



CITY OF NEW YORK **COMMUNITY BOARD 3**
MINUTES OF THE
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023
COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
CHILDREN OF PROMISE
54 MACDONOUGH STREET
BROOKLYN, NY 11216

In Attendance:

Members Present:

Alex Abarbanel-Grossman, Ricardo Agcauli, Monique Antoine, Santina Brown-Payton, Anthony Buissereth, Tiffanie Burt, Michael Catlyn, Evelyn Collier, Yvonne Cummings, Aline Estefam, Carroll “Rusty” Fields, Keith Forest, Rabbi Joel Friedman, Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Nicole Greaves, Shia Greenfeld, Ahsan Habib, Letty Hawthorne, Oma Holloway, Jada John-Ali, Edna Johnson, Dr. Kerliene Johnson, Kenneth Mbonu, Jerome Nathaniel, Aboubacar Okeke-Diagne, Christine Parker, , C. Doris Pinn, Shneaqua “Coco” Purvis, Miari Roberts, Wendy Robinson, Suzette Sheppard, Dr. Gail Singleton-Taylor, Samuel Stern, Dr. Adesola Tella, Alicia Walton, Douglas Williams, TJ Wilson

Members Absent/Excused: Dr. Kim Best, Frank LaChapelle, Dovie Matthews, Maliyka Muhammad, Melissa Plowden-Norman, Joel Polatsek, Karen Rhau, Carolyn Richburg, Abitzel Robinson-Hobson, Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman

Elected Official/Reps: Assemblymember Stefani Zinerman, Robert Moore – Assemblymember Latrice Walker, Carol-Ann Church – Borough President Antonio Reynoso, David Kahn – Public Advocate Jumaane Williams, Henry Butler – 56th AD District Leader

Agencies/CBOs: D. I. Khandakar Abdullah – 81st Precinct, PO Christopher Charles -79th Precinct, P.O Guthrie – Guthrie – 79th Precinct, Det. Conrad Narcisse – 81st Precinct, Oma Holloway – Bridge Street Development, Nicole Bryan – Macon Library, Idris Abullah – 79th Precinct Council

Chair Buissereth convened the meeting.

He reported that board member Ernest Deeb has resigned from the Board. The Board now has 47 members.

At the first roll call there were 31 members present and 16 absent.

Community announcements and public comments were made about the Free Black Women Library, complaint regarding dogs in the playground of P.S. 309, The grand opening of the Cultural African Arts Museum at Restoration at 1:00 p.m. on November 18th.

Oma Holloway also informed that there are now six merchant Association in Bedford Stuyvesant and Crown Heights on Tompkins Avenue, Malcolm X Blvd, Marcus Garvey Blvd, Nostrand Avenue and Franklin Avenue (in Crown Heights) Bedford and Franklin Avenues (Bed Stuy) and Lewis Avenue.

Informational presentation:

Shelton Jones, Kings County District Attorney’s on holiday safety and scam prevention. He informed the residents about various scams such as: the grandparents’ scam, the lottery scam, the Yes scam, the romance scam, contractor scam. He stated that the DA has a fraud unit and a cyber scam unit.

Antonio Whitaker, DSNY gave an update on the new containerization regulations and the bulk collection rules. In September all food businesses with five locations or more MUST put their trash out one hour before closing. Residential building containerization of nine units or less will begin in 2024. Organic composting is mandatory in Brooklyn. For more information, he can be reached at 646-885-4503.

Public Hearing:

Adam Ganser, Executive Director presented New Yorkers for Parks “1% for Parks” Campaign.

[Open park presentation](#)

In the matter of the resolution for the 1% for Parks Campaign, TJ Wilson, Chair of the Parks, Arts & Culture committee stated that the committee recommended giving a letter of support.

The Board voted: **33 – In Favor, 0 – Against, 2 – Abstentions**

[Open vote for 1% Parks](#)

Reinaldo Perez, New York Community Bank presented the bank application for a Banking Development District at 1921 Atlantic Avenue between Prescott & Bancroft Places.

[Download presentation from NY Community Bank](#)

[Open vote for NY bank](#)

In the matter of New York Community Bank request for a letter of support for a Banking Development District, Keith Forest, Chair of the Economic Development Committee stated that the committee recommended giving a letter of support.

The Board voted: **31 – In Favor, 1 – Objection, 2 – Abstention**

Nominating Committee Report:

The Chair of the Nominating Committee Nicole Greaves gave her report on the election process. The following is the slate:

- Chair:** Anthony Buissereth
- 1st Vice Chair:** Ivy Gamble-Cobb
- 2nd Vice Chair:** Michael Catlyn
- Treasurer:** C. Doris Pinn
- Secretary:** Karen Rhau

The election will be held at the December 4th meeting and candidates can be called from the floor.

Roll Call:

There were 38 members present and 9 absent.

Chair Buissereth reported that new applications for board membership are available beginning November 15th.

District Office Report was given by Beryl Nyack.

- Woodhull Hospital is hosting a Job Fair on Tuesday, November 21st from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Applications for the Citizens Committee for New York City grant is open.

Actions on the Public Hearings

In the matter of Café Calaca LLC request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control Liquor License at 505 Franklin Avenue, Keith Forest, Chair of the Economic Development Committee stated that the committee recommended giving a letter of support.

The Board voted: **32 – In favor, 3 – Objection, 1 – Abstention**

[Open vote for Café Calaca](#)

In the matter of the resolution for 188 Bainbridge Street, Evelyn Collier, Chair of the Landmarks & Preservation Committee recommended that the Board **NOT SUPPORT** the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness for new building.

[Open draft resolution for 188 Bainbridge](#)

The Board voted unanimously with a vote of **36 – In Favor**

[Open vote for 188 Bainbridge](#)

In the matter of a resolution for 267 Macon Street, Evelyn Collier, Chair of the Landmarks & Preservation Committee recommended that the Board **SUPPORT** the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness for an existing residential building.

[Please insert draft resolution for 267 Macon](#)

The Board voted unanimously: **35 – In Favor**

[Open vote for 267 Macon](#)

A motion was made to accept the October 2nd minutes by Douglas Williams and seconded by Alex Abarbanel-Grossman.

Chair Buissereth announced he has formed an Ad hoc Committee to review the Adult-Use Retail Dispensary Applications. He appointed Michael Catlyn as chair along with the following members: Monique Antoine, Keith Forest, Edna Johnson, Dr. Jada John-Ali, Aboubacar Okeke-Diagne, and Jerome Nathaniel.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be Monday, December 4, 2023.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Edna Johnson and seconded by Evelyn Collier. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Beryl Nyack
November 22, 2023