from us but hear from the larger community. So we're in the process of coordinating that with some assistance from city planning, who's also providing feedback on last year's district needs survey. Every year the board's office submits a survey to city planning which shapes our district needs and the budget requests that are reviewed at the budget meeting. Instead of just submitting information based on more than one based on our phone calls or meetings and reports. We again endeavor to get more information from the public by releasing a similar survey for people to provide feedback. We want to build on that again this year. So we will be relaunching that survey hopefully before the end of this week. Please keep an eye out. And if you get to sign up for our newsletter, please do so because we'll be sharing the information that way. You can also follow us on Instagram @bkcb4 or Twitter @bk\_cb4 and there was a lot happening this summer.

I'm going to summarize my report as Mr. Camacho nights and a lot of the same meetings. But I do want to note that after the last board meeting in June throughout the summer, we had six events. So time goes by quickly but we held two CUP, that's the Center for Urban Pedagogy training. One was on housing, affordable housing, the other was on zoning in June. We also held a lovely team building event for the community board. I know a lot of our new metro board members participated and we hope to continue those conversations. There was also a Rat Academy workshop in partnership with Council Member Nurse's office that we held in July when the board was on recess. We kicked off our 311 community walks initiative. Everyone knows 311 Or should know 311. We are often frustrated when we don't get responses to some of those issues. So what we said is let's take the frustration out of it. Let's meet our neighbors. Let's find a way to get information to those that needed it. So what a 311 walk is anyone can do this. But essentially you take some time out of your day you walk along your block, whatever the issue is, you see and you observe we have a block report form. You can fill that out and submit it to the board's office and we are generally successful in resolving some of the complaints. It depends on the complexity. If it is a complicated issue, we can easily provide guidance on how he resolved and timelines. So please look for more information on our website, and we're happy to



share it. In August we also held a nightlife interagency meeting. Again this meeting was inspired by three separate calls that came to the office calls and emails. One was concerned about new venues that have, you know, just a high fee of oh, you know, 500 plus venues that had an impact on the community, those surrounding them. This event was held at 428 Troutman which is Brooklyn made for those that don't know, it's a new concert venue. So we thank them for hosting us. The meeting was very well attended. We had I believe, if not all the majority of folks that were in the Troutman Street area. So we know that that is now a nightlife cluster within the neighborhood. And the purpose of this meeting was not just to address the concerns but to build relationships with those businesses, to make sure we're effective when we're trying to address these issues. And so of course of what escalating unnecessarily

We were talking again about some of our capital and our expense needs, district needs in general. A lot of time board members in the past have asked about 335 Central, which is our District Public Health Office. I'm happy to share that we continue those conversations with Dr. McNatt and the rehabilitation project that we've heard about recently is still underway that even though it may be delayed, Mr. Camacho also mentioned Broadway. We will likely be partnering with our council members once again to have some type of advocacy campaign. The Department of Transportation gave us a cost. They said it's going to take \$100 million for us to see Broadway reconstructed to street safety improvements. That's a lot of money. So we're going to need everyone in this community to step up to Broadway. And I think we're gonna find out what it takes to get that work done over the next few months. And let's see, I also continue to participate in the working group meetings with other district managers citywide this summer. We were able to have a meeting with the council government operations committee, to talk a little bit about the work that we've been doing, some of the larger community board needs and our shared challenges. We also held a specific meeting with the Office of Technology and Innovation, which is formerly known as the Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications. They provide our IT assistance from the end of February to about the end of August all the DNI community boards were without a designated rep to provide IP support. So a lot of our issues whether it was computer based server base bone base, we were left to either figure it out on our own, or wait for them to assign someone that wasn't a dedicated rep for the boards. It was very challenging. During this time, we escalated a lot of these issues to the mayor's office, to our elected officials. And eventually I would like to thank councilmember Gutierrez, who helped us get this meeting with OCI. And eventually they were able to hire someone before the end of August. So hopefully things will improve as we continue.

