Brooklyn Community Board #4 Regular Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, October 16, 2019
Audrey Johnson Learning Center
272 Moffat Street
Brooklyn, New York 11207
6:00PM

Chairperson, Mr. Robert Camacho District Manager Ms. Celestina Leon

#### Board Members in Attendance:

Jo-Ena Bennett, Bridgette Blood, Joshua Brown, Robert Camacho, Felix Ceballos, Gardea Caphart, Melissa Carrera, Daniella Davi, Elvena Davis, Denisse Reyna-Dolin, Carlos Feliciano, Egaudy Gomez, Christopher Graham, Anne Guiney, Jose Guzman, Tanesha Honeygan, Barbara Jackson, Austin Martinez, Desmonde Monroe, Samy Nemir, Acire Polight, Eliseo Ruiz, Julio Salinas, Vernedeaner Shell, Barbara Smith, Jerry Valentin, James Wiseman and Odolph Wright.

New Board Members: Peter Tam, Kristen Jock and Migdalia Gutierrez

#### **Board Members Excused:**

Martha Brown, Louisa Chan, Sufia Chowdhry, Cheryl Jones, Virgie Jones, Mary McClellan, Luisa Jose-Olea, Raul Rubio, Dustin Sonneborn, and Annette Spellen

<u>Board Members Absent:</u> Grace Aytes, Julie Dent, Victoria Fernandez, James Fitzgerald, Freddy Fowler, Michelle Hilliard, Zulma Novoa, Gladys Puglla,

The District Manger opened the monthly Community Board #4 meeting at 6:05PM

- Public Hearing Item -
- 1. Claudia Ordonez, Partnership Specialist, New York Regional Office, Field Division, U.S. Census Bureau presenting information on the upcoming Census 2020.

The 2020 Census and Confidentiality – Responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure and protected by federal law. Answers given can only be used to produce statistics - they cannot be use against anyone in any way. By law, all responses to U.S. Census Bureau household and business surveys are kept completely confidential.

# Respond to the 2020 Census to shape the future.

Responding to the census helps businesses make data-driven decisions that grow the economy. Census data impact daily lives, informing important decisions about funding for services and infrastructure in one's community, including health care, senior centers, jobs, political representation, roads, schools and businesses. More than \$675 billion in federal funding flows back states and local communities each year based on censes data.

# Your censes responses are safe and secure.

The Census Bureau is required by law to protect any personal information collected and keep it strictly confidential. The Censes Bureau can only use your answers to produce statistics. In fact, every Census can only use your answers to produce statistics. Every Census employee takes an oath to protect your personal information for life. Your answers cannot be used for law enforcement purposes or to determine your personal eligibility for government benefits.

By law, your responses cannot be used against you.

By law, your census responses cannot be used against you by any government agency or court in any way – not by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), not by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), not by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and not by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). The law requires the Census Bureau to keep your information confidential and use your responses only to produce statistics.

<u>The law is clear – no personal information can be shared</u>. Under Title 13 of the U.S. Code, the Census Bureau cannot release any identifiable information about individuals, households, or businesses even to law enforcement agencies.

To support historical research, Title 44 of the U.S. Code allows the National Archives and Records Administration to release census records only after 72 years.

All Census Bureau staff take a lifetime oath to protect your personal information, and any violation comes with a penalty of up to \$250,000 and/or up to 5 years in prison.

#### There are no exceptions.

The Census Bureau will not share an individual's responses with immigration enforcement agencies, law enforcement agencies, or allow that information to be used to determine eligibility for government benefits.

You can respond securely online, by mail or by phone. You will have the option. Households that do not want to respond that way will be contacted by a census taker to collect the information in person. Regardless on how you respond one's personal information is protected by law.

# Online information is safe from hacking and other cyberthreats.

The Census Bureau takes strong precautions to keep online responses secure. All data submitted online are encrypted to protect personal privacy, and cybersecurity program meets the highest and most recent standards for protecting personal information. Once the data is received, they are on longer online. From the moment the Census Bureau collects responses, their focus and legal obligation is to keep that information safe.

To learn more about the Census Bureau's data protection and privacy program fill free to go to: <a href="https://www.census.gov/privacy">www.census.gov/privacy</a>

50,000 workers will be hired, both full-time and part-time.

2. Former and Present members of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct – requesting support for a Street Co-naming Request on Menahan Street & Knickerbocker Avenue aka Detective Joseph Taylor Way.

