



**CITY OF NEW YORK** **COMMUNITY BOARD 3**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021**  
**COMMUNITY BOARD VIRTUAL MEETING**

**In Attendance:**

**Members Present:** Babatunde Awoke, Leah Asha Allen, Anthony Buissereth, Michael Catlyn, Evelyn Collier, Taina Evans, Marc Abou-Faissal, Carroll “Rusty” Fields, Richard Flateau, Sharon Forbes, Keith Forest, Nicole Greaves, Shia Greenfeld, Gregory Glasgow, Mary Jemison-Head, , Oma Holloway, Everett Hughes, Keisha Jerryman, Jada John, Edna Johnson, Dr. Kerliene Johnson, Dr. Debra Lamb, Lisa Lewis, Hardy “Joe” Long, Kenneth Mbonu, Ellen Miller, Christine Parker, Santina Payton, C. Doris Pinn, Melissa Plowden-Norman, Robert Providence, Karen Rhau, Carolyn Richburg, Miari Roberts, Wendy Robinson, Abitzel Robinson-Hobson, Alicia Walton, Douglas Williams, TJ Wilson

**Members Absent/Excused:** Felicia Alexander, Monique Antoine, Dr. Kim Best, Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Victor Iroh, Dovie Matthews, Simone Pratt, Annalee Reid, Suzette Sheppard, Jamella Swift, Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman

**Elected Official/Reps:** Petula Hanley – Hon. Stefani Zinneman, Candice Julien – Hon. Eric Adams, Shelton Jones – Hon. Eric Gonzalez, Henry Butler – 56<sup>th</sup> Assembly District Leader, Kenesha Traynham-Cooper – 56<sup>th</sup> Assembly District Leader

**REMARKS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON – RICHARD FLATEAU**

Chair Flateau read the agenda into the record.

He wished the board members and their families, members of the community and guest, a Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, and Happy Kwanzaa.

He introduced three new board members: Jada John, Nicole Greaves and Leah Asha Allen.

Regarding the office operation, Mr. Butler is back from leave however, he is working remotely. The other two community board staff were placed on leave without pay due to non-compliance with the City’s vaccine mandate. He thanked the four members who have volunteered to staff Board office over the last month: Evelyn Collier, Michael Catlyn, Douglas Williams, and Suzette Shepherd. Currently, there are no walk-ins. Mr. Butler and the volunteers can be reached by phone or email.

On November 20<sup>th</sup>, the 79<sup>th</sup> Precinct sponsored a Community Day in honor of the late Pastor Gwendolyn Dingle.

Board member Marion Little lost his daughter in Baltimore. Our thoughts and prayer are with him and his family during this difficult time.

The next Borough Board meeting will be held on December 7<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 noon. It is open to the public. The log in information can be found on Borough President Adams website.

Chair Flateau announced that this will be his last meeting as Chair of the Board. He summarized his time as Chair over the last five years by reciting a quote from Jerry Garcia, of Grateful Dead. He stated that he is confident that the members will continue to advocate for the needs of Bedford-Stuyvesant.

Everyone thanked Mr. Flateau for his years of service to the community.

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS & COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

D.I. Timothy Skretch – 79<sup>th</sup> Precinct, P.O. Christopher Charles – 79<sup>th</sup> Precinct, D.I. William Glynn – 81<sup>st</sup> Precinct, P.O. Sharon Holmes – 81<sup>st</sup> Precinct, Marlon Rice – Bedford-Stuyvesant Restoration Plaza, Nicole Bryan – Macon Branch Public Library

**Candice Julien** reminded the Board members whose term expires on March 31, 2022 to submit a re-appointment application. Applications are available on the Borough President website at [www.brooklyn-usa.org](http://www.brooklyn-usa.org). The deadline to apply is Friday, February 18, 2022. Community residents can call the Constituent Assistance Center at 718-802-3700 with any quality-of-life issues or send an email to [askeric@brooklynbp.gov](mailto:askeric@brooklynbp.gov)

She welcomed the newly appointed members and informed Leah Asha Allen and Nicole Greaves that they too must submit a re-appointment application.

**Shelton Jones** informed the District Attorney’s office is holding a Holiday Toy Drive. Toys can be dropped off at the office at 350 Jay Street between the hours of 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Gregory Anderson, Bridge Street Development Corp. announced that the Tax Lien Sale is scheduled for December 17, 2021. Homeowners can check their property at [www.nyc.gov/liensale](http://www.nyc.gov/liensale). If your property is on the list, there are several options to get off the list and make payment arrangements.

## **DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT - HENRY L. BUTLER**

Mr. Butler is working remotely however, he can be reached at 718-622-6603 or by email at [hbutler@cb.nyc.gov](mailto:hbutler@cb.nyc.gov). He added that the committee meetings have started.

### **I. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION**

#### **A. Health & Social Services Committee:**

Edna Johnson, Committee Chair introduced Shalane Baker, Community Liaison, Gotham Health who introduced Charmaine Valentine, Deputy Director, Ambulatory Care and Alicia Marshall, Community Coordinator

Alicia Marshall gave an Informational presentation on NYC Health & Hospitals/Gotham Health Bedford and the services they provide. Gotham Health is the ambulatory arm of NYC Health and Hospitals. It is federally qualified healthcare center which was created in 2015 to address the primary and preventive care needs of families and individuals in their own neighborhoods throughout the five boroughs. The Bedford Clinic is located at the NYC Department of Health, 485 Throop Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. The hours of operation are Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

The clinic offers outpatient pediatric and adult primary care services, there is a chronic disease specialist on Tuesdays and a Nutritionist on Mondays. Referrals are provided to the Cumberland Clinic for services that are not provided at Bedford. Services is provided to everyone regardless of financial or immigration status, uninsured and underinsured.