We also had the opportunity to partner with the Department of Design and Construction counting down program on two public data projects. One was a budget dashboard to help the community learn more like a budget one on one or budget planner to have a better understanding of one district needs as identified by the Community Board, which hopefully is an umbrella for the community. And then we also have some information on discretionary funding and other capital expense budget priorities across the city and attached to that project. There was also an engagement and infrastructure map. More information on both projects will be shared after the board reviews them. I encourage you to keep an eye out in our newsletter. Very exciting projects. And we're super grateful for those students at both Columbia and Lehman for

their work. And we look to continue it and build on it to make it a useful tool. Perhaps not just for Bushwick, but for the city at large.

And we have five upcoming events. I don't believe it. We just came back from the recess two weeks ago, but already we have five that are underway. We will be continuing the Center for Urban pedagogy training mostly around housing and land use so keep an eye out for more information. We have our district needs town hall on the 12th of October, we will be partnering with both RiseBoro and SBS on a Business Best I believe that's what they're calling it now. Essentially business acceleration services on October 20. And then our first CUP training will be on October 27. All information will be provided in our newsletter.

And I believe and the last thing I just want to thank Mr. Camacho the community board, the board staff Sharon and Kim. Everyone that reached out this summer. For those that don't know, I was in an accident at the end of July. And I was not able to speak for a while. My jaw was wired shut. And I have to say that I definitely felt all the thoughts in the prayers and I firmly believe that this community is the only reason why I'm here now speaking again, very clearly. So thank you to everyone that was there for me in my time of need. And I'm happy to know that I still have family here in Bushwick. So thank you all right, so we'll keep it going. We'll move on now to our committee reports.

Mr. Camacho: Because everybody keeps saying that we miss you and I did all the talking for you.

Celeste: Thank you Mr. Camacho. I'm really grateful to the community board and I'm very happy to be here and be back and ready to take on this new meeting year and all the exciting projects right. We often tend to focus on all the negatives. We have a lot of garbage and a lot of rats. We also have a lot of good people that sincerely care about this neighborhood. And that is certainly unique. You don't find that in every single community, you know, because communities grow and they change. But I'm very happy to be somewhere where everybody is here for Bushwick. So thank you Mr. Camacho. All right. We'll move on now to our committee reports.

## **6) Committee Reports**

Celeste: We only have two we're almost there folks, starting with our economic development and permits and licenses committee and I believe Desmond is going to cover the report.

### Economic Development + Permits and Licenses - Desmonde Monroe, EDC Chairperson

Yeah, I'm gonna cover it real quick. It's a long report. So forgive me. We're going to do the applications so this meeting was held on August 9 2020 to 6pm. So first New York State Listen, liquor license application review. Sure. I'm gonna butcher his name. Oh, and sorry. Oh. Anyway, they're also for 238 Webb Avenue WBC located between Grove Street and Anaheim street because it has been operating as a restaurant. The owner applied for a WBC vendor license to increase revenue. The establishment had previously received a favorable CB four recommendation however, due to technical delays or recommendation needs to be updated.