Detective Joseph Taylor was killed in the line of duty. Joe was probably the finest officer in his 24-year career in the police department. He was the epitome of what a good police officer should be.

On that faithful day Joe was training a rookie that had been laid off and then brought back to the police department.

That year we had lost 6,000 police officers. Joe was always there. You couldn't miss his smile, every time you saw him, he was smiling, he was happy, always ready to help. He was the epitome of what a police officer should be.

On that day we turned out only 4 cars instead of the normal 10 days per day.

Joe and his partner who was a rookie was sent out. I could talk to you about Joe until I am blue in the face. He was just a terrific guy. He was an individual that you would come across once in a life time. He believed in taking care of the public and in helping people. He was the kind of police officer that you would want in your area.

Joe and his partner went up in the building. Only one car could go because we only had 4 cars working. That is how bad the situation was. We didn't stop. We didn't have lunch even though we were entitled to it. The day that they laid off the police officers I reported for my first tour of duty at the 83<sup>rd</sup>. The day that we went out central was holding 123 jobs, that was 123 people waiting for the police, it was just too much.

Joe was the kind of person that went beyond. He was the best.

On the day he was killed he and his partner went up to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. There was no problem there. He could have then gone to the next situation / call, but not Joe, he said let's check the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. It was then that when he knocked on the door he was shot in the chest. He was dead before he hit the floor. It was horrible. The person that shot Joe is out today walking around freely. He did 25 years and he is walking around in this city today.

Joe was very special to us, since his death we have gone to the 83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct every single year to remember Joe.

I have worked at 11 different commands in my lifetime and I have never worked at a precinct were police officers were remembered every single year, but we do that at the 83. That is because of WHO Joe was, because of WHAT Joe was.

Folks, you have lost one of the greatest cops this city has ever known.

I hope that you will see your way clear in showing your appreciation for what Joe did by allowing us to put up the street sign with his name, in his honor. This is all we are asking for. To recognize what Joe did while he was alive.

Thank you all for allowing us to speak.

District Manager, Ms. Celestina Leon: Thank you for sharing this heartfelt information with us. Chairperson, Mr. Robert Camacho: I have been in Bushwick for 59 years and this is the first time that I have heard about this.

Hopefully this board will find it deep in their hearts that when they walk on Knickerbocker and Manahan, they will see that Bushwick has history.

Ms. Elvena Davis: I have been to many inspectors, friends' funerals and it is heartbreaking when they must beg for honor, for someone who has given up their life. I would hope that if I was on patrol and sacrificed my life, that the community in which I served would do the same for me. Some people think that being a police officer is an easy job, but it is not. We put in a lot of time, effort, and sacrifice from our families. A lot of times I couldn't be with my family because I was out on pratol. This officer paid the ultimate price for Bushwick and hopefully we can do something in return.

Another Detective spoke: We just heard a little about Joe. Joe had a family. He had a little girl that grew up without her father. His daughter went to California and became a successful attorney. She has gotten so much support from the community, police department and from people she didn't even know.

When she heard about this sign possible coming out for us, she was very happy and appreciative. I want to thank everyone who is going to make this decision and I what to thank you from the bottom of my heart. God bless!

The District Manager, Ms. Leon closed the public hearing item portion of the meeting and thanked everyone for being present.

The District Manager, Ms. Celestina Leon called the first roll call:

First Roll Call: – 28 members present this does constitute a quorum.

The acceptance of the agenda was made by Ms. Elvena Davis and second by Ms. Barbara Jackson. All board members present were in favor. Motion moved.

The acceptance of last month's minutes was made by Mr. Joshua Brown and second by Mr. Jerry Valentin. All members present were in favor. Motion moved.

# **Chairperson's Report:**

Welcome to the October 16, 2019 meeting. Mr. Camacho attended several meetings since the last full board meeting.

September 19 – Met with RAD, 6pm, tenate association meeting:

September 23 – Borough Budget Consultation, met with all city agencies

Town Hall Meeting, 1139 Bushwick Avenue, regarding public safety, prostitution on Madison Avenue (male prostitution), Linden & Broadway, complaints about fighting.

He along with the DM met with the big bosses and Mr. Camacho thanked all the elected officials that also attended, such as Councilmember Rafael Espinal, Assemblywoman Maritza Davila, and Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez and others.

September 25 – IS 291 Immigration cleaning

At 4pm went to Buena Vida

Went to a meeting in Manhattan to make sure that people who live in Bushwick can continue to live in Bushwick.

