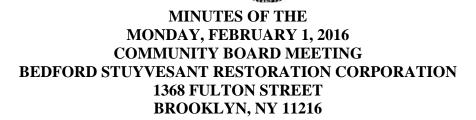
COMMUNITY BOARD 3



Attendance:

Members Present: Idris Abdullah, Felicia Alexander, Dr. Kim Best, Anthony Buissereth, Evelyn Collier,

Taina Evans, Richard Flateau, Keith Forest, Gregory Glasgow, Mary Jemison-Head, Kimberly Hill, Oma Holloway, Christopher James, Edna Johnson, Dr. Kerliene Johnson, Marion Little, Hardy "Joe" Long, Dovie Matthews, Michael McCaw, Kwaku Payton, Santina Payton, C. Doris Pinn, Stacey Ruffin, Nelson M. Stoute, Lydia Temples, Rev. Dr.

Robert Waterman, Shanita Wells, Antonio Whitaker, Tremaine Wright

Members Absent: Tywan Anthony, Gloria Boyce, Mulan Isaiah Burgess, Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Dolores

Witherspoon-Dickerson, Brenda Fryson, Sean Hawkins, Paulette Moorehead, Eldica Murray, Bernice McRae, Adrian Sinclair, Abraham Smilowitz, Cheska Tolentino, Rev.

Jesse Sumbry, Douglas Williams, T. J. Wilson

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Rev. Jonathan Tennial.

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON – Tremaine S. Wright

The Chair opened the meeting and read the agenda into the record.

Ms. Wright informed the audience that the Board has been in communication with DOT regarding the location of the Citi Bikes near the plaza on Marcy Avenue. The Board has identified this location to be dangerous. After discussion DOT has agreed therefore, it will be moved to the corner of Verona Place and Fulton Street. No date have been set for the relocation.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

Candice Julien – Hon. Eric Adams

Ms. Julien announced that February 15th, is the deadline to apply or re-apply for Board membership. Please visit www.brooklyn-usa.org. In addition, the Youth Organization Capacity Building Workshop will be held on February 18th, at Borough Hall from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00p.m. The workshop will feature grant writing and how to write a business plan.

On February 24^{th} , there will be Health and Wellness Summit. There will be an afternoon and evening session from 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. for the community and professionals. These and other upcoming event were available in the package on the table.

Brian McLaurin - Hon. Letitia James

Mr. McLaurin informed the audience that the Public Advocate has filed a civil suit against Success Academy Charter School for denying children with disability. In conjunction, she also filed suit against the DOE for not providing the proper information on these children.

Shelton Jones – Hon. Kenneth Thompson

Mr. Jones acknowledged Bureau Chief, Fran Weiner who was in attendance.

He announced that District Attorney Thompson will celebrate Black History Month on February 23rd, at the Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department, 45 Monroe Place. The Honorable William C. Thompson (Retired Judge) will be the guest speaker. To RSVP, please contact comunityaffairs@brooklynda.org

In addition, Mr. Jones informed the audience that the 15 years who shot a husband and father on the B15 bus in 2014 was convicted of 2nd Degree murder.

Hon. Robert Cornegy, Jr.

Council Member Cornegy stated that the Finance Committee held a hearing on the issue of deed theft. Members of the community testified and he will be working on legislation to deal with this problem. The committee reviewed 160 deed transfers and found 100 of these cases are fraudulent. He asked everyone to report the cases that they know of by calling his office, the Brownstoners or Assembly Member Robinson's office. He is also working with the Borough President and the District Attorney to prosecute the responsible parties.

He invited everyone to celebrate with him on February 8th, the signing into law of the DRIE and SCHRIE Bill. The bill will freeze the rent for seniors and the disable. It will be held at 11:30 a.m., at City Hall.

Tahirah Moore - Mayor's CAU Office

Ms. Moore gave an update on the Mayor's Minimum Wage Increase of \$15 per hour for City Workers and not-for-profit who contract with the City. In addition, she announced the Paid Parental Leave.

The Mayor will deliver his State of the City Address on February 4th, at Lehman College at 7:00 p.m.

She stated that Mayor de Blasio announced at 1Vernon Avenue that he has built over 40,000 affordable housing so far.

Daniel Garcia-Maguire – DOE

He announced that there will be a Pre-K for All Community Fair on February 6^{th} . It will be held at Restoration Plaza, 1368 Fulton Street from 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Drew Gabriel – Hon. Laurie Cumbo

Council Member Cumbo in conjunction with Senator Hamilton will host a "Know Your Rights Housing Forum", on February 6th, at P.S. 9. Flyers were available.