Their liquor sales hours as stated in the committee meeting are as follows Monday through Thursday from 9am to 12am. Friday from 9am to 1am and Saturday from 7am to 1am and Sunday from 7am to 12am. PLC chairperson informed the owners of stipulations: don't play music, no alcohol past 12am on Sunday and outdoor space must be closed by 10. Owner agreed, the establishment owner will not be participating in the open restaurants program. Establishment owner has a good standing relationship with neighbors and will conduct additional community outreach, as well as provide future job postings to CB4. POC chairperson invited applicants to attend CB4 regular monthly meeting on September 21. I don't know if they're here. The CB4 office will follow up with that information. Next, Bushwick taco company at 839 Knickerbocker Avenue, New WBC application located between Colbert and Schaffer Street business has been operating for three years as a Mexican cuisine restaurant the owner has applied for a WBC vendor license to increase revenue. They're in tune sales up all hours as stated in the committee meetings are as follows Monday through Saturday 10am to 2am and Sunday from 10am to 12am PLC chairperson informed the owners a stipulation no alcohol past 12am On Sundays, amplified music. outdoor space must be closed by 10pm. Owner agreed. So I'm still not that established. With all Napa cheese and bacon over a restaurant program. Establishment owner was encouraged to conduct community outreach and will provide future job postings a CV, CV for his office for the blister of jobs board. Again you'll see the chairperson invited them to the meeting. I do not know if they are here. The Monkey King EDA, the Monkey King 1230 County, Willoughby Avenue, New el WPC mice application located between white oak Avenue and St. Nicholas Avenue. The establishment has been operating as an Asian cuisine restaurant since February the owners applied for L WBC liquor license to increase revenue. Here the hours as stated in the committee meeting are as follows Monday through Saturday, from 11am to 4pm. One hour break and then again from 5pm to 2am. And Sunday from one sorry 11 to eliminate the 4pm. One hour break and everything, regaining again from 5pm to 12am because the chairperson informed the owner of the stipulations don't pop up past 12am On Sundays, no amplified music and adversaries must be closed by 10pm. Owner has agreed to stipulations. Establishment will not be participating in open restaurants programs. Essential owner has previously worked with local businesses conducting outreach to neighborhoods and will provide future job postings to see before office for the Bushwick job board. Again, they were invited to Good evening tonight. I don't know if they're if eth opinion Inc. DBA vacations 321 Star Street New el WPC located between St. Nicholas Avenue and Cypress Avenue. This is honest. I have lived in Bushwick for 22 years and only establishments throughout Williamsburg Ridgewood ambush the shops with two floors and in which they will operate as a rooftop bar every summer offering a short food menu and we'll transition to operating from your downstairs restaurant slash bar for the remainder of year. Their intent to sell back on ours as stated in the committee meeting are as follows Monday through Wednesday from 4pm to 2am. Thursday through Saturday 4pm to 4am and Sunday from 4pm to 12am POC chairperson and forming solutions don't get five meetings, no alcohol past 12am On Sundays. He will not be participating in the open restaurants program. A substitute owner has done outreach to the neighborhood 83rd precinct and is familiar with local organizations and will provide except postings to the CB4 job board. They were invited this evening. The next is Bush Brooklyn LLC. For your treasury Avenue store six aka 333 Troutman streets new LWBC application located directly on the corner of Irving Avenue in Troutman

Street. Email business owners have lived in Bushwick for 10 years and are opening an LGBT plus friendly bar offering a short food video, their attendant sales of Apple hours or STD committee meeting Monday. through Wednesday 4pm to 2am. Thursday through Saturday 4pm to 4am and Sunday from 4pm to 12am. BOC chairperson and forming owner stipulations don't have to hop as 12am on Sundays don't have to find music and outdoor space must be closed by 10. Owner agreed Schmidt is in the process of being soundproofed, especially 100 will not be able to spit even open restaurants program especially the owners have introduced themselves to neighbors. The chairperson encouraged further community outreach to local organizations and their increasing on the move to provide future job postings. A CB4 office for the most rich chocolate candy we're also invited to the meeting tonight. Next is farewell Brooklyn house at 143 Troutman Street, New WBC applications located between Central Avenue and Evergreen Avenue has been operating as a breakfast cafe in the daytime and in TQ last bar if you're new at night, it is transitioning under new business owner slash management. Their liquor sales hours as stated in the committee meeting are as follows Monday through Wednesday. From 7am to 2am. Thursday through Saturday 7am to 4am and Sunday from 7am to 12am. Pst chairperson informing on overstimulation know that as well as on Sundays, amplified music and outdoor spaces must be closed by an ATM on an agreed assessment will not be participating in open restaurants program. The new owners are committed to keeping their current staff and agreed to provide future notices to the CB4 office. First had previously worked with local artists and businesses, POC chairperson and encouraged further tweeting outreach to local organizations in therapy saying And again, those applicants were invited. And that's what we have

Celeste: Thank you. Are there any business owners here this evening? No, they weren't but they logged off. Okay. So they're no longer with us now. So I believe that concludes the report. Is there. Are there any questions from the board about this report? Going once, going twice, seeing none All right. We'll save the recommendation as a question. Oh, go ahead. And just a quick question

Anne: If it seems like everybody is not applying for the open restaurant programs, is that something that the committee is encouraging or just out of curiosity out front by the fact that so many we're not applying for that?