October 2 - EXE meeting

**ACT Meeting** 

And many more meetings. For a list please contact the District Manager at <a href="mailto:BK04@cb.nyc.gov">BK04@cb.nyc.gov</a>
Double parking is illegal. You can get a ticket for double parking. He encouraged all to speak to their elected officials about it.

# **Election for Executive Board Officers Vacancies Results:**

Recording Secretary: Ms. Acrie Polight

Treasurer: Mr. Gardea Caphart

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

- 1) Marcus Harris, Representing Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams, 209 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, 718-802-3900
- 2) Taeka Haraguchi, Representing NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer, 1 Centre Street, New York, NY 10007, 212-669-7415
- 3) Lorenzo Brea & Berenice Perez, Representing Councilmember Rafael Espinal, 37<sup>th</sup> Council District, 1945 Broadway, Brooklyn, NY 11207, 718-642-8664
- 4) Fatima Elmansy, Representing Councilmember Antonio Reynoso, 34<sup>th</sup> Council District, 244 Union Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11211
- 5) Karen Cherry Representing 54<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, Assembly Member Erik Martin Dilan, 718-386-4576, 366 Cornelia Street Brooklyn, NY 11237
- 6) Julio Salazar, Representing Congressmember Nydia Velazquez, 266 Broadway, Brooklyn, NY 11211, 718-599-3658
- 7) Ramon Pebenito, Representing Senator Julia Salazar, 1068 Broadway, Brooklyn, NY 11221
- 8) Darma V. Diaz, District Leader

# Federal, State or City Agencies

- 1) PO Oscar Lopez, CAU, 83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct, 480 Knickerbocker Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11221, 718-574-1697
- 2) Maggie Mangual, Mental Health Clinic, Wyckoff Heights Hospital, 2374 Stockholm Street, Brooklyn, NY 11237
- 3) Boniface WeWe, Brooklyn Public Library Irving Branch, 360 Irving Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 718-628-8378
- 4) Kurt Barnes, President of Cooper Street Community Association, Brooklyn, NY 11207, 917-676-4055

# 83rd Precinct

Sergeant Serrano: The Deputy Inspector Daniel A. Dooley is in training. No real issues in Bushwick. There was a spike in grand larceny due to persons leaving vehicles with packages in them.

Graffiti Cleanup

Encourage everyone to reached out to their NCOs.

Board members expressed issues with:

Domestic assault, graffiti, gangs, narcotics, Hope Park having gangs in the park, etc.

# **District Manager's Report:**

The District Manager, Ms. Celestina Leon thanked all in attendance.

October is also Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Domestic violence occurs in every part of our city; among people of all races, cultures, religions, and income levels. It can happen to someone regardless of age, gender, or sexual orientation.

Thursday, October 24th is the 6th annual NYC Go Purple Day. In partnership with the City Council, the Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence (ENDGBV) will be raising awareness and conducting outreach around the City. Participate in NYC Go Purple Day by wearing purple and using the hashtag #NYCGoPurple on social media.

Below are meetings and events that she attended within the past month.

Monday, September 23, 2019 - Day 2 of Budget Consultations for Fiscal Year 2021 - agencies in attendance included HRA, DHS, ACS/DYCD, DOHMH, and DOE/SCA

Council Member Antonio Reynoso's Public Safety Town Hall Wednesday, September 25, 2019 Buena Vida Health and Wellness Coalition Meeting

Thursday, September 26, 2019 - Racial Impact Study Legislation Meeting at ANHD's headquarters

Attended the (PLC) Permits and Licenses Committee Meeting

Saturday, September 28, 2019 - Rudd Playground Event

Tuesday, October 1, 2019 - Meeting with Chief Maddrey at Patrol Borough Brooklyn North

Wednesday, October 2, 2019 - Day 3 of Budget Consultations for Fiscal Year 2021 – agencies in attendance include DOB, HPD, NYPD, EDC/SBS, NYCHA, and DFTA

October 2 – Attended the (ACT) Arts, Culture, and Technology Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 3, 2019 - Meeting with the RAD development team

Meeting with Ramon Pebenito from Senator Julia Salazar's Office

Friday, October 4, 2019 - Meeting with Robert Santos, Director of Operations, at RiseBoro

Monday, October 7, 2019 - Call with Angelo Demarco and team from Salesforce

Tuesday, October 8, 2019 - Call with Lloyd Lesperance, Chief of Staff, for Council Member Rafael Espinal

