



CITY OF NEW YORK **COMMUNITY BOARD 3**
MINUTES OF THE
MONDAY, MAY 6, 2024
COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
1360 FULTON STREET, 5TH FLOOR
BROOKLYN, NY 11216

Members Present: Alex Abarbanel-Grossman, Ricardo Agcauli, Monique Antoine, Dr. Kim Best, Frank Bradshaw, Santina Brown-Payton, Anthony Buissereth, Tiffanie Burt, Michael Catlyn, Evelyn Collier, Yvonne Cummings, Keith Forest, Rabbi Joel Friedman, Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Nicole Greaves, Ahsan Habib, Letty Hawthorne, Gerald Huggins, Edna Johnson, Dr. Kerliene Johnson, Dovie Matthews, Kenneth Mbonu, Aboubacar Okeke-Diagne, Christine Parker, Monique Powell, Carolyn Richburg, Miari Roberts, Wendy Robinson, Abitzel Robinson-Hobson, Suzette Sheppard, Joseph Sortland, Dr. Gail Singleton-Taylor, Samuel Stern, Asher Tapuchi, Dr. Adesola Tella, Alicia Walton, Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman, Douglas Williams, Timberly Wilson, TJ Wilson, Cheryl Wright

Members Absent/Excused: Ty'East Alleyne-Bobb, Aline Estefam, Carroll "Rusty" Fields, Shia Greenfeld, Dr. Jada John-Ali, Maliyka Muhammad, Jerome Nathaniel, C. Doris Pinn, Shnequa Purvis

Elected Official/Reps: Councilmember Darlene Mealy, Councilmember Chi Osse, Councilmember Lincoln Restler, Carol-Ann Church – Office of Borough President Antonio Reynoso, Tendai Watkins – Office of Assemblymember Stefani Zinerman, Mark Leary – Office of Councilmember Darlene Mealy, David Kahn – Public Advocate Office

City Agencies/CBOs: D.I. Lito Gill – 79th Precinct, Det. Christopher Charles – 79th Precinct, D. I. Muhamad Abdullah – 81st Precinct, Det. Conrad Narcisse – 81st Precinct, Nicole Bryan – Macon Branch Library

The meeting was called to order by Chair Anthony Buissereth. He read the agenda into the record. Chair Buissereth introduced the new District Manager, Nadeen Gayle and the eight new board members: Joseph Sortland, Gerald Huggins, Cheryl Wright, Timberly Wilson, Frank Bradshaw, Monique Powell, Asher Tapuchi and Ty'East Alleyne-Bobb. He also thanked the members who have resigned from the Board for their service: Oma Holloway and Karen Rhau.

Dr. Sandra Scott, the new CEO of One Brooklyn Health, and Charlie Beauvais, Executive Director introduced themselves to the public and gave a brief update on what is happening at the hospital. The ER is being renovated and there will be a new behavioral unit at Interfaith & Brookdale Hospitals.

Nicole Bryan announced that the Macon Branch Library will be closing for 4-6 weeks to remediate a mold condition. The last day for public service will be May 21st. Patron can utilize the Saratoga Branch during the closure.

Presentation:

Danna Dennis, Senior Organizer with Riders Alliance gave a presentation on the MTA's Fair Rare Program.

Presentation:

Bryce Peterson, an artist who created the artwork gave a brief synopsis of the [Hanging Gardens](#) installation. He stated that the artwork is a pavilion with a built-in hanging garden, the speaker and lighting system is solar powered for events. Herbert Von King is the second installation; the first installation was located at Highland Park. The artwork will officially open on June 8th to the public and will run until November.

The organization is offering four curatorial internships with a stipend of \$1000.00. for neighborhood artist. He is also seeking partnerships and sponsorships. www.hanginggardensbk.org

Presentation:

TJ Wilson, Chair of the Parks, Arts & Culture Committee reported that Commissioner Maher presented the design for St. Andrew's Playground and is seeking a letter of support from the Board.

Davey Ives, Parks Department presented the \$21.6 million renovation that is slated for St. Andrew's Playground. [St. Andrew's Playground Initiative](#)

There were questions and comments from longtime residents, members and Councilmember Mealy. The committee recommended a letter of support. The recommendation passed.

VOTE: 41 – In Favor; 0 – Objection; 0 – Abstention

Chair's Report:

- On May 18th, the Board will be hosting a shred event from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in Marcy Plaza
- Resolution for a Friends Group
- There will be two meetings in June: the regular one on June 3rd and the second on June 27th
- City of Yes must be voted on by May 28th. A presentation will be made at the Housing Land Use meeting on Wednesday, May 8th.

District Manager Report:

- Central Brooklyn Economic Corp. is offering an energy and wind source development
- The Board email is not working
- Attended a meet and greet
- The Board now has an Instagram account, follow us @bklynbc3
- The Board email is currently not working. They are working on the issue.
- Attended a press conference held by Assemblymember Zinerman on the worse landlord
- The Economic Development Committee will be hosting a Small Business Mixer on May 30th at 1368 Fulton Street
- June 8th is a "Rat Day of Action"

Action on Public Hearing:

Chair Keith Forest, Economic Development Committee stated that the committee voted to give a letter of support to Ridgewood Savings Bank to extend their BBD to Bed-Stuy from Grand Avenue to Classon Avenue.

VOTE: 32 – In Favor; 0 – Objections; 7 – Abstentions

The committee also voted on two liquor license applications: Rep Music Café and Understudy Hospitality. The Committee voted to give a letter of support to Rep Music Café. However, they voted to give a letter of non-support to Understudy Hospitality. **Rep Music Café** will be a coffee house. **Understudy Hospitality** will be a bakery during the day.

Vote for Rep Music Cafe: 31 – In Favor; 4 – Objections; 4 – Abstentions

Vote for Understudy Hospitality: 30 – In Favor; 5 – Objections; 5 – Abstentions

Michael Catlyn, Chair of the CAURD Committee gave a report on Happy Buds Brooklyn application. They are currently open and operating at 225 Malcolm X Blvd. They currently sell CBD products. He stated that the committee recommendation is to give a letter of NO OBJECTION. The motion was seconded by Aboubacar Okeke-Diagne.

VOTE: 26 – In Favor; 10 – Objections; 3 - Abstention

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

The next Board meeting will be held on June 3rd.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Edna Johnson and seconded by Timberly Wilson. The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

Submitted by,
Beryl Nyack
May 28, 2024