



CITY OF NEW YORK **COMMUNITY BOARD 3**
MINUTES OF THE
MONDAY, MAY 1, 2023
COMMUNITY BOARD VIRTUAL MEETING
VIA WEBEX

In Attendance:

Members Present: Alex Abarbanel-Grossman, Ricardo Agcauli, Monique Antoine, Dr. Kim Best, Santana Brown-Payton, Anthony Buissereth, Tiffanie Burt, Michael Catlyn, Evelyn Collier, Ernest Deeb, 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, Dovie Matthews, Kenneth Mbonu, Ellen Miller, Maliyka Muhammad, Jerome Nathaniel, Aboubacar Okeke-Diagne, Christine Parker, Melissa Plowden-Norman, C. Doris Pinn, Karen Rhau, Carolyn Richburg, Miari Roberts, Wendy Robinson, Abitzel Robinson-Hobson, Suzette Sheppard, Samuel Stern, Dr. Adesola Tella, Alicia Walton, Douglas Williams, TJ Wilson

Members Absent/Excused: Emad Ansari, Frank LaChapelle, Yvonne Cummings, Azania Maitland, Joel Polatsek, Shnequa Purvis, Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman

Elected Official/Reps: David Kahn – Public Advocate Office, Robert Moore – Assemblymember Latrice Walker, Justin Freeman – Assemblymember Phara Souffrant-Forrest, Carol-Ann Church – Borough President Antonio Reynoso, Shelton Jones – District Attorney Office

Agencies/CBOs: D. I. Hipolito Gil – 79th Precinct, D. I. Abdullah – 81st Precinct, Det. Conrad Narcisse – 81st Precinct, P.O. Christopher Charles – 79th Precinct, Nicole Bryan – Macon Branch Library,

Chair Anthony Buissereth read the agenda into the record and gave his remarks. He acknowledged the 11 new members (Alex-Abarbanel-Grossman, Tiffanie Burt, Aline Estefam, Rabbi Joel Friedman, Ahsan Habib, Letty Hawthorne, Maliyka Muhammad, Aboubacar Okeke-Giagne, and Samuel Stern) Melissa Plowden-Norman and Nicole Greaves are returning members.

He also acknowledged the members who did not reapply or were not re-appointed: Annalee Reid, Victor Iroh and Robert Providence, and Jamilla Swift. He thanked them for their service. A special thank you to Simone Pratt and Mary Jemison Head for their service. Mary Head will be honored for her decades of service later in the year.

He briefly discussed the unfortunate police involved shooting on the corner of Hancock Street and Lewis Avenue and the devastating fire on Gates Avenue which took the lives of a mother and her two children.

Carol Ann church welcome the new members and announce that there will a new member swearing-in ceremony on May 4th, at Borough Hall. She also announced the new Deputy Borough President is Rev. Kimberly Council.

The Parks, Arts & Culture Committee gave an Information presentation on the Bed-Stuy Sluggers. Sidney Wormsby informed that the program accepts children regardless of their ability to pay or play. They have 360 academic programs. He stated that they are seeking assistance with the following: equipment for training and playing, access and control of an indoor facility for training and education, recruitment support for the players and volunteers, and funding and organizational support. For more information, visit www.bedstuysluggers.org

On June 10th, the organization will be screening the Jackie Robinson movie.

A public hearing was held on HipHoticHelps, Inc. (HHH) request for a letter of support to operate an Intake and Assessment Center at 570 Nostrand Avenue. Trisha Van Buren, CEO stated that this location will only be for intake, there is another location at 960 Manhattan Avenue which gives support to domestic violence and sex crime clients. The other location at 545 Broadway for veterans, ex-offenders, and young adults.

She stated there will be peer specialist/purple gun mentors who will ride around with IMT drivers and picking up by subway stations 24 hours a day. They have a holistic approach by providing clothing, food and showers to their clients. For more information, visit www.hhhglobal.org or email hiphotichelps@gmail.com

Questions & Answers

Evelyn Collier: What is your resource for the clothing that you give out?