(CPSR) Civic, Public Safety, and Religious Committee Meeting – also attended by Sharon Fludd, CB4 Staff

(HHSV) Health, Human Service, Senior Citizens, Veterans Committee – attended by Sharon Fludd, CB4 Staff

Wednesday, October 9, 2019 - District Service Cabinet Meeting

Viewing of the grandmother of Mr. Camacho's wife, who was 103 years old

Thursday, October 10, 2019 - Meeting with Melissa Carrera, Permits and Licenses Committee Chairperson and the CB4 FY21 Budget Meeting

Friday, October 11, 2019 - Interview with Kyla Milberger and Madeline Gunderson, NYU Grad Students

Meeting with Jaz Colon from Arts in Bushwick and Educated Little Monsters

Tuesday, October 15, 2019 - Bushwick Community Partnership Program Meeting at the Hope Gardens Community Center (422 Central Ave)

# **Committee Reports:**

<u>Arts Cultural Technology Committee, (ACT)</u> – Committee Chairperson, Ms. Zulma Novoa Meeting: Wednesday, October 2, 2019, 7:00PM, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207-1422

<u>Committee Members in attendance</u>: Zulma Novoa, Jo-Ena Bennett, Brigette Blood, and Dustin Sonneborn

Others in attendance: Robert Camacho - CB4 Chairperson, Celestina Leon - CB4 District Manager

Excused: Victoria Fernandez

#### Old Business

The District Manager, Ms. Celestina Leon provided an overview of the recent committee name change to include technology. She referenced tech apps such as Citizen and localize.

Ms. Z. Novoa spoke about some of the events that took place during the summer.

Nude event at the Maria Hernandez Park

The members spoke about how they hope this will not be an issue in the future. For the full ACT report please contact the Community Board at 718628-8400

1) Planning Discussion for the 2019-2020 Meeting Year Connect with the artists, galleries, the larger arts community, etc. – Visit galleries

Establish a local directory Create a one pager – Draft a mission statement

Plan the second ACT mixer – time capsule theme (Save the Date: May 2020) Add an open house component Include a drum circle component

Draft an ACT newsletter Incorporate Storytelling

Explore the feasibility of establishing an Arts and Culture Center

#### Committee Announcements

The DM reminded everyone that the October full board meeting will be held at the Audrey Johnson Learning Center located at 272 Moffat Street.

Motion to adjourn was made by D. Sonneborn and second by J. Bennett. All in favor. None opposed, no abstentions. Meeting adjourned: 7:52pm

<u>Civic/Public Safety/Religious Committee (CPSR)</u>, Committee Chairperson Ms. Barbara Smith Tuesday, October 8, 2019, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207-1422 <u>Board Members in Attendance:</u> Ms. Barbara Smith, CPSR Committee Chairperson; Ms. Gladys Puglla and Ms. Vernedeaner Shell

Others in Attendance: Robert Camacho, Community Board 4 Chairperson; Celestina Leon, CB4 District Manager; Sharon Fludd, CB4 Principle Administrative Associate; Zulma Novoa, DOMHH; Michael Geddes, 83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct Retired Detective; Gus Sanders, Retired Police Officer 83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct; Jerry Valentin, CB4 Member; and Carmen Delvalle, PAA, 83<sup>rd</sup> Pct. Community Affairs Unit

Members Excused: Ms. Victoria Fernandez

Board Member not in Attendance: Virgie Jones, Rev. Grace Aytes, and Elvena Davis

Meeting was called to order by the CPSR Chairperson, Ms. Barbara Smith at 6:05PM

# Items Discussed:

1) Street Co-naming Request on Menahan Street and Knickerbocker Avenue to be named Detective Joseph Taylor Way to commemorate Detective Joseph Taylor, Jr. – Retired and

present members of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct are requesting the committee and board's support for this street co-naming request.

The board received a letter requesting the co-naming from the Detectives' Endowment Association, Inc. The letter is dated September 9, 2019.

On August 29, 1977 Detective Joseph Taylor was shot and killed when responding to a 9-1-1 call about a man who was robbing a residence at 14 Linden Street in Bushwick Brooklyn. Taylor and his partner knocked on the apartment door yelling "Police, open up!" when the door swung open the assailant opened fire at point blank range with a shotgun. Taylor was hit in the chest. His partner and back up officers valiantly tried to save Det. Taylor's life, but shortly later he was pronounced dead at Wyckoff Hospital. Taylor was 34 years old and left a wife, Dolores and a 7 year of daughter, Octavia.

