



**MINUTES OF THE
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2021
COMMUNITY BOARD VIRTUAL MEETING**

In Attendance:

Members Present:

Babatunde Awoke, Felicia Alexander, Tywan Anthony, Anthony Buissereth, Michael Catlyn, Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Evelyn Collier, Taina Evans, Carroll “Rusty” Fields, Richard Flateau, Sharon Forbes, Keith Forest, Shia Greenfeld, Mary Jemison-Head, Abitzel Robinson-Hobson, Oma Holloway, Everett Hughes, Keisha Jerryman, Edna Johnson, Dr. Kerliene Johnson, Hardy “Joe” Long, Ellen Miller, Kenneth Mbonu, Melissa Plowden-Norman, Christine Parker, Santana Payton, C. Doris Pinn, Simone Pratt, Robert Providence, Annalee Reid, Karen Rhau, Carolyn Richburg, Miari Roberts, Wendy Robinson, Stacey Ruffin, Suzette Sheppard, Jamella Swift Alicia Walton, Douglas Williams, TJ Wilson

Members Absent/Excused: Dr. Kim Best, Marc Abou-Faissal, Gregory Glasgow, Victor Iroh, Dr. Debra Lamb, Lisa Lewis, Marion Little, Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman

Elected Official/Reps:

Candice Julien – Hon. Eric Adams, Nadeen Gayle – Hon. Latrice Walker, Marlon Rice– Stefani Zinneman, Shelton Jones – Hon. Eric Gonzalez, Naomi Hopkins – Hon. Alicia Ampry-Samuels, Nickolas Perry – Hon. Scott Stringer, Henry Butler – 56th Assembly District Leader

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON – Richard Flateau

Chair Flateau read the agenda into the record followed by his report.

He reported on the following:

- Chair Flateau informed the members that on June 3rd, he learned that Amour Cabaret was planning a Grand Opening. He sent a letter to the Chairman of the State Liquor Authority and all the elected officials asking for the immediate revocation of their license.

He reiterated that the deadline for Local Law 152 requires homeowners in Community District 1, 3 and 10 Citywide to have their gas lines inspected by a Master Plumber by June 30, 2021. This is for multi-dwelling homes and houses of worship.

- At the Borough Board meeting on June 1st, there was a vote on the Zoning Accessibility Tax Amendment. This amendment will give a bonus to homeowners whose properties are adjacent to subway stations.
- The vote on the Fresh Food Market and the Fitness was put on hold
- There was a vote on Capital Project for the Litchfield Villa
- On May 6th, there was a Candidate Forum held at Restoration at 6:30 p.m., which focused on economic recovery and small business development

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS & COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Candice Julien – Hon. Eric Adams, Chief Judith Harrison – Brooklyn North, D. I. Timothy Skretch – 79th Precinct, Nickolas Perry – Hon. Scott Stringer, Marlon Rice – Hon. Stefani Zinerman, Shelton Jones – Hon. Eric Gonzalez, Naomi Hopkins – Alicka Ampry-Samuel, Henry Butler – 56th Assembly District Leader, Damaris Falero – Department of Buildings, Daniel Fisher – 81st Precinct Community Council, Lynette Battle – Bedford Stuyvesant Gateway BID, Gregory Anderson – Bridge Street Development Corp.

Hon. Hakeem Jeffries

Congressman Jeffries discussed the American Rescue Plan. He informed that rental relief will be given for 12 months plus three additional. Applications are available for rent assistance by calling 311 or at the Office of Temporary Disability Assistance www.otda.ny.gov/erap

He added, homeowners will also be reimbursed through the Department of Homes and Community Renewal. \$9,000 per family member up to 4 members.

The Enhanced Child Tax Credit will give \$300.00 per child for children 5 years and under and \$250.00.