To make an appointment, please call 646-498-1925 or 347-392-8619 or 844-692-4692.

### **II. PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **A. Parks, Art & Culture Committee:**

A Public Hearing was held on the Reconstruction Plans for Lafayette Gardens Playground. Wendy Robinson, Committee Vice-Chair introduced Martin Maher, Brooklyn Commissioner, NYC Parks

Commissioner Maher stated that Majority Leader Laurie Cumbo gave \$3.5 million for Lafayette Gardens Playground upgrade. However, it does not cover the basketball and handball courts, more funding is needed for those projects. On June 24, 2021, there was a Community Input Meeting, and the following were some of the ideas requested by residents: more game tables, spray area, planting, lighting, swings, etc.

He stated that the goal is to provide a more colorful, new and challenging play equipment for all children, comfortable seating for adults, make all entrance welcoming and accessible and provide more lighting for safety. Five smaller trees will be added, and DOT approved LED lighting.

The equipment for the different age groups of 2-5 years old and the 5-12 years old will also have a spray shower between the two play areas. They have multiple activities on each equipment.

There is a seating area near Lafayette Avenue, on Franklin Avenue there will be children tables for parties, etc. There will be gates on Franklin Avenue to protect the children. There will a high/low and bottle fillers which are wheelchair accessible.

### **Questions & Answers**

Tyree Stanback, Tenant Association President of Lafayette Gardens expressed his dissatisfaction with the plans. He does not feel that their concerns were addressed in terms of accessibility for wheelchairs, safety of the children, separation of the play area.

Commissioner Maher explained that all the equipment meets the American with Disability Standards and Parks always exceed.

## **III. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Nicole Greaves – Bed-Stuy Works Alliance**

The meetings are held on the first Saturday of the month via Zoom.

### **Jonathan Bogada – Brooklyn Public Library**

Marcy Branch will be temporarily closed for repairs until the summer 2022.

## **IV. ROLL CALL**

There were 39 members present and 11 absent.

## **V. ELECTION OF COMMUNITY BOARD 3 OFFICERS**

The Nominating Committee consisted of the Chair, Lisa Lewis, and the following members: Santina Payton, Christine Parker, Mary Jemison-Head, Shia Greenfeld, and Evelyn Collier. Lisa Lewis gave instructions on the voting process on Doodle which was emailed to all members. The following people were nominated and elected for the positions of:

<b>Chair:</b>	<b>Anthony Buissereth – 35</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair:</b>	<b>Ivy Gamble-Cobb – 39</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair:</b>	<b>Karen Rhau – 27</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>C. Doris Pinn – 26</b>
<b>Executive Secretary:</b>	<b>Michael Catlyn – 32</b>

## **VI. COMMITTEE UPDATES & RESOLUTIONS**

Evelyn Collier informed that there will be a LPC Workshop on December 8<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. on grants and permits. Please contact Sasha Sealey if you would like to attend.

Anthony Buissereth announced that the Education Committee will be meeting on Wednesday instead of Thursday

Douglas Williams announced that the Civic & Public Safety Committee will be meeting on Tuesday. Karen Rhau added that Sandra Sanchez, FDNY and someone from Safer Streets will in attendance.

- **Amendment of the Bylaws to Change the Veterans Committee from an Ad-hoc Committee to a Standing Committee.**

The amendment was presented at the October and November meetings. It will be inserted in Section XI of the Bylaws.

C. Doris Pinn made the motion to accept the amendment and it was seconded by Gregory Glasgow. The motion was adapted unanimously.

**Vote: 39 – For; 0 – Against; 0 – Abstention**

- **Resolution from the Executive Committee to Extend Virtual Meetings.**

A motion was made to accept the resolution by Taina Evans and seconded by Douglas Williams.

**Vote: 38 – For; 0 – Against, 0 – Abstention**

## **VII. ACTION ON THE PUBLIC HEARING**

- A. NYC Parks Department is seeking a letter of support for the reconstruction plans for Lafayette Gardens Playground.

Wendy Robinson stated that the residents were not happy with the plan and the committee is requesting that the Board NOT Support the project. However, some members felt that the concerns were addressed by Commissioner Maher.

Marc Abou-Faissal made a motion to support the project since the concerns were addressed, and it was seconded by Dr. Kerliene Johnson.

**Vote: 21 – For; 11 – Against; 4 – Abstentions**

## **VIII. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT – RICHARD FLATEAU**

Chair Flateau thanked the members for their service especially those who will be stepping down from the Board after this meeting. He ended with a quote from Dame Julian of Norwich, England “All shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well”

The next meeting of the Board will be January 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

## **IX. ACCEPTANCE OF THE NOVEMBER 1, 2021 MINUTES**

A motion to accept the minutes were made by Anthony Buissereth and seconded by Evelyn Collier.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting with made Evelyn Collier and seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Beryl Nyack  
January 3, 2022