Det. Taylor was a helpful, sensitive man who never hurt anyone. He remained dignified and stable despite his daily contact with depravity and chaos. He was genuinely liked and respected by everyone in his command. He was a true gentleman with a sincerity and warmth that made it a pleasure to work with him.

Every year for the past 39 years friends and colleagues of Det. Joseph Taylor gather in his memory at the 83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct stationhouse.

Barbara Smith: The church's pastor located at Knickerbocker and Bleecker is in support of the street co-naming.

Community Affairs Unit officers at the 83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct are getting more signatures.

Chair Robert Camacho: is in support of street co-naming. This should be done especially since there is an increase of police suicides.

#### Committee Recommendation:

A motion was made by Ms. Gladys Puglla to co-name the corner of Menahan Street and Knickerbocker Avenue Det. Joseph Taylor Jr. The motion was second by Ms. Vernedeaner Shell. All members present was in favor. A presentation will come before the full board at the Wednesday, October 16, 2019 Community Board meeting.

- 2) The District Manager wrote a draft letter to be signed by the chairperson, Barbara Smith and herself. This letter is addressed to the Hon. Rafael L. Espinal, Jr. the councilmember of the 37<sup>th</sup> District. The letter addresses their concern of the street co-naming ceremony that took place on Schaefer Street and Central Avenue, Saturday, September 28, 2019.
  - The event was made know to the board for the first time only several days prior of the event despite the board's standard procedure of being referred to the appropriate board committee and afterwards to the full board for a vote. The letter is to make known the board's disappointment and concern.
  - Moving forward the letter stated that even though the council members have the authority to make the final determination regarding street co-naming, the board ask for the councilmembers continued partnership in keeping the board's office informed in the future out of respect to the community.

The letter was signed by Mr. Robert Camacho, CB4 Chairperson; Ms. Celestina Leon, CB4 District Manager and Ms. Barbara Smith, CPSR Committee Chair

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Ms. Gladys Pullga and second by Ms. Vernedeaner Shell.

Meeting adjourned: 7:00pm

# Health Hospitals Human Services Senior Citizens and Veterans Committee (HHSV),

Committee Chairperson, Ms. Louisa Jose-Olea

Meeting: Tuesday, October 8, 2019, 7:00PM Community Board #4, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207-1422

<u>Board Members in Attendance:</u> Ms. Louisa Jose- Olea, HHSV Committee Chair, Ms. Barbara Smith and Ms. Barbara Jackson, Cheryl Jones

Others in Attendance: Mr. Robert Camacho, Community Board 4 Chairperson; Mrs. Sharon Fludd, CB4 Principle Administrative Associate; Alexa Sokolov, Decosta Headley & Bruce Wright SAPS Alliance; Megan Christ & Josephine Brown, NY Memory Center; Zulma Novoa, NYC DOH; Raul Rubio, NYC DOH; and Maggie Mangual, Wyckoff Heights Hospital.

Members Excused: Ms. Mary McClellan & Mr. James Fitzgerald

Board Member not in Attendance: N/A

Items Discussed:

1) Alexa Sokolov, Clinical Director, Decosta Headley, Liaison, and Bruce Wright, a VA former client and peer advocate, from SAPS Alliance – presented on the current opioid epidemic and the need of medication assisted treatment, in collaboration with OASAS. The focus is on prevention, education and treatment for substance use and mental health treatment. SAPS Alliance is seeking support from the committee and board for a proposed new program in Bushwick.

SAPS: Substance Abuse Provider Services Alliance; <a href="https://www.sapsalliance.com">www.sapsalliance.com</a>

Their mission is to provide quality care to those in need. They understand that one-size-all approach is not effective, so they work with their patients to develop personalized, flexible and innovative treatment plan they deserve. Helping individuals facing criminal justice and legal issues while battling addiction who need mental and medical health services. They have partnered with local care providers to ensure patients have access to all the resources they need, including supportive counseling and clear accountability.

Provide behavioral therapy, outreach, education, 24/7

They are looking for an opening in Bushwick. There are presently located at 2279 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11223.

Edwin Delgado: Why Bushwick?

Mr. Headley: Lived in East NY near Bushwick for 45 years. Kids are being misrepresented, dropping out of school, we want to him them capitalize on their skills.

Edwin Delgado: We already have programs like yours, why do we need another?