Desmonde: That's all I know, we are concerned about parking and open streets take up the parking because if it's there on the street and sidewalk the most visible sheds are not on the sidewalk. So we're definitely concerned about parking. You don't want to limit someone's entrepreneurship you know, goals which we don't each seat that they add to be five to \$10,000 of revenue. But we also understand that the questions live there and need to park there so we're not for or against it, but we do let them know that there is a challenge of parking within a neighborhood and they should be consciously before they take on more parking with their spaces with those with those donations.

Anne: No thank you, that's super helpful. Does this preclude them from ever applying for it in the future. Is that just as you say that, that just seems like it could potentially be an issue. I just want to learn as much as they can.

So that's in their agreement to not do it now.

No, so not necessarily and it just seems like they're not planning to do it now. But they're still agreeing to the stipulation that if they were to do something outdoors that it would have to end by timestamp.

Also on the stipulations and ask them to let us know how far to clarify. We can just add it as well, but it asks for them to let us know that's also in the stipulation. So if they do change their minds in the future for them to just inform us so that's part of it. All right. Seeing no other questions. We will move on now to our next committee report.

Environmental Protection/Transportation/Sanitation + Parks and Recreation - Barbara Jackson, Committee Chairperson

Check it okay, maybe for this. The first one we had a person wanting to come in because when they come home from work, basically that was the screen size now like with 3am to 6am because there was a commercial area that she wants us to change to the normal hours, but it was explained to her that something that the void does not do and there's a process that has to be done. Then we also had New York Apple call service. They're like no, we also had reviewed with the ball fields, the application that we do live in there, and those people may get the feel that they want

Celeste: Any questions for Ms. Jackson? All right, we'll keep moving on to our recommendations.

## **7) Recommendations**

### **Permits and Licenses–Committee**

Raul Rubio had a point of order and asked about a blanket vote.

Raul Rubio made a motion for a blanket vote on all the recommendations from the committee. It was seconded by Jose Guzman. James Steward and Milagros Sandoval opposed. Elvena Davis abstained. Motion carried.

Raul Rubio made a motion in favor of the recommendations from the committee - approval with the specified stipulations. It was seconded by Zulma Novoa. Three board members abstained. Motion carried.

### **Parks and Recreation–Committee**

New York Apple Car Service

Annette Spellen made a motion in favor of the committee's recommendation - to send a letter of no objection to the Taxi and Limousine Commission. It was seconded by Elvena Davis. All were in favor, so moved.

## Fall 2022 Sports Field Permits

James Steward made a motion in favor of the committee's recommendation - to submit the previously prepared fall schedule to the Parks department. It was seconded by Raul Rubio. All were in favor, so moved.

### 8) **Old Business**

None

### 9) **New Business**

None

### 10) **Announcements**

Celeste: Moving on to announcements please raise your hands. 1.5 minutes for everyone. If you're participating via zoom, please raise your hand. And we also have in-person here. Go ahead, you can come up to get your mic.

#### Fran Sanhueza, Council Member Sandy Nurse's office

Hi I'm Fran the community organizer for Sandy nurse's office. I just wanted to add some things to the participatory budget. It's in English and Spanish. So it's the website. The flier should be in the chat for tonight's meeting. You can also reach out to our office. There's only three ideas in District 37. So since it's the first time I'm not surprised, but I'd like to see more. Not all ideas will get funded obviously but they have to meet certain guidelines in order to get approved and then eventually like in a couple of months or weeks. There will be a voting moment where the community votes on the projects that they want to fund or projects plural. And then it should be rolled out sometime in the spring I believe but it is a voting process. So submit away and the council member will have her eyes on the projects that don't get voted or approved and will come and consider them for other work that we do in the district. So even if your idea doesn't get chosen, we will be looking at it and monitoring it so just, you know, dream.