In addition, Free Legal Immigration Services are provided every Tuesday. For more information, please call the office at 718-260-9191.

Evette Lopez – Hon. Walter Moselev

Ms. Lopez informed the audience that once a month on a Monday from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., in the Assembly Member's office, Wolf Sender, Crown Heights Jewish Center will assist seniors with SSI, food stamps, Access-a-Ride. Please call the office to schedule an appointment.

Ms. Lopez announced that the Job Fair was a success. There were over 300 students and 50 vendors. The student Cabinet meetings are held 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. on Fridays. For more information, please contact the office at 718-596-0100.

Assembly Member Mosley will deliver his State of the District Address at St. Joseph College on February 22nd, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Rev. Eddie Karim - Hon. Latrice Walker

Assembly Member Walker Monthly Advisory Board Meeting will be held on February 20th, at Brookdale Hospital, 555 Rockaway Parkway. The topic of discussion will be renewable energy. It will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Assembly Member Walker will deliver the State of the District Address on February 25th, at Little Rock Baptist Church, 375 Bristol Street. It will commence at 7:00 p.m.

He added that the Assembly Member is sponsoring a National African American History Month Essay Contest for Middle School students.

Acknowledgements

Michael Smith – Hon. Annette Robinson, Karen Cherry – Hon. Erik Dilan, Det. William Jenkins – 81st Precinct, P.O. Christopher Charles – 79th Precinct, Derek Slaughter – NYC Commission on Human Rights, Dordy Jourdain – Bedford-Stuyvesant YMCA, Dr. Torian Easterling – DOHMH, Sharonnie Perry – Interfaith Medical Center, Anasa Welch – Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – Henry L. Butler

Mr. Butler gave an update on some of the meetings he attended such as the establishment of a gun court at the District Attorney's office and the Mayor's Housing Plan with City Planning. He reported that he had a conference call with the Department of Health regarding the Zika Virus. A PDF copy of the report will be available on the Board's website. There are three cases in New York City.

In addition, he announced that Fire Department will begin recruiting on March 1st, for the upcoming test. The Department of Buildings (DOB) announced new legislation on emergency elevator repair. The agency will inspect the elevators and make a referral to HPD's Emergency Repair Unit. The landlord will be billed by HPD for the repair.

I. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

A. Education & Youth Committee:

The Noel Pointer Foundation gave an informational presentation on their programs Oma Holloway, Committee Chair introduced Founder and Director, Chineda Pointer and Artistic Director, Jacqueline Costen

Ms. Pointer stated that her husband was a world renowned Jazz Violinist. She started the program after he passed in 1994 for students in Bedford-Stuyvesant. The goal was to teach them to play a string instrument and read music. The program is currently in 28 New York City Public school within the five boroughs. They serve children ages 4-18 years of age. Noel Pointer Foundation is located at 247 Herkimer Street.

Adult lessons are available on Saturdays. Private lessons are also available, Tuesday to Thursday from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Saturday classes are from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

There are several events plan. They will be celebrating their 21st Anniversary in June at BAM.

Ms. Coston advocated for music education in public schools. She stated that she is a product of public school where she learned to play the violin. Most schools do not have music programs. She then performed a piece by Bach.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Capital & Expense Budget Committee

The Budget Coordinator held a public hearing on the Mayor's Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2017

District Manager, Henry Butler gave a brief summary of the budget.

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B. Health & Social Service Committee:

Post Graduate Center for Mental Health is seeking a letter of support to build a 68 unit building at 500 Gates Avenue between Tompkins and Marcy Avenues for homeless single adults with special needs.

Edna Johnson, Committee Chair introduced Peter Bittle, Director of Residential Development and Edna Sams

Mr. Bittle informed the audience that Post Graduate Center is proposing to build 68 unit supportive housing for homeless adults with mental health illness. 50 units will be for shelter residents with mental illness and the other 18 units will be for low-income community residents with a preference for veterans. All units will be a rent stabilized lease. The project is funded by HPD and the low Income Housing Tax Credits. The building will be energy efficient. There will be 15 full-time position.

Ms. Sams added that there will be a 24/7 security staff and on-site social services

Questions and Answers

Joe Gonzalez: Will this be rent stabilized? This block is over flooded with programs for people with special needs. Your program will over saturate the block.

Peter Bittle: Yes, they are all rent stabilized with leases. Yes, the Doe Fund and Paul J. Cooper is also on the block however, Paul J. Cooper might be moving. This program is for permanent residence which is different from the Doe Fund. The residents will have a home after they leave the shelter.