Mr. Headley: We want to help them. We will go out into the streets to help 24/7.

Chairperson Mr. Camacho: Are you looking for a place? What do you want from us? I am tired of homeless shelters. I want someone to have a place to live. What are you bringing to Bushwick? Mr. Headley: We want to work into the community by starting a pilot program. Service is a priority to us, and we want the CB to help. Direct us on where to go.

Ms. Alexa Sokolov: The mental health crisis is serious. Addiction is not normally reported unless there is a situation. People are trying to escape something and that is why they are involved. We want to education them and help them.

Ms. Sokolov asked Mr. Bruce Wright, a Veteran and former client and peer advocate, of SAPS.

Mr. Bruce Wright: Read a letter he wrote about his life and experience with SAPS.

Briefly: Mr. Wright was born and raised in Brownville. At his present age of 64 he has been free from heroin and cocaine for 12 years. As a veteran he had seen many things that disturbed him. There were times when he wanted to die, he saw no way out. He had health issues. He feels that he is better now because of the program.

The board stated that they do not need another program like this in Bushwick. Ms. Zulma Novoa and Mr. Camacho will offer them some suggests to programs and persons they can contact. Announcements:

Thrive NYC: Bethel Evangelical Church Hosts Mental Health First Aid Training - Certifications in Veterans Curriculums, Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 9:00am to 5:00pm. Bethel Community Multiservice Center, 215 Cooper Street, Brooklyn, NY 11207.

Register online at: <a href="https://mhfa\_bec.timetap.com">https://mhfa\_bec.timetap.com</a>

For more information contact: Dr. Jacqueline Edwards 718-450-8170

Mr. Camacho: Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 12pm to 3pm. Hope Gardens Community Center, 422 Central Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11221. Free Giveaways

How do we create a better future for our children in Bushwick? We want to know what you think! Join the Bushwick Community Partnership for our resident's world café.

Ms. Megan Christ and Ms. Josephine Brown from the New York Memory Center attended the meeting and the committee and all present thought that they were with the group from SAPS. Ms. S. Fludd introduced them to the committee and stated that we hope to invite them to the next HHSV meeting in November.

Meeting adjourned: 8:00PM

<u>Permits and Licenses Committee, (PLC)</u> – Committee Chairperson, Melissa Carrera Meeting: Thursday, September 26, 2019 6:00 PM, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207-1422

<u>Committee Members in Attendance:</u> Melissa Carrera – PLC Chairperson, Daniella Davi, Egaudy Gomez, Austen Martinez, Jerry Valentin, James Wiseman

Others in Attendance: Celeste Leon, Community Board 4 District Manager; Willie Morales, Community Board 4 Community Associate; Ramiro Lescano, ILan Telmont, R. Callahaur, David Felger, Jenny Diaz, Patrick Agard, Michael James, and Dogan Karakas

Excused: Robert Camacho - CB4 Chairperson

- 1) Liquor License Applications for Review:
  - i. TABARE 1006 FLUSHING AVENUE New Liquor, Wine, Beer and Cider license in a restaurant Think it would be great to bring Uruguayan food into Bushwick. Occasionally they would like to have live music. Drums and a guitar, jazz music. Live music acoustic with no amplification. Establishment hours of operation will be Sunday thru Wednesday from 5:00 PM to 1:00 AM, Thursdays from 5:00 PM to 2:00 AM and on Friday and Saturday from 5:00 PM to 4:00 AM.

Committee Recommendation: Approve with no sale of liquor after midnight on Sunday. J. Wiseman – Move Tabare change in hours, E. Gaudy second it.

<u>Note:</u> Mr. Austen Martinez – abstained from all liquor license applications recommendations. He was not present during the presentations.

ii. STARR STREET LLC - 247 Starr Street – New Liquor, Wine, Beer and Cider license in a restaurant - Small place took over hi hello took over about three months ago, cosmetic renovation and should open by the end of October.

Establishment hours of operation will be Sunday thru Wednesday from 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM, Thursday from 11:00 AM to 2:00 AM, Friday and Saturday from 11:00 AM to 4:00 AM.

Committee Recommendation: Approve with no sale of liquor after midnight on Sunday.

J. Wiseman – move Star Street LLC hours, D. Davi second it. Austen Martinez – abstained

iii. NOOK – 45 IRVING AVENUE – New Wine, Beer and Cider in a Bar/Tavern - Opening a coffee and craft beer shop, corner of Troutman and Irving. Warehouse being converted on the corner. Premise of the shop – food, seating, innovating – creating a twist to coffee and craft beer – fun lively environment that's unique. Establishment hours of operation will be Monday thru Sunday from 7:00 AM to 12:00 midnight.