#### Jonathan Pomboza, District Attorney Eric Gonzalez's office

Yes, hi there. Good evening, everyone. Jonathan Pomboza from the DA's office. Just want to make an announcement. We are going to have a Hispanic Heritage Month celebration. It's on Monday, October 3 from 6pm to 9pm. 718-250-3888.

#### Juan Mayancela, Council Member Jennifer Gutierrez's office

Thank you. So I just have a quick budget update with our office did fund ACE to clean. So on Knickerbocker Avenue and Wyckoff as well as the side streets on average. Though kicking in and then we will be having you with us on October 29 at Maria Hernandez Park. Our office allocated 5.5 million where we are meant to renovate and upgrade the playground. We also funded schools and will help us grow through our two other capital funding. The fences that went up around the view of the brain central also protect the views and our office has received feedback from some people that are unhappy with this and we are responding to our email I just sent now a draft he also said that we provided funding to the two businesses in Knickerbocker

Avenue with the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce and we also did provide them with consumer comments to turn on the positive icon of our graph. Once again our office is participating in PB. So we are asking everybody in the 34th district to submit ideas I will drop down and you can contact our office with any ideas. And another event that we are having is on October 8 We're having the basketball basketball event and Maria Hernandez so please stop by on October 8. And that's all of my updates. Thank you.

Mr. Camacho: I just want to let you guys know that it's a baseball field for the kids. It was closed before, it was always closed. What happened was they needed to do renovation on the bathroom and they put their brand new so they took decades to bring the stuff in and out and now that is Chrome they're compressed and we also got called on dogs make a room and the kids again you to come fish here because of all the different pieces in there. See, I understand, really if they need something I know we're talking about the dog chasing the ball around people getting bitten. There is another issue with deadly side effects. Before that you had the permit that was printed out. You're gonna need to go to the precinct and need your ID. They gave me the key. It's a baseball field, not a soccer field. Not only that, but during the daytime because we also need to find those people to use the property that they have to create for them on day one, and then related to one of those big buildings.

Celeste: Thank you, Mr. Camacho. I'm happy to report that the council members office, the Community Board and the parks department are all aligned on what's happening at Green Central Knoll. That communication is really key and we're happy to hear that they're going to be reseeding the field so that it can be reopened in the spring for the leads to play. And I see next I believe that's Josh Brown.

Joshua Brown, CB4 1st Vice Chairperson

Yes, mainly bought for I just wanted to note as well first I want to thank everyone for coming out to our first set of meetings for deed fraud as well as estate planning. Just wanted to notify CB4 we did plan to be doing more workshops. A webinar on this because the fraud is affecting Bushwick residents people are getting their home stolen and families are losing their properties because they don't have a proper estate plan.

Celeste Leon, CB4 District Manager

And I have an announcement on behalf of Barbara Smith. One moment Wait three precinct Community Council is hosting an ID your kids for free operation safe shot event. It's going to be on Monday, the 26th from 12pm to 2pm at New Jerusalem Methodist Church, which is right at 44. Right next to 44 Knickerbocker it's a free NYPD ad for kids snacks and face masks. Also free registration of bikes, cell phones and personal electronic devices. And it's sponsored by the atheist community council, the three community affairs crime prevention, NYPD youth strategies division and Assemblywoman Davila. For any questions you can call the 83 precinct Community Affairs at 718-574-1697.