ASSISTANT DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

- On May 11th, I attended the Borough Service Cabinet Meeting where there was a presentation by DOT on the Neighborhood Loading Zone Program. This program is from narrow residential street that are one-way and 35ft. This is already in the following neighborhoods: 6 in Williamsburg, 10 in Park Slope and 8 in Sunset Park. There will be NO PARKING: Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. It will decrease double parking by 10% -12%. Passenger pickup and drop off and goods delivery will be allowed.
- There was also a presentation on NYC Streets Plan. Speaker Johnson passed Local Law 195 in 2019 which says that DOT is required to complete all work such as installing protected bus and bike lanes, bus stop upgrades, pedestrian ramp and signal upgrade, and transit signal priority intersections by December 2021. In addition, there will be other road resurfacing and bridge maintenance work.

I. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

A. Health & Social Services Committee

Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Committee Vice Chair introduced Rashida Sykes, MSW, Program Manager, The Phoenix NYC

Zobel Belisarco, Phoenix NYC gave a presentation on the Sober Active Community whose motto is Rise, Recover, Live. It is a non-profit organization that supports people in recovery. It was founded in 2006 and they now have 44 chapters. The program also offers fitness. There will be a 5-K Run at Von King Park, meditation at Ft. Greene Park. All programs are free.

B. Parks, Arts & Culture Committee

Brooklyn Public Library gave a brief introduction of the Black American Library Card Wendy Robinson, Committee member who initiated the idea introduced Nicole Bryan

Nicole Bryan, Brooklyn Public Library/Macon Branch Supervisor gave a brief synopsis into the process to create the Black American Library. She stated that it is in phase 4 of the process. There were 420 submission a \$2000.00 stipend was offered. The unveiling will be held on June 9th, at 11:00 a.m. For more information, please visit www.bklynlibrary.org/black-american-library-card

II. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Housing & Land Use Committee

City Planning will give a presentation on CEQR-21DCP111Y, ULURP #C210351ZMM, N2103527RM, C210353ZSM – Citywide Hotels Special Permit Application for Zoning
Doris Pinn, Committee Chair introduced Jesse Hirakawa, Borough Planner & Alexander Plackis

Jesse Hirakawa stated that in the last five years there have been a 40% increase in hotels. In 2018 special permits in manufacturing districts (M1) which created a consistent framing. It will only apply to high density areas that already have special permits. The following are locations in the district: Broadway, Fulton Street

Questions & Answers

How does it affect Community District 3?

Jesse Hirakawa: There will be more review instead of as-of-right.

Christine Parker: When does it take affect?

Jesse Hirakawa: Next year, in the fall

Jamella Swift: How many hotels will be allowed?

Jesse Hirakawa: Fulton Street is allowed because it is a commercial district

B. Housing & Land Use Committee

IN THE MATTER OF an application submitted by BRP East Brooklyn Development LLC pursuant to Sections 197-c and 201 of the New York City Charter for an amendment to the Zoning Map, Section No. 17a:

1. changing from an R7A District to an R8A District property bounded by Dekalb Avenue, Nostrand Avenue, Kosciuszko Street, and a line 240 feet westerly of Nostrand Avenue; and
2. establishing within the proposed R8A District a C2-4 District bounded by Dekalb Avenue, Nostrand Avenue, Kosciuszko Street, a line 100 feet westerly of Nostrand Avenue, a line midway between Dekalb Avenue and Kosciuszko Street and a line 240 feet westerly of Nostrand Avenue;

Doris Pinn, Committee Chair introduced Meredith Marshall, Managing Partner, BRP who introduced Mary Serafy and Zachary Schwanback.

He stated that BRP East Brooklyn development LLC is a 100% Black -owned. He has developed several properties in the community: the Garvey, the Bradford, 27 Albany Avenue, and 1320 Fulton Street.

270 Nostrand Avenue will have a total of 487 units, 144 units will be at 30%. It will consist of studios and 2-bedrooms. 20,000 sq. ft will be for retail with 5,000 retail space for MWBE at below market rate. This is not City-owned land therefore, no subsidy is needed.