Committee Recommendation: Approve with no sale of liquor after midnight on Sunday. J. Wiseman – move Nook, J. Valentin second it. Austen Martinez – abstained

iv. TIA MUNDO NYC BAR & LOUNGE INC. - 664 KNICKERBOCKER AVENUE – New Wine, Beer & Cider in a Restaurant - Owner was unable to be present due to work. Taking his experience to this and transitioning from Chimi Mundo, no major renovation should be finished in October. Establishment hours of operation will be Monday thru Sunday from 10:00 AM to 12:00 midnight.

Committee Recommendation: Approve with no sale of liquor after midnight on Sunday. Austen Martinez – abstained from all. He was not present during the presentation. E. Gomez – move Tia Mundo, J. Wiseman second it.

v. BADO LLC – 400 TROUTMAN STREET A/K/A 18 WYCKOFF AVENUE – New Liquor, Wine, Beer and Cider in Bar/Tavern- New concept burger and beer place next to Artichoke pizza (used to be a garage). Months on construction open kitchen. 30 seating capacity. American style food 6 or 7 burgers. Meat, chicken, falafel, chicken wings. 4 or 5 shakes with large Oreo & M & M toppings. Later shakes with beer. Burgers have a lot of toppings. Establishment hours of operation will be Monday thru Sunday from 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 A.M.

Committee Recommendation: Approve with no sale of liquor after midnight on Sunday. Mr. J. Wiseman – Excused himself from voting on Bado LLC. E. Gomez – motion Bado LLC, M. Carrera second it. Austen Martinez – abstained

For the PLC meeting report please contact the Community Board at <a href="mailto:bk04@cb.nyc.gov">bk04@cb.nyc.gov</a> Motion to adjourn meeting was made by J. Wiseman and second by E. Gomez. Meeting adjourned at 7:23pm

Holiday party to be catered.

# Recommendations:

- 1) CPSR Committee recommendations to co-name Knickerbocker Avenue and Manahan Street after Detective Joseph Taylor Way. All board member present were in favor.
- 2) PLC Committee recommendations Motion was made by Mr. James Wiseman and second by Mr. Egaudy Gomez. All members present was in favor with one abstention by Ms. Jo-Ena Bennett

3) \*AMENDED 12/18/19\* District Manager, Celestina Leon's salary increase was motioned by Ms. Barbara Smith and second by Mr. James Wiseman. All members a was in favor. Motion moved.

Amendment: Dustin Sonneborn made a motion in favor of the Executive Board's recommendation to approve the district manager's MPO increase for 3% effective October 24, 2019 and a merit increase for 9% effective November 26, 2019. Barbara Smith seconded the motion. All in favor, no abstentions, none opposed. Motion moved.

#### **Announcements:**

NYS Committee Woman Darma V. Diaz: Come out and Vote Early voting 2019 October 26 to November 5, 2019.

54<sup>th</sup> Assembly District contact her if you wish to become a Kings County Poll Worker. Location in Bushwick – Bushwick Campus, 400 Irving Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237

Wyckoff Avenue Community Townhall, Wednesday, October 30, 6PM to 8PM. Latinos Unidos (218 Wyckoff Avenue) Topics & Guest: Sanitation: Councilmember Antonio Reynoso and the Department of Sanitation, NYSD

Safety: NYPD Deputy Inspector Daniel Dooley

Business & Community Issues: Office of congresswoman Nydia Velazquez and Office of Assemblywoman Maritza Davila

For more information, email: <a href="mailto:samynemir@gmail.com">samynemir@gmail.com</a>

Neighborhood Advisory Board (NAB) Brooklyn #45 invites the community to a Public Hearing on Federal Funding for Community Social Services for Low-Income individuals and families in our neighborhood! Come, Speak and Be Heard! Tuesday, October 22, 2019, 6:30PM at Goodwin Housing for The Elderly, 55 Goodwin Place, Brooklyn, NY 11221

To RSVP go to: <a href="https://nabbk4ph2019.eventbrite.com">https://nabbk4ph2019.eventbrite.com</a> or call 646-343-6447 NYC Department of Youth & Community Development

Apply Online! Join the 2020 Census Team! <a href="www.2020census.gov/jobs">www.2020census.gov/jobs</a>; 1-855-562-2020 Federal Relay Service: 800-877-8339 TTY / ASCII (www.gsa.gov/fedrelay)

The Federal Relay Service provides telecommunications services to allow individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, and /or have speech disabilities to conduct official business with and within the federal government. The U.S. Census Bureau is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Excellent Pay, Flexible Hours, Paid Training and Temporary Positions

# NYC CENSUS 2020

Join the fight to get every New Yorker counted!

