



CITY OF NEW YORK **COMMUNITY BOARD 3**
MINUTES OF THE
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023
COMMUNITY BOARD VIRTUAL MEETING
VIA WEBEX

In Attendance:

Members Present: Ricardo Agcauli, Emad Ansari, Monique Antoine, Dr. Kim Best, Anthony Buissereth, Michael Catlyn, Evelyn Collier, Yvonne Cummings, Carroll “Rusty” Fields, Keith Forest, Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Shia Greenfeld, Oma Holloway, Jada John-Ali, Edna Johnson, Azania Maitland, Dovie Matthews, Ellen Miller, Jerome Nathaniel, Christine Parker, Santina Brown-Payton, C. Doris Pinn, Robert Providence, Shneaqua Purvis, Karen Rhau, Carolyn Richburg, Annalee Reid, Miari Roberts, Wendy Robinson, Suzette Sheppard, Dr. Adesola Tella, Alicia Walton, Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman, Douglas Williams, TJ Wilson

Members Absent/Excused: Ernest Deeb, Everett Hughes, Victor Iroh, Mary Jemison-Head, Dr. Kerliene Johnson, Frank LaChapelle, Kenneth Mbonu, Joel Polatsek, Simone Pratt, Abitzel Robinson-Hobson, Jamella Swift

Elected Official/Reps: Robert Moore – Assemblymember Latrice Walker, Assemblymember Stefani Zinerman, Carol-Ann Church – Borough President Antonio Reynoso, Councilmember Chi Osse, Vanessa Nutter – Hon. Lincoln Restler, Councilmember Crystal Hudson, Leon Tulton – Councilmember Darlene Mealy, Shelton Jones – District Attorney Office, 56th Assembly District Leader Henry Butler, 56th Assembly District Leader Kenesha Traynham-Cooper

Agencies/CBOs: P.O. Christopher Charles – 79th Precinct, Det. Conrad Narcisse – 81st Precinct, Damaris Falero – DOB, Stephen Caruso – DSNY, Nicole Bryan – Macon Branch Library, Jonathan Pogodo – Marcy Branch Library, Gregory Anderson – Bridge Street Development Corp.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair Anthony Buissereth. He read the agenda into the record and gave his remarks.

There were two Informational presentations. The first presentation was given by the Budget Coordinator, TJ Wilson on the Capital & Expense Budget Requests for the Fiscal Year 2024 Preliminary Budget. She gave a brief synopsis on the roadmap to the budget process.

She highlighted the top five (5) priority Capital Request out of the 25:

- 1) More affordable housing for medium income households
- 2) Roadway maintenance (i.e., pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)
- 3) Renovation of St. Andrew’s Playground (partially funded)
- 4) Other capital budget request for DEP – target flood resilience and storm water management investments
- 5) Affordable housing programs – (NIHOP)

The top five (5) priority Expense Requests are:

- 1) Provide more enhance rental subsidies programs
- 2) Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk, dirty area, and failure to clean area laws
- 3) Animal and pest control request including rat and mosquito populations
- 4) Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize substance misuse and encourage training
- 5) Improve enforcement and strengthen outreach and awareness to owners and residents from deed fraud

There will be a Public Hearing on February 9th to get feedback from residents before the deadline to submit the response by February 15th.

The second presentation was given by Cherine Anderson, Brooklyn Transition & College Access Center (TCAC) Ms. Anderson stated that there is a program in every borough. The Brooklyn program is located in Boys & Girls High School, 1700 Fulton street, 1st floor. The program supports high school students ages 14-21 years with Individualized Education Plan (IEPs). Some of the programs they offer are:

- Training Opportunity Program (TOP) is a 15-hour Internship in the fall from October to May
- Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) is a 6-weeks program from July to August which pays \$15 per/hour for 25 hours a week
- Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) free program done virtually, after school

For more information contact, bklynTCAC@schools.nyc.gov

There were two public hearing for Alcohol Beverage Control License:

- A. Bed-Vyne Brew LLC located at 370 Tompkins Avenue. The co-owner Rotimi Akinnouye stated that the business is expanding its liquor license to provide outside opportunities such as special events. The have been open for nine years.
- B. Martha's Cocina Mexicana LLC located at 338 Franklin Avenue. Owner Cindy Huesca stated that she have been opened since October. This is a Mexican restaurant with full-service. She offers brunch, lunch, and dinner. The hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. 11:00 p.m. Monday to Friday the bar will close at 10:00 p.m.

There will be one full-time manager, one chef, three helpers and one bartender. She is always in site except for Wednesdays. The capacity of the restaurant is 30 seats with seven at the seven bar stools.

Community Announcements:

- Stephen Caruso, DSNY informed residents of the new regulations pertaining to set out times. Starting on April 1st, residents who place garbage bags out can do so beginning at 8:00 p.m., those who place their garage in receptacles can do so at 6:00 p.m. The rules will also apply to businesses. Buildings with nine (9) units of more can opt in annually for set out time between 4:00 a.m. – 7:00 a.m., applications are accepted in January.
- Zoe Fortin, Play NYC zoe@play-ground.nyc
You are invited to the Bonjour Breakfast being held at P.S. 5 on February 11th, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon
- Oma Holloway announced Bridge Street Development Corp. will be offering 1500 slots for the SYEP. Applications open on February 15th, for young people between the ages of 14 – 24 years.

Chairperson Report:

- Emergency Order was extended by Mayor Adams. The Full Board and committee meetings will remain remote until at least Monday, February 20, 2023
- Board office will be closed on Monday, February 20th for Presidents' Day
- Community Board Application deadline is **February 14th** for new members and those seeking re-appointment
- He attended the following meetings:
MTA's Public Meeting on the Proposed Bus Redesign
Atlantic Avenue Mixed Use Planning Kickoff
Bed-Stuy Works Alliance
- CB3 is updating its Block and Tenant Association Directory. Please use the link to update your association's information

District Manager Report:

- On January 12th, HPD announced the developers who were selected for the Fulton Street and Saratoga Avenue site. They are Urbane, IMPACCT, and RiseBoro. The site will produce 238 affordable units. HPD will attend the next CB3 Housing & Land Use meeting on February 8th to discuss further
- The Board Office was notified by the Dept. of City Planning about a proposed redevelopment of Restoration Plaza. Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corp. will attend the next Housing & Land Use meeting as well
- Saratoga Park Playground has been completed.
- Applications for 491 Herkimer Gardens Senior Housing is now open. The deadline is Friday, February 10th. Please apply at www.herkimergardensapts.com

Action on the Public Hearing:

- A. Keith Forest, Economic Development Committee Chair stated that the committee voted and recommended a letter of support for Bed-Vyne Brew LLC.

VOTE: 30 – In Favor; 3 – In Opposition; 1 – Abstention; 1 – Recusal

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- B. Keith Forest, Economic Development Committee Chair stated that the committee voted and recommended a letter of support for Martha's Cocina Mexicana LLC.

VOTE: 31 – In Favor; 4 – In Opposition; 0 – Abstention; 0 – Recusal

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The Parks, Arts & Culture Committee will be hosting an Indoor Herbal Gardening Workshop on February 18th, at the Macon Branch Library from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Registration is required, to register please go to bit.ly/40pFE6V

A motion to accept the January minutes was made by Douglas Williams and seconded by Yvonne Cummings.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Douglas Williams and seconded Edna Johnson. The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Beryl Nyack
February 17, 2023