Gregory Glasgow: Will this be studios or 1 or 2 bedrooms? What is the size of the community units? Since you are obtaining subsidies from the City, will you be utilizing MWBE for the construction?

Peter Bittle: This will be 68 studios apartments each one will be 380 sq. ft. Most of our buildings have had MWBE goals of 10 and 10 even though, HPD does not require it.

Felicia Alexander: Why Bed-Stuy?

Mr. Bittle: The zoning and availability of properties.

Melissa Plowden-Norman: Where are the people coming from? **Peter Bittle:** They are coming from the shelters in Brooklyn.

Edna Sams: There is a criteria for low income housing tax credit and criteria for chronic mental illness and homeless.

Taina Evans: What are the incentives for the homeless to move into a studio, why not expand the units and build 1 or 2 bedroom apartments so they can grow?

Peter Bittle: The zoning only allows for 40,000 sq. ft., after the 50 special needs units are completed there will not a lot of space for family.

Edna Johnson: We have requested that you work with Black Vets for Social Justice to assist the veterans with housing.

George Johnson: I am the Chair of Black Vets for Social Justice, they will be working with us. We also operate the shelter.

Joshua Brown: Since this is in close proximity to a school, will you be housing sex offenders? What is your screening process?

Edna Sams: We have a vigorous assessment process to screen out sex offenders and arsonist. It is part of DHS criteria not to accept these offenders.

Kimberly Hill: What percentage of the units are for veterans?

Peter Bittle: There are no fix percentage for veterans. We have a veteran's preference.

Tremaine Wright: To whom do you need a letter of support and why?

Peter Bittle: HPD is funding this program and they would rather have a letter of support from the Board and the community.

C. Doris Pinn: How far along are you in the project?

Peter Bittle: We are ready. The design will be completed in 3-4 months.

C. Housing & Land Use Committee:

ELH MGMT LLC seeks a letter of support to develop 10 two family homes on seven lots for the New Infill Homeownership Opportunities Program (NIHOP)

C. Doris Pinn, Committee Chair introduced Larry Hirschfield, Owner. She added that this program is part of the Mayor's Homeownership Opportunities.

Mr. Hirschfield stated that this is a HPD Affordable Homeownership program to build 10 affordable homes. 3 homes will be affordable for the families who are already 90% AMI and the other 7 homes are for families at 130% AMI.

They are all 2 family homes on scattered sites: there are 2 together on Tompkins Avenue; 3 together on Lafayette Avenue; 327 Clifton Place; 494 Gates Avenue; 666 Greene Avenue; 633 Madison Street, 22 Van Buren

9 of the homes will have 3-bedroom apartments for the owner; 1 home will have 4-bedrooms for the owner; 7 will have 1-bedroom rental; 2 homes with 2-bedroom rental and 1 with a studio rental. The homes will comply with Enterprise Green Community Standards. It will have hardwood floors, high efficiency boilers and other sustainable features.

The process is currently in UDAP. This is the last of the sites in HPD's housing stock. The project has a lot of subsidies. HPD will provide \$140,000 per house in subsidies, the State through the Affordable Housing Corporation will provide \$50,000 for the 130% AMI homes

and \$80,000 as a grant for the 90% AMI homes. The homes will cost \$407,000 at the minimum up to \$647,000. The houses will be tax abated and energy efficient.

The homes will be sold through a HPD supervised lottery with 50% preference for Community Board 3 residents, Municipal employees' preference and a mobility and visual preference.

Ouestions and Answers

Randy Jackson: What banking institution are you working with?

Mr. Hirschfield: The construction loan will be with the Community Preservation Corporation. We are in conversation with Chase. The City is not providing loans.

Gerard Miller: Will there be a requirement for the homeowners to do homeownership

education and counselling so they are not insolvent?

Mr. Hirschfield: Yes, there will be workshops and counselling.

Christopher James: Will there be preference for veterans?

Mr. Hirschfield: No, they do not have a preference.

Resident: Went will the home be ready?

Mr. Hirschfield: We anticipate closing on the construction in May, build in July and be completed in 24 months. However, we will sell the homes before they are completed.

D. Economic Development Committee:

Alcohol Beverage Control License Application request for a letter of support by Swell Dive LLC, located at 1013 Bedford Avenue between Lafayette Avenue and Clifton Place Richard Flateau, Committee Chair introduced Dennis Mendoza and Autumn Stanford, Owners

The owners explained the concept of the restaurant to be a mixture of Filipino and Tex-Mex cuisine. They hope to have only 4 employees, there will be no security. The hours of operation will be 7:00 a.m. -2:00 a.m. for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

They have an existing bakery on Bedford and Dekalb Avenues called Brooklyn Kolache Co. It is the same landlord. The restaurant will have 47 seats, 29 inside and 18 outside and 9 barstools. The basement will be a prep area. There is a backyard with an existing roof.

