



CITY OF NEW YORK **COMMUNITY BOARD 3**
MINUTES OF THE
MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2023
COMMUNITY BOARD VIRTUAL MEETING
VIA WEBEX

In Attendance:

Members Present: Alex Abarbanel-Grossman, Ricardo Agcauli, Emad Ansari, Monique Antoine, Santana Brown-Payton, Anthony Buissereth, Tiffanie Burt, Michael Catlyn, Evelyn Collier, Yvonne Cummings, Ernest Deeb, Aline Estefam, Carroll “Rusty” Fields, Keith Forest, Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Nicole Greaves, Ahsan Habib, Letty Hawthorne, Oma Holloway, Jada John-Ali, Dr. Kerliene Johnson, Dovie Matthews, Kenneth Mbonu, Ellen Miller, Maliyka Muhammad, Jerome Nathaniel, Aboubacar Okeke-Diagne, Christine Parker, Melissa Plowden-Norman, C. Doris Pinn, Shneaquia Purvis, Karen Rhau, Carolyn Richburg, Miari Roberts, Abitzel Robinson-Hobson, Wendy Robinson, Suzette Sheppard, Samuel Stern, Dr. Adesola Tella, Alicia Walton, Douglas Williams, TJ Wilson

Members Absent/Excused: Dr. Kim Best, Rabbi Joel Friedman, Shia Greenfeld, Edna Johnson, Frank LaChapelle, Joel Polatsek, Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman

Elected Official/Reps: David Kahn – Public Advocate Office, Maron Alemu – Congressman Hakeem Jeffries, Robert Moore – Assemblymember Latrice Walker, Carol-Ann Church – Borough President Antonio Reynoso, Shelton Jones – District Attorney Office, Elijah Fox – Councilmember Chi Osse, Henry Butler – 56th Assembly District Leader

Agencies/CBOs: Nicole Bryan – Macon Branch Library, Jonathan Pogoda – Marcy Branch Library, Gregory Anderson – Bridge Street Development Corp.

Chair Anthony Buissereth read the agenda into the record. He gave his remarks on the shootings in the district and thanked everyone who participated in the “We Are Bed Stuy” event.

District Manager Henry Butler announced his resignation after ten years on the job. He invited everyone to the Macon Street (between Patchen & Ralph Avenues) Annual Evening of Jazz on July 11th, at 6:00 p.m.

An Informational presentation was given by David Espinoza about the services provided at the Dr. Betty Shabazz SUNY ATTAIN Lab. The lab is located at 700 Gates Avenue. The program is funded by the City, and it provides classes in Microsoft, QuickBooks, food safety, Rosetta Stone in 24 languages, math. The program also provide workforce development. Classes are held hybrid or online.

For more information, visit www.bsc.sunyattain.org

The second Informational presentation was given by Jennifer Zisler, Assistant Principal at Clara Barton High School for Health Professions. The school offers an alternative career and technical educational (CTE) program in the following fields: medical assistant, nurse assistant, dental lab tech, vision care, and dental assistant.

There were three public hearings:

1. IN THE MATTER OF an application submitted by Izzy Rosenbaum pursuant to Sections 197-c and 201 of the New York City Charter for an Amendment to the Zoning Map, Section No. 16c:
 - A. changing from an M1-1 District to an R7D/C District property (C220453ZMK) bounded by Myrtle Avenue, Spencer Street, and Walworth Street; and
 - B. to create a new Mandatory Inclusionary Housing Area (N220454ZRK) to facilitate a new 8-story mixed-use building, including 54 dwelling units, at 703 Myrtle Avenue in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Community District 3, Brooklyn.

Richard Lobel,, Alexia Landesman and Haley Padgett were in attendance for presentation. He stated that this building will be an 8-story, 54-unit building, 18 of which will be permanently affordable. There will be 11 parking spaces and 28 bicycle spaces. The FAR is 5.6 with an AMI at 80% providing 1-4 bedrooms. 29 units will be 2 bedrooms, 25 units will be 1-bedrooms and 6 units will be 3-bedrooms.

VOTE: 33 – In Favor; 9 – Oppose; 1 – Abstention; 1 – Recusal

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2. Alcohol Beverage Control License application for Ler, Ler Inc. located at 417 Tompkins Avenue (b/w Hancock & Halsey Streets) Hanle Phetsongkham, Owner

The owner stated that he has a restaurant in Bushwick. This is a Thai restaurant with a capacity of 50 seats. The bar has five seats, and it is ADA accessible. The menu for lunch ranges from \$10.95 - \$14.95 and dinner ranges from \$14.95 - \$19. It will be authentic Thai cuisine with teas and bubbles. The hours will be 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. Friday to Saturday.

VOTE: 33 – In Favor; 4 – Oppose; 4 – Abstentions

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Alcohol Beverage Control License application for Panlin Inc. LLC d/b/a Thai Me located at 918 Broadway (b/w Stockton St & Myrtle Ave)

The restaurant have been open since 2019. This is a transfer application; everything will remain the same. The hours are 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m., 7 days weeks. There will be background music. The capacity is 123: 40 tables, 12 bar stools for a total of 52 seats.

VOTE: 34 – In Favor; 4 – Oppose; 4 – Abstentions

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A vote was taken on IN THE MATTER OF the Proposed City of Yes for Carbon Neutrality Citywide Zoning Text Amendment (N230112ZRY)

VOTE: 40 – In Favor; 2 – Oppose; 0 – Abstention

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Community Announcements:

Oma Holloway announced that there will be no Open Street on July 2nd.

Community residents made several complaints in opposition to the Open Street TAMA event held on Tompkins Avenue. The event is disrupting the quality of life of the residents.

There were also opposition to the bike lanes on Hancock Street and Jefferson Avenue.

ROLL CALL: There were 42 members present and 7 absent.

Chairperson Report:

- Kick-off We Are Bed-Stuy was a success. We are considering another event in the fall.
- District Manager Henry Butler will be resigning from his position effective July 7, 2023
- The Personnel Committee has convened and begun to lay the groundwork for a DM search. We are following the process outlined in the by-laws with input from Borough Hall and the Law Department. The committee will meet on a regular schedule (to be determined) to lead the search process.
- Will provide monthly memos with updates to the Board.
- In the interim Mrs. Beryl Nyack is the primary staff contact for CB3
- CB3 is updating its Block and Tenant Association Directory
- Interest forms will be accepted on a rolling basis to become a voting member of a CB3 Committee

Respectfully submitted by,
Beryl Nyack
September 8, 2023