



CITY OF NEW YORK **COMMUNITY BOARD 3**
MINUTES OF THE
MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023
COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
P.S. 308/EMBER CHARTER SCHOOL
616 QUINCY STREET, AUDITORIUM
BROOKLYN, NY 11221

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, Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Nicole Greaves, Shia Greenfeld, Ahsan Habib, Oma Holloway, Dr. Jada John-Ali, Edna Johnson, Dr. Kerliene Johnson, Kenneth Mbonu, Maliyka Muhammad, Jerome Nathaniel, Aboubacar Okeke-Diagne, Christine Parker, , C. Doris Pinn, Shneaqua “Coco” Purvis, Karen Rhau, Carolyn Richburg, Miari Roberts, Wendy Robinson, Suzette Sheppard, Samuel Stern, Dr. Adesola Tella, Alicia Walton, Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman

Members Absent/Excused: Dr. Kim Best, Rabbi Joel Friedman, Letty Hawthorne, Frank LaChapelle, Dovie Matthews, Melissa Plowden-Norman, Joel Polatsek, Abitzel Robinson-Hobson, Dr. Gail Singleton-Taylor, Douglas Williams, TJ Wilson

Elected Official/Reps: Councilmember Darlene Mealy, Councilmember Crytal Hudson, Tendai Watkins – Assemblymember Stefani Zinerman, Carol-Ann Church – Borough President Antonio Reynoso, David Khan – Public Advocate Office

Agencies/CBOs: Lt. Justin Simms – 81st Precinct, Det. Conrad Narcisse – 81st Precinct, Nicole Bryan – Macon Library, Taya Mueller – Myrtle Village Garden

Chair Buissereth convened the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Roll Call:

During the first roll call there were 29 members present and 18 absent.

Councilmember Hudson announced that as of January she will no longer cover the small portion of Bedford Stuyvesant because of redistricting.

Lt. Justin Simms introduced himself as the new commanding officer of the 81st Precinct and stated that crime is down in the precinct.

Keith Forest, Chair of the Economic Development Committee gave an Informational presentation on behalf of Dale Charles, Bed-Stuy Gateway BID’s 2023 Winter Wonderland marketplace and programming. has officially begun on November 25th and will run until December 23rd . The event is to promote/support local vendors. The market will be open Thursday to Sunday from 12:00 noon – 6:00 p.m. There is also a trolley to take event goers to the various shops in the community.

A Public Hearing was held on the City of Yes for Economic Opportunity. Keith Forest read some of the goals and proposals. There were several questions.

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Ms. Pinn stated that City Planning will be presentation on City of Yes at the January Board meeting.

Roll Call:

The second roll call had a quorum. There were 36 members present and 11 absent.

Chairperson Report:

Chair Buissereth reminded member about the re-appointment applications

District Office Report:

- Attended the Borough Service Cabinet Meeting which had presentations by the Department of City Planning on the City of Yes, Office of Asylum Seekers Operations/Department of Social Services, and the Office of Family & Community Engagement.
- I testified on behalf of Evelyn Collier at the Landmarks Preservation commission Hearing on 267 Macon Street and 188 Bainbridge Street.
- I attended a presentation by Con Ed on Clean Energy to the students of Boys & Girls High School by at the EV Charging Station on Stuyvesant.

Committee Reports:

Michael Catlyn, Chair, gave a report on the Ad-hoc CAURD Committee meeting which was held on September 28th, in-person with three applicants:

1. Treehouse Cannabis LLC, at 1165 Bedford Avenue. He stated that the committee had the following concerns:
 - Opening time is 10:00 a.m. everyday and the location is located at the corner of a residential block
 - Several illegal operating businesses selling cannabis nearby
2. Brooklyn Green Haus LLC, at 1542 Fulton Street
The committee concerns:
 - Opening time is 10:00 a.m. most days and this location is one block away from residentially zoned districts
 - Several illegal operating businesses selling cannabis nearby
3. Rustik 471 LLC, at 469 Dekalb Avenue
 - The owner owns the neighboring business and will be doing his own growing.

Michael Catlyn stated that the committee has NO OBJECTION. It was moved and seconded by Edna Johnson.

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Due to unforeseen circumstances the meeting was adjourned before the agenda was completed. A motion was made to end the meeting and reconvene at another time.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Beryl Nyack
January 2, 2024