Damaris Falero, DOB

Good evening, everyone. I just wanted to provide a really quick update. It's actually a pretty important one so I wanted to make sure I came on and let everyone know. So we actually launched a Small Business Support Team. It is up and running, it is operational. And what it is, is a one on one guidance to small business owners and entrepreneurs planning on opening a new place of business or renovating an existing one or, you know, generally meeting answers to project specific increase and it's provided at no additional cost. So this is a great unit that has been put in place to help small business owners one on one. Additionally, it also kind of helps all of these small business owners get their projects through DOB without all these complex sort of red tape and helps expedite small business owners projects. Small business projects. So there's a link that I'm actually gonna put in the chat. All this information is on our website. We haven't received any new literature on it yet because it's brand new, it literally just launched so once we do have some literature I can, I'd be happy to send it over to see before so you can hang it out at your office. But I will also put the link in the chat to get some more information on the Small Business Support Team. And everything is done online so you can contact me with a nice Small Business Support Team unit, just online, strictly online and to meet with DOB staff to get assistance on your project. And then one more thing I just want to remind everyone about buildings after hours, that's every Tuesday and remember our office and we're open until 7pm. It's a great opportunity for members of the public to meet with DOB staff on any questions, concerns regarding your property.

Thank you so much. I hope everyone took notes. All right. I'll put it in the chat window for those that are here. We have both in person and remotely. Thank you for dropping in the chat.

Jo-Ena Bennett, CB4 Parliamentarian

Good evening, everyone I just wanted to say I was concerned about the business that opened at the corner of Wilson and Jefferson is called Mr. Bamboo. They felt this is one block away from PS 106 Elementary School. I'm just telling parents to be aware. But we need to look out for our children. We need to work to protect our children. Everybody announced that and no more people coming here that want to counter the efforts that we're putting forward. So just kind of look out. I'm not making any accusations, but it's very close to school

Celeste: Thank you, Ms. Bennett. And as Mr. Camacho mentioned we did have a meeting a preliminary meeting with the Cannabis Control Board as they were about to announce that the cannabis retail was going to be coming to the city soon. The community board will be involved in that process so we will be notified when folks are legally applying to sell in the neighborhood. As we know folks have not waited. They have had trucks they have actual storefronts that are now trying to sell. There was a round of cease and desist letters that were sent initially. Those individuals if they refuse to desist or cease and desist, they will potentially face penalties as well as not being able to seek a license in the future. There's also a recent tweet from the sheriff's office where they came and I believe it was more than several trucks. There was a parade of trucks that were taken from the neighborhood. So they're absolutely aware of what's happening but please let us know. And we can make sure that any locations that are illegally selling which unless they have a license, it is illegal to sell. So it's not illegal to possess anymore. So we have to make sure we're flagging these for the Cannabis Control Board.



Jo-Ena: Thank you.

Celeste: Anyone, anyone else? Last call announcements? going once, going twice. All right, seeing none we'll move on to our second roll call.

### **11) Second Roll Call**

Board members in attendance: Carlotta Williams, Jerry Valentin, Benjamin Tocker, James Steward, Annette Spellin, Dustin Sonneborn, Maria Soler, Milagros Sandoval, Eliseo Ruiz, Raul Rubio, Cassandra Leveille, Nicolas Kaplan, Luisa Jose Olea, Virgie Jones, Barbara Jackson, Tanesha Honeygan, Hadiyah Harrison, Jose Guzman, Anne Guiney, Christopher Graham, Joanna Fuentes, James Fitzgerald, Felix Ceballos, Melissa Carrera, Robert Camacho, Rawle Brown, Jo-Ena Bennett, Isa Abney

Excused: Barbara Smith, Acire Polight, Zulma Novoa, Imini Mitchell, Mary McClellan, Freddy Fowler

Absent: Tashawna Wade, Leo Tineo, Vernedeaner Shell, Gladys Puglla, Kyle O'Rourke, Samy Nemir, Desmonde Monroe, Kweighbaye Kotee, Cheryl Jones, Andrew Choi, Grace Aytes, Stephanie Anderson

### **12) Adjournment**

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

Have a good night.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:46pm