The Office of the Census for New York City, led by Director Julie Menin, is focus on ensuring a fair and accurate population count of New York City through the federal 2020 Census survey. What is at Stake?

- ➤ Over \$800 billion for federally funded programs your public schools and housing, senior center, Medicaid, SNAP, WIC, roads and bridges, and more are at risk!
- ➤ Up to two Congressional seats, affecting the balance of the Electoral College.

#### How you can help?

- Spread the word about the importance of responding to the census in Spring 2020.
- Recommending New Yorkers for federal Census jobs (<a href="www.2020census.gov/jobs">www.2020census.gov/jobs</a> for Census taker jobs & <a href="www.usajobs.gov">www.usajobs.gov</a> for jobs in local area offices)

Let's make sue NYC doesn't lose out on its fair share! www.nyc.gov/census2020 Email questions to info@census.nyc.gov

Assembly Member Erik Martin Dilan: Free Civil Legal Services Coming to Your Neighborhood - The Mobile Legal Help Center is a partnership between the NY Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG) and the New York State Courts' access to Justice Program that provides free civil legal services to New York in need.

Private meeting rooms and technology inside the vehicle enable it to function as a full-service office. The vehicle will be stationed at: 366 Cornelia Street, Brooklyn, NY 11237 on October 2 and December 3, 2019, from 10amto 3pm.

To make an appointment or to get more information, please contact the office of Assembly Member Dilan at 718-386-4576.

District Leader Darma V. Diaz, 54<sup>th</sup> Assembly District – Uniting with Assembly Member Erik M. Dilan, 54 Assembly Member; Ujima Community Working Together, Inc; Lavelle Law Firm; District Leader Tommy Torres, 53<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District; and Modern MD Urgent Care Presents "Community Fall Harvest", October 26<sup>th</sup>, Saturday from 3pm to 6pm. Free Snacks, Free Pumpkins while supplies last. Location: Parking Lot Bushwick Avenue between Madison & Bushwick Pumpkins will be given to the children accompanied by a parent.

GIRL Composite: Girl Composite creates a safe space where young women ages 10-18 feel Empowered, Valued and Loved while learning their self-worth with the goal of learning how to make their mark in the world.

Workshop Topics: Self-esteem, financial literacy, resume writing/interview techniques, community service, academic excellence, and more.

Please register by calling / Texting Victoria Simmons at 347-731-2042 or emailing GirlComposite@Gmail.com

Don't Be a Victim! Never Leave Your Personal Property Unattended. Assertive police strategies have cut crime dramatically making New York the safest large city in the nation. You can help the NYPD keep New York City safe by following these simple tips:

- ♣ Be alert and aware of your surroundings always. Criminals often target people who are distracted.
- When in a bar or restaurant, don not leave your handbag over the back of your chair, on a stool or on the floor.
- ♣ White headsets are a dead giveaway. Protect your musical device by keeping it out of sight and changing the headset color.
- Hold on to your cell phone and keep it secured out of sight when not in use.
- Carry your wallet in the breast pocket of your jacket or in your side pocket of your jacket or in your side pants pocket. NEVER in the rear pants pocket which is one of the easiest to pick.
- ♣ Carry your purse close to your body. NEVER wrap the strap around your body.
- ♣ Don't leave belongings such as bags and laptops computer unattended.
- Carry only the amount of cash or number of credit cards necessary to make purchased for the day.
- ♣ Place items out of sight in the truck of your vehicle prior to reaching your destination.
  Never leave packages on the passenger area of the vehicle.

- ♣ Be wary of distractions. Sometimes one perp diverts your attention while another picks your pocket or steals your belongings.
- ♣ Follow your instincts. Remember, "If it seems too good to be true, it probably is".

Emergency situations call 911. Non-emergencies call 311. Report and suspicious activity to: 1-888-NYC-SAFE

Second Roll Call.

Meeting Adjourned: 28 Members Present, at 9:04PM. Motion made by Jo-Ena Bennett and second by Jose Guzman.