The project is currently 9-story however, they are proposing 14-story, 10-stories based height with 4-story setback. It is a R7A and is proposing a R8A with a commercial overlay.

Questions were asked and Answered by Board members.

C. Economic Development Committee

Alcohol Beverage Control License Application for PLY Vyne, 305 Halsey Street, corner of Tompkins Avenue

Marc Faisal, Committee 1st Vice Chair introduced Ivan & Irene Montenegro, Owner

Ms. Montenegro stated that the name Provencio means “to come into being” and will be a warm and welcoming environment. Her husband Ivan is a classically trained sommelier. They will serve charcuterie, paninis, hand crafted cocktails with a curated wine selection.

Questions & Answers

Christine Parker: What is your experience?

Irene Montenegro: 20 years of experience in Retail Management

D. Economic Development Committee

Alcohol Beverage Control License Application for Skye’s Drinks Daiquiri Bar & Grill, 1557 Fulton Street (between Throop Avenue & Marcus Garvey Blvd)

Marc Faisal, Committee 1st Vice Chair introduced Jeane Jennings, Owner. Ms. Jennings stated that the restaurant is named after her daughter. The hours of operations will be as follows: Noon – 1:00 a.m.; Sundays: Noon – 9:00 p.m.

III. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nicole Bryan – Brooklyn Public Library/Macon Branch

Ms. Bryan informed that the library will be opening partially, residents be able to utilize the computers for 30 minutes. However, there can only be a total of 25 people at any given moment. Residents will be able to browse and use the library for 1 hour.

IV. ROLL CALL

There were 40 members present and 8 absent.

V. COMMITTEE UPDATES

The Tompkins Avenue Merchant Association will host TAMA Sundays until October 3rd, provided no rain. It will be from 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., from Halsey Street to Gates Avenue.

TJ Wilson announced that the State of the Park will be held on June 30th, at 6:30 p.m.

Douglas Williams informed that the Veterans Committee will sponsor a parade to honor Veterans in November.

Anthony Buissereth asked all committee chairs to submit their Capital Budget Requests.

Stacey Ruffin, Chair of the Civic & Public safety Committee resigned.

VI. ACTION ON THE PUBLIC HEARING

A. City Planning request for a Citywide Hotels Special Permit Application for Zoning
Ms. Pinn stated that the Board is not required to vote on this application however, a recommendation will be sent to City Planning.

B. BRP East Brooklyn Development LLC request for an amendment to the Zoning Map, Section 17a to change from a R7A District to an R8A District; and to establish a C2-4 District

Ms. Pinn stated that the committee voted unanimously to support the project with the stipulation that they change the application to a R8A instead of R9A.
A motion to accept the motion was made by Douglas Williams and seconded by Michael Catlyn.

Vote: 23 – For; 13 – Against; 2 – Abstentions

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- C. PLY Vyne request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License
The committee recommendation is to give a letter of support. A motion to accept the letter of recommendation was made by Douglas Williams and seconded by Christine Parker.

Vote: 29 – For; 4 – Against; 5 – Abstentions

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- D. Skye’s Drinks Daiquiri Bar & Grill request for an Alcohol Beverage Control License
The committee recommendation was to give a letter of support. A motion to accept the letter of recommendation was made by Douglas Williams and seconded by Edna Johnson.

Vote: 26 – For; 8 – Against; 5 – Abstentions

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VII. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

Chair Fleteau informed the members that Governor Cuomo has extended the suspension of in-person meeting until June 24th.

◆ Nominating Committee:

He announced that he has named Karen Rhau as Chair of the Nominating Committee. The following members volunteered to be on the committee: Mary Jemison Head, Christine Parker, Melissa Plowden Norman, Alicia Walton, Santana Payton, and Miari Roberts.

VIII. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAY 3, 2021 MINUTES

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

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Beryl Nyack