Trisha Van Buren: There are several resources on Long Island that donates coats.

Ivy Gamble-Cobb: How many people do you plan to serve at 570 Nostrand Avenue, and do you plan to have security?

Trisha Van Buren: The target is 430,000 specialized individuals because that is the hub, about 40 people a day. They will be open Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. 545 Broadway will be the only 24 hours site. There will be two guards at all locations.

Henry Butler: Are the clients brought to you or do you scout them?

Trisha Van Buren: By referrals and by scouting all neighborhoods with IMT

Christine Parker: How are you being funded?

Trisha Van Buren: This is privately funded, and the Mayor will match us. It is \$33 million per year.

Edna Johnson, the Chair of the Health & Social Service Committee asked that this item be tabled pending more information. It will be voted on at the next Board meeting on June 5, 2023.

There were two requests for letters of support for Alcohol Beverage Control License however, Grotto Authentic Caribbean Cuisine LLC located at 321 Nostrand Avenue was not in attendance. Therefore, the application was tabled.

Dream House LLC located at 194 Ralph Avenue between Decatur and MacDonough Streets. Owners Lennox Thomas and Chanel Harvell were in attendance. Ms. Harvell stated that Dream House will provide its customers with a full-service Latin fusion steakhouse dining experience. They will operate Monday to Thursday 5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.; Fridays 5:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.; Saturdays 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.; Sundays 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. Her presentation showed the progress of the work being done on the site all with the plan. There will be 14 tables with 42 seats and 9 seats at the bar.

She addressed some of the concerns the committee had in terms of the 200 Foot Rule, Liberty Temple Church at 189 Ralph Avenue is no longer in operation due to the passing of the pastor two years ago.

Church of New Beginnings, 523 Decatur Street is 211 feet and is listed on ZoLa as a two-family building.

Chair Buissereth: What is your anticipated date of opening?.

Chanel Harvell: Second week in June.

Keith Forest: How many egresses do you have?

Lennox Thomas: 2

Tiffanie Burt: Do you plan to hire in the community?

Lennox Thomas: Yes, he added he is from Bushwick, and Chanel Harvell is from the neighborhood.

ACTION:

Keith Forest sated that the committee voted to give a letter of support Dream House LLC. A motion was made to accept the committee’s recommendation.

VOTE: 37 – In Favor; 2 – Against; 2 – Abstention

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The following announcements were made:

- She thanked everyone who attended Flower Bed-Stuy and although the event was cancelled due to the weather, they were able to distribute the flowers to block and tenant associations. Oma Holloway announced Open Streets on Tompkins Avenue will begin on Sunday, June 4th from 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Idris Abdullah informed the next Precinct council will be held on May 24th, at 7:00 p.m. in Restoration

Chair Anthony Buissereth announced the Board will be hosting the “We Are Bed-Stuy” event on June 10th. A flyer will be available soon.

He added that Ernest Deeb is now the new Vice Chair of the Transportation, sanitation & Environment Committee

District Manager Butler announced that applications are available for the Atrium at Sumner. The deadline to apply is June 1, 2023. This is 190 affordable units for seniors 62 years and older.

Evelyn Collier, Chair of the Landmarks & Preservation Committee read the committee’s resolution for LPC Application #23-08141 for 363 Macon Street.

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The committee’s recommendation is to **NOT SUPPORT** the application. A motion was made to accept the Board recommendation. It was a unanimous vote.

VOTE: 43 – In Favor; 0 – Against; 0 – Abstention

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Committee Updates:

Miari Roberts informed that at the May 9th, Transportation meeting DOT discussed the bike lanes on Jefferson Avenue and Hancock Street.

C. Doris Pinn announced the Atlantic Avenue mixed-use plan and the ULURP application on Gates Avenue & Quincy Street and Gates Avenue and Monroe Street.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Evelyn Collier and seconded by Keith Forest. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Beryl Nyack
May 19, 2023