E. Economic Development Committee:

Alcohol Beverage Control License Application request for a letter of support by Regal Beagle LLC, located at 1108 Bedford Avenue between Quincy and Lexington Avenues Richard Flateau, Committee Chair introduced Ronnie Dolton and Brandon Jones, Owners and Legal Rep. Caitlin Edelman

Mr. Dolton stated that they have four other locations in Brooklyn. There are five owners. There are no neighbors on either side of the location. It is a commercial block. They will be hiring 12 employees. The manager plans to live upstairs the establishment. The hours of operation will be 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 a.m. There will be licensed security. A PowerPoint was done highlighting the menu. They will be serving draft beer also. The maximum occupancy

is 74. The backyard is covered. There was a previous restaurant "Do or Dine" at the location but they are no longer in business. Both owners are firemen.

Comments/Questions and Answers

The PTA President of Bedford Avenue requested that they help the school financially with fundraisers.

The owners had several supporters speak on their behalf.

Joe Gonzalez asked about the effect on the community with a saturation of bars in the area.

Felicia Alexander stated that this establishment is not for the residents of Bed-Stuy.

F. Economic Development Committee:

Alcohol Beverage Control License Application request for a letter of support by 609 Marcy Corp (dba Charles Wood), located at 609 Marcy Avenue between Vernon and Willoughby Avenues

Richard Flateau, Committee Chair introduced Jeffrey M. Schochet, and his son Sam Schochet, Owners

Mr. Schochet stated that he currently owns a coffee shop on Myrtle and Marcy Avenues for about a year and half. It is called Marcy & Myrtle. He also owns a property across the street where he resides.

This establishment will serve beers and various liquors. The bartender and staff will be trained. There will be a full security system and his son will manage the business. He showed a PowerPoint of his proposed plan for the site. There is an outdoor patio. He would also like to include a rooftop patio with landscape. The building is currently a warehouse.

Questions and Answers

Resident: What will be your involvement in the community? Most people come to the meeting for a letter of support and we never see them again.

Mr. Schochet: I have lived in Bed-Stuy since 2006 and this is my first meeting. I hope to come again.

Joe Gonzalez: There is a public school (P.S. 25) and a Jewish Girl's school in close proximity.

Mr. Schochet: P.S. 25 is around the corner on Willoughby Avenue and the other school is 250 feet apart.

Nelson M. Stoute: What is your operating hours?

Mr. Schochet: We would like to open from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m. on weekend.

III. ROLL CALL

There were 29 members present and 16 absent.

IV. COMMITTEE UPDATES

Oma Holloway – Education & Youth

Ms. Holloway announced several programs: Pre-K for All Fair will be held on February 6th, at Restoration Plaza, at 12:30 p.m.

She also highlighted the various presentations that was made at the committee meeting:

- The DYCD Ladders for Leaders Internship Program for youth who are currently in school.
- Youth Connect provide information on various programs for youth.
- Digital Girls
- Brownsville Youth Court

In addition, she stated that she and Mr. Butler met with the Interim Superintendent. They discussed the decrease in enrollment and P.S 308. Some schools will be co-locating. The committee will support the Superintendent and CEC 16.

Nelson M. Stoute – Transportation, Sanitation & Environment

Mr. Stoute announced that the committee will meet on February 9th. He stated that he is looking into a possible closure of the Kingston Avenue Station for repairs.

V. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

L. Joy Williams - NAACP

The NAACP meets every 4th Wednesday of every month in the Multi-Purpose Room. She announced that the organization will be launching a Brooklyn Votes Campaign, a Literacy Campaign. For more information, visit www.brooklynnaacp.org

Gerard Miller – NHS of Bedford-Stuyvesant

Mr. Miller stated that NHS has begun the VITA Tax Prep Program. They will offer free tax preparation on Tuesday between 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. at their office, 1012 Gates Avenue. For more information, please call 718-919-2100.

Neguan McLean - CEC 16

Mr. McLean announced that there is an Interim Superintendent, Ms. Rahesha Amon-Harrison. On February 23rd, she will deliver the State of Education Address at P. S. 26, 1014 Lafayette Avenue, at 6:30 p.m.

He also informed that District 16 will be getting a "gifted and talented" and a "dual language" program in the 2016-2017 school year.

