



CITY OF NEW YORK **COMMUNITY BOARD 3**
MINUTES OF THE
MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2021
COMMUNITY BOARD VIRTUAL MEETING

In Attendance:

Members Present:

Babatunde Akowe, Felicia Alexander, Monique Antoine, Dr. Kim Best, Anthony Buissereth, Michael Catlyn, Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Evelyn Collier, Taina Evans, Marc Abou-Faissal, Carroll “Rusty” Fields, Richard Flateau, Sharon Forbes, Keith Forest, Gregory Glasgow, Shia Greenfeld, Mary Jemison-Head, Abitzel Robinson-Hobson, Oma Holloway, Everett Hughes, Victor Iroh, Edna Johnson, Dr. Kerliene Johnson, Dr. Debra Lamb, Lisa Lewis, , Hardy “Joe” Long, Ellen Miller, Kenneth Mbonu, Melissa Plowden-Norman, Christine Parker, Santina Payton, C. Doris Pinn, Simone Pratt, Annalee Reid, Karen Rhau, Carolyn Richburg Miari Roberts, Wendy Robinson, Stacey Ruffin, Jamella Swift, Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman, Douglas Williams, TJ Wilson

Members Absent/Excused:

Tywan Anthony, Lillian Bowman, Keisha Jerryman, Marion Little Dovie Matthews, Suzette Sheppard, Alicia Walton,

Elected Official/Reps:

Darryl White – Hon. Letitia James, Hon. Stefani Zinerman, Nickolas Perry – Hon. Scott Stringer, Nadeen Gayle – Hon. Latrice Walker, Shelton Jones – Hon. Eric Gonzalez, Naomi Hopkins – Hon. Alicka Ampry-Samuels

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON – Richard Flateau

Chair Flateau gave an update on some of the meetings he has attended:

- He stated that information on Elizabeth Stroud was given to the Parks Department.
- The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce was presented at the Borough Board meeting
- A few members of the Board was presented at the Bed-Stuy Alliance meeting held on Saturday, April 3rd..
- He thanked Monique Antoine and Michael Catlyn from the Education & Youth Committee for the conversation they had with Dr. Young on Thursday, March 11th.
- On Tuesday, March 16th, he attended a meeting with Council Member Cornegy, NYPD, DOHMH, and DCA regarding the illegal vending on Fulton Street.
- On Tuesday, March 30th, he and TJ Wilson met with Parks Brooklyn Commissioner Maher regarding the Von King Cultural Center.
- The deadline to apply for the apartment on Fulton Street is Friday, April 16th, on Housing Connect.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS & COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Lynette Battle – Bed-Stuy Gateway BID, Gregory Anderson – Bridge Street Development Corp., Nicole Bryan – Macon Branch Library, Judge Betty Staton – Brooklyn Legal Services, Jada John – BALAA, Benjamin Loadholt – Bedford Learning Center, Ray Knight – ELMY Services

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT – Henry L. Butler

District Manager Butler provided flyers of the committee meetings April calendar and the Department of Finance outreach events on rent freeze, and SCRIE and DRIE benefits. He added that the theatre at the Von King Cultural Center is completed and more details will be given at the State of the Parks Town Hall in June.

In addition, he announced that the city employees will start to return to work on Monday, May 3rd, he stated that the Board is not sure yet on whether that is possible. Guidelines have to be met before any city offices can be re-open. We will keep the community updated.

Mr. Butler added that he has received the vaccine and informed that his only symptom was that he was a bit sluggish and some body aches. Chair Flateau added, that he has taken the second vaccine and he too was very sluggish.

Mr. Butler informed that he will be taking a leave of absence beginning May 1st until the end of June.

I. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

A. Economic Development Committee:

Oma Holloway, Senior Program Director, Bridge Street Development Corp. gave a Preliminary report on the findings of the Commercial District Needs Assessment (CDNA) for Bedford Stuyvesant.

Ms. Holloway stated that a Commercial District Needs Assessment was conducted within six major commercial corridors: Fulton Street to Malcolm X Blvd; Nostrand Avenue to Tompkins Avenue; Malcolm X Blvd from Fulton Street to Dekalb Avenue; and Dekalb Avenue from Bedford Avenue to Malcolm X Blvd.

A consumer survey was done and 150 merchants completed the survey. It was discovered that the majority of the owners live in the community. 950 storefronts were categorized with 30% vacancy. Since COVID, some businesses experienced 70% in loss.

A streetscape observation was also done amongst consumers and merchants. Some of the issues that were raised is security.

Bridge Street will continue to work with Small Business Services. For more information, please call 718-399-0146 Ext. 114.

Questions from the audience and board members were asked and answered.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Executive Committee:

Dr. John Flateau, Commissioner NYS Independent Redistricting Commission gave a brief synopsis of the impact on Redrawing of New York State Assembly, Senate and U.S. Congressional lines will have on the community.

Dr. Flateau announced there is a new President of Medgar Evers College, Dr. Patricia Ramsey.

He stated that Re-districting equals the re-arrangement of political power, money and public policy and Community Board 3 should be kept together. Otherwise, two Congressional Districts will be lost and all 51 City Council lines will be re-drawn. He also spoke about the different type of gerrymandering. He suggested that there is free software to assist districts in drawing their own maps. For more information, Dr. Flateau can be reached at redistrictflateau@gmail.com

Questions from the audience and board members were asked and answered.

III. UNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Simone Pratt stated that Annalee Reid shared a flyer on the black birthing experience.

Daniel Bergmann informed about the Mind Craft Program through Pratt Center for youth ages 8-14 years

IV. ROLL CALL

There were 43 members present and seven (7) were absent.

V. COMMITTEE UPDATES & RESOLUTIONS

TJ Wilson informed that the Parks, Arts & Culture Committee will host the “State of the Parks” event will be held on Wednesday, June 2nd.

Gregory Glasgow informed that the Transportation, Sanitation & Environment Committee will be hosting a joint meeting with the Housing & Land Use Committee on Tuesday, April 13th, at 6:30 p.m.

Douglas Williams informed that the Veterans Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, April 28th, and Civic & Public Safety will meet on Tuesday, April 6th.

Resolution for 273 Madison Street between Nostrand & Marcy Avenues

Evelyn Collier read the resolution into the record. [CB3 Resolution - 273 Madison St](#)

A motion was made by Edna Johnson and seconded by Douglas Williams to accept the committee’s recommendation.

[Vote for 273 Madison Street.pdf](#)

VI. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT – RICHARD FLATEAU

- Chair Flateau informed that the suspension of public meetings has been extended to April 20th.
- A meeting with Council Member Cornegy is being scheduled to discuss co-naming and street closures.
- The Mayor has announced that City employees must return to work on Monday, May 3rd, however, he will be meeting with the landlord in the next 10 days to discuss the logistics.

VII. ACCEPTANCE OF THE FEBRUARY 1 and MARCH 1, 2021 MINUTES

A motion to accept the February minutes was made by Douglas Williams and seconded by Edna Johnson.

A motion to accept the March minutes was made by Edna Johnson and seconded by Gregory Glasgow.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Gregory Glasgow and seconded by Oma Holloway.
The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Beryl Nyack
April 19, 2021

Reviewed and Edited by,
Stacey Ruffin, Secretary
April 26, 2021