



**CITY OF NEW YORK**      **COMMUNITY BOARD 3**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**COMMUNITY BOARD MONTHLY MEETING**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2024**  
**1360 FULTON STREET, 5<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR**  
**BROOKLYN, NY 11216**

**Members Present:** Alex Abarbanel-Grossman, Ricardo Agcauli, Ty'East Alleyne-Bobb, Monique Antoine, Dr. Kim Best, Frank Bradshaw, Santana Brown-Payton, Anthony Buissereth, Tiffanie Burt, Michael Catlyn, Evelyn Collier, Yvonne Cummings, Keith Forest, Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Nicole Greaves, Ahsan Habib, Gerald Huggins, Dr. Jada John-Ali, Edna Johnson, Dovie Matthews, Aboubacar Okeke-Diagne, Christine Parker, Monique Powell, Carolyn Richburg, Miari Roberts, Wendy Robinson, Suzette Sheppard, Joseph Sortland, Dr. Gail Singleton-Taylor, Asher Tapuchi, Dr. Adesola Tella, Alicia Walton, Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman, Douglas Williams, Timberly Wilson, TJ Wilson, Cheryl Wright

**Members Absent/Excused:** Aline Estefam, Carroll "Rusty" Fields, Rabbi Joel Friedman, Shia Greenfeld, Letty Hawthorne, Dr. Kerliene Johnson, Kenneth Mbonu, Maliyka Muhammad, Jerome Nathaniel, C. Doris Pinn, Shneaqu Purvis, Abitzel (Abbi) Robinson-Hobson, Samuel Stern

**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:** Det. Christopher Charles – 79<sup>th</sup> Precinct, Det. Conrad Narcisse – 81<sup>st</sup> Precinct, Shelton Jones – Kings County District Attorney Office, Nicole Bryan – Macon Branch Library, Marcia McGibbon – Marcy Branch Library

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

**First Roll Call:**

27 members were present and 23 absent.

There were community announcements/requests for assistance with regards to the buildings at 1101-1107 Fulton Street & Claver Place by Davis and Angela Hope-Weusi that needs repairs.

There were two Informational presentations:

**Presentation:**

Charles Willis represented Bed Stuy Sluggers and Coach Yaseen Allah who is the director of the program. Bed Stuy Sluggers was established ten years ago. They operated at Herbert Von King Park and Sumner Houses. It is a year-round program. In the winter, they use MS 35. It is a coed program for youth 4 – 18 years old.

They are requesting more funding to help support and maintain the grounds at Von King Park be, longer hours for the bathrooms, lighting in the field, support for more equipment. For more information, please contact [admin@bedstuysluggers.org](mailto:admin@bedstuysluggers.org)

**Presentation:**

Andy Inglesby, MTA informed the audience that the Classon Avenue G Train Station will be ADA accessible. There will be three elevators installed will be added to this project: one street to mezzanine and two mezzanines to platform. The project will widen and refurbish the street to mezzanine staircase, a new ADA raised boarding areas with platform edge tactile strips. The new elevator and staircase will be at the NW corner of Classon & Lafayette Avenues

The work is scheduled to begin this month and is scheduled to be completed by the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2026. The first phase will begin in June to the first quarter of 2025 which will consist of utility relocation stair and elevator construction. Phase two construction will continue. The B38 bus stop on Classon & Lafayette Avenues will be relocated closer to Franklin Avenue. Two entrances to the station will be reopened after being closed for several years. During Phase 1, the vehicle and bike lane will be maintained, the staging area will be in the parking lanes. During Phase 2, Classon Avenue will be maintained however on Lafayette Avenue the bike lane will be reopened during Phase 2. Citi bike will remain open during the entire project on Classon & Lafayette Avenues. The hours of operation will be 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. If evening work is required, it will be from 3:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. He indicated that they are mindful of the noise. The station will remain open during construction.

There were questions from the public and board members.

**Public Hearing:**

Assistant Chief Scott Henderson gave an update on the new laws to regulate the illicit cannabis stores and local enforcement.

He informed that in 2021 NYS has removed the Penal Law Sect 221, which governs the sale and possession of marijuana. It allowed anyone over the age 21 to possess and exchange marijuana. Anywhere tobacco is allowed to be consumed, marijuana is also allowed. However, there are some DON'T. You cannot consume marijuana and drive a motor vehicle in a public park or Federal property, cannot take marijuana across state line because it is still illegal. He added that when the law was changed there was no one from law enforcement, the district attorney's office at the table. There was loophole which the dispensaries took advantage of and was able to open up these unlicensed shops.

In addition, there are only two licensed dispensaries in Brooklyn North, one downtown Brooklyn on Hoyt Street and one in Bushwick. There are 331 illegal smoke shops operating in the borough. The new bill, the Smoke Out Act gave them some teeth to enforce. They were only able to issue summons for \$1000. NYC Sheriff now have authority to deputize NYPD officers to aid with enforcement.

He added that since the inception of the new rule in May, 35 locations have been closed within the confines of Brooklyn North.

Questions were asked and answered.

**Second Roll Call:**

There were 37 members present and 13 absent. There was a quorum.

**Chair's Report:**

- City Planning made a presentation at the last Housing & Land Use Committee meeting on the City of Yes and the Board will vote at the June 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- He encouraged new members to email him with their committee selections.

**District Manager’s Report:**

- June 8<sup>th</sup> will be the Rat Day of Action at Von King Park with the Rat Czar
- CB3 and CB8 is hosting a Youth Expo on June 21<sup>st</sup> at Weeksville Heritage Center

**Committee Reports, Updates & Resolutions**

The Parks, Arts & Culture Committee will not have a meeting this month, however, they will have a Town Hall meeting in regard to ongoing parks issues and the dog run.

**Results of the Board Actions**

- Certificate of Appropriateness for 197 MacDonough Street

**VOTE: 37 – In Favor; 0 – Objection; 0 – Abstention**

- Letter of support for Passionfruit Coffee

**VOTE: 37 – In Favor; 0 – Objection; 0 – Abstention**

A motion to accept the minutes was made and seconded.

**Announcements:**

The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, June 27, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded.

Submitted by,  
Beryl Nyack  
June 27, 2024