Divinah Bailey - Watchful Eye

Ms. Bailey announced Watchful Eye in partnership with Antioch Baptist Church will be hosting a National Black HIV Awareness Day on February 7th,

In addition, she will be on the panel at the Black & Latino Caucus on February 13th.

Rahesha Amon-Harrison – Interim Superintendent for DOE

Ms. Amon-Harrison reiterated that she will hosting a Town Hall in collaboration with the CEC meeting on February 23rd, at P.S. 26. She will be discussing her vision and goals for the district.

Judge Betty Staton – Bedford-Stuyvesant Legal Services

Judge Staton informed that the audience that about the services her office provides. The office is working on Community Educational Forum to assist with the deed theft issue. There is a special practice for veteran's support.

There are currently two offices: 1360 Fulton Street, 3rd floor and 105 Court Street. A new office will be opening at 900 Fulton Street for housing issues.

Kevin Hall – Principal, Excellence Boys Charter School

Mr. Hall stated that Excellence Boys is an all-boys K-8 school located on Patchen Avenue between Macon and MacDonough Streets. They currently served 800 boys. He announced that the application process is now open for the upcoming school year.

Oma Holloway - MyBase

Ms. Holloway announced that My Base is currently recruiting for the next cycle in March. The program is for eligibly young adult between the ages of 16-24 years who live in the Bedford Stuyvesant. They must not be in school or employed.

Creative Achievement Success is a Tutoring Program to help students with test prep skills. It is for student in 1-7 grades. They meet at Cornerstone Baptist Church on Saturdays. There are two sessions: 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Shanita Wells - Center for Anti Violence Education

Ms. Wells is an Assistant Self Defense Instructor at the Center for Anti-Violence. The center offers self-defense classes for adult women, teens and the LGBT Community. They are located in Park Slope. The classes are free for women who are survivors of domestic violence, child abuse. Classes will begin February 27th.

Gloria Sandiford – Bed-Stuy Real Estate Board, Inc.

Ms. Sandiford announced that the Board generally meets on the 3rd Monday of every month in Restoration from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. At the March 15th, meeting they will host an Eldercare Forum with Author Derek McDaniel. Please RSVP at bsreb2016@gmail.com

Mary Jemison-Head

Ms. Head announced the Annual Brotherhood Banquet on February 26th, at Concord Baptist Church, at 6:30 p.m. Hon. Letitia James and former Board member Charles Coleman, Jr, will be honored.

Maria Flateau – Flateau Realty Corp.

Rental Market Education for property owners will be held on February 18th, for Renters, the event will be held on March 3rd, from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., at Flateau Realty Corp.

Kimberly Hill – JDRF Diabetes Support Group

Ms. Hill announced the 2nd Diabetes Support Group meeting on February 4th, at 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Bedford Branch Library.

Taina Evans – Brooklyn Public Library

Ms. Evans announced that patrons are now able to print from home. It is a new feature which just launch. A library card and an email is needed.

VI. ACTION ON THE PUBLIC HEARING

B. Post Graduate for Mental Health request for a letter of support to build a 68 unit building at 500 Gates Avenue between Tompkins & Marcy Avenue for homeless single adults with special needs

Ms. Edna Johnson stated that after a discussion with the Council Member office and the Assembly Member office, the committee recommended giving a letter of support. A motion was made to accept the recommendation by Gregory Glasgow and seconded by Stacey Ruffin.

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C. ELH MGMT LLC request for a letter of support to develop 10 two-family homes on seven lots for the NIHOP Program

Ms. Pinn reported that the committee met with ELH Mgmt., LLC on January 13th. The committee reviewed all the documents and thoroughly discussed the project and is recommended giving a letter of support.

A motion was made to accept the committee's recommendation by Gregory Glasgow and seconded by Mary Jemison Head.

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D. Swell Dive LLC request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License

Mr. Flateau reported that the committee met with the owners of Swell Dive LLC on January 7th. All documents were provided. The committee recommended giving a letter of support. A motion was made by Gregory Glasgow and seconded by Felicia Alexander.

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E. Regal Beagle LLC request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License

Mr. Flateau reported that the committee met with the owners of Regal Beagle LLC on January 7th. All documents were provided. The committee recommended not to give a letter of support based on the community concerns heard at the public hearing.

A motion was made by Gregory Glasgow and seconded by Idris Abdullah.

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F. 609 Marcy Corp (DBA Charles Wood) request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License

Mr. Flateau reported that the committee met with the owners of 609 Marcy Corp., dba Charles Wood on January 7th. