



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

In Attendance:

Members Present: Babatunde Awoke, Tywan Anthony, Monique Antoine, Anthony Buissereth, Michael Catlyn, Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Evelyn Collier, 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, Keisha Jerryman, Edna Johnson, Dr. Kerliene Johnson, Dr. Debra Lamb, Hardy “Joe” Long, Ellen Miller, Kenneth Mbonu, Melissa Plowden-Norman, Christine Parker, Santana Payton, C. Doris Pinn, Simone Pratt, Annalee Reid, Karen Rhau, Miari Roberts, Wendy Robinson, Suzette Sheppard, Alicia Walton, Douglas Williams

Members Absent/Excused: Felicia Alexander, Dr. Kim Best, Lillian Bowman, Taina Evans, Victor Iroh, Lisa Lewis, Marion Little, Dovie Matthews, Carolyn Richburg, Stacey Ruffin, Jamella Swift, Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman, TJ Wilson

Elected Official/Reps: Lee Church – Hon. Hakeem Jeffries, Hon. Jabari Brisport, Petula Hanley – Stefani Zinneman, Donald DeRosa – Hon. Scott Stringer, Candice Julien – Hon. Eric Adams, Hon. Alicia Am pry-Samuels, Shelton Jones – Hon. Eric Gonzalez, Naomi Hopkins – Hon. Alicia Ampry-Samuels, Henry Butler – 56th Assembly District Leader

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON – Richard Flateau

Chair Flateau read the agenda into the record.

He reported on the following:

- Chair Flateau informed that WWII Veteran Aziola Fletcher from Crown Heights was finally given the Purple Heart after 76 years of service, due to the fact that African Americans were not recognized. He is now 99 years of age.
- At the Borough Hall Board meeting, City Planning made a presentation on Zoning for Accessibility which would give a bonus to property owners who live near a subway
- Cold Spring Harbor DNA Learning Center Summer Camp Program
- Rank Choice Voting
- The Board co-sponsored a debate for Borough President on Saturday, April 3rd, with Delta Sigma
- On Saturday, May 8th, the Board will be hosting a candidate forum for five of the candidates running for City Council of the 36th District at Restoration Plaza

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS & COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Damaris Falero – Department of Buildings, Nicole Bryan – Brooklyn Public Library/Macon Branch, Gregory Anderson – Bridge Street Development Corp., Betty Staton – Brooklyn Legal Services, David Alexis – Drivers Cooperative

I. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

A. **Transportation, Sanitation & Environment Committee:**

NYC Department of Transportation gave a presentation on the Safety Improvement Plans for Myrtle Avenue & Broadway.

Leroy Branch stated that this project was postponed due to COVID. It was presented to the Transportation, Sanitation & Environment Committee in March 2020.

Deputy Director for Safety Improvement, Alicia Posner introduced Ayla Alvarez, Project Manager who reminded everyone that this intersection is a busy transportation hub with the J train stop on Broadway, the B38 on Lafayette Avenue, Q24 on Patchen Avenue. It is also a truck route, and part of the vision zero priority corridor. Broadway has a high crash rate. This work is slated to begin in the summer.

DOT is proposing to improve Patchen Avenue by extending the pedestrian area, shortening the crossing distance, improving the overall visibility and clarity of roadway movements for pedestrians and drivers.

B. **Education & Youth Committee:**

The DNA Learning Center NYC gave a presentation on their youth programs.

Allison Mayle, Assistant Director informed that the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory opened a lab in Harlem in 2008 and now they have come home to Brooklyn. They opened a lab at CUNY in 2021 on Adams and Tillary Street, 2nd floor. There are six teaching labs with programs for children from 5th – 12th grades. The program offers field trips and scholarships. The students will learn forensic, DNA science, bio-coding, genome science and many more.

For more information on how to apply please go to, <https://dnalc.cshl.edu>

II. PUBLIC HEARING

A. **Economic Development Committee:**

Alcohol Beverage Control License Application for TWB Catering & Events, located at 260 Malcolm X Boulevard corner of Halsey Street

Angela Terry and Anthony Williams are the owners of this business and were the previous owners of Therapy Wine Bar. She stated that they plan to open in July 2021. It will be a full-service restaurant with a full kitchen. There will be 40 seats, 10 seats at the bar and 20 seats outdoor. They will be serving comfort food like burgers and fries from 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Questions & Answers

Keisha Jerryman: Will members of the community be hired?

Angela Terry: Yes, she is partnering with Restoration's Workforce Development Program

Santina Payton: Will you be serving finger food?

Angela Terry: No, it will be a full menu.

- B.** Alcohol Beverage Control License Application for Unity Bistro located at 165 Tompkins Avenue between Willoughby & Hart Street

The owner, Manuel Rodriguez stated that the concept for the restaurant will be a Caribbean Fusion with a Mexican and Dominican flavor. He will be serving lunch and dinner. There will be appetizers, salads, tacos, etc. The price range will be \$10 – \$20 for small plates. There will be 24 seats. The hours of operation will be 3:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Questions & Answers

Oma Holloway: Did you reach out to TAMA?

Manuel Rodriguez: No, can you provide their information?

III. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Simone read the announcements from Melissa Plowden-Norman informing of the new group, “Friends of Saratoga Park Bed-Stuy”. There was also an announcement from Drivers Cooperative.

IV. ROLL CALL

There were 37 members present and 13 absent.

V. COMMITTEE UPDATES & RESOLUTIONS

Evelyn Collier – Landmarks & Preservation

- A. Ms. Collier read the resolution for 121 MacDonough Street and stated that the committee’s recommendation is to **not support** this project.

A motion was made to accept the committee’s recommendation by Douglas Williams and seconded by Gregory Glasgow. The vote was: 36 – For; 0 – Against

- B. Ms. Collier read the resolution for 522 Halsey Street. The committee recommended giving **support** for this project.

The committee recommended giving a letter of support. A motion was made to accept the recommendation by Edna Johnson and seconded by Gregory Glasgow.

The vote was: 36 – For; 0 – Against

Douglas Williams – Veterans

Douglas Williams read the resolution for World War II Veterans to receive Real Property Tax Exemption. This resolution was passed by the Borough Board and Community Board 16.

A motion was made by C. Doris Pinn and seconded by Simone Pratt. The vote was: 35 – For; 0 – Against.

VI. ACTION ON THE PUBLIC HEARING

1. TWB Catering & Events request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License

Tywan Anthony stated that the committee recommended giving a letter of support with the contingency that the owner provide two letters of support from two businesses within 7 days. The owner agreed to the stipulation.

A motion was made to accept the committee's recommendation by Edna Johnson and seconded by Evelyn Collier.

The vote was: 28 – For; 0 – Against; 2 – Abstentions

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2. Unity Bistro request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License

Tywan Anthony stated that the committee recommended giving a letter of support with the contingency that the owner provide two letters of support from two businesses or TAMA within 7 days. The owner agreed to the stipulation.

A motion was made to accept the committee's recommendation by Douglas Williams and seconded by Gregory Glasgow.

The vote was: 28 – For; 0 – Against; 4 – Abstentions

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VII. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – RICHARD FLATEAU

❖ Executive Session

A motion to move the meeting into Executive Session was made by C. Doris Pinn and seconded by Anthony Buissereth.

VIII. ACCEPTANCE OF THE APRIL 5, 2021, MINUTES

A motion to accept the minutes were made by Gregory Glasgow and seconded by Douglas Williams.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and it was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Beryl Nyack
May 25, 2021

Reviewed and Edited by,
Stacey Ruffin, Secretary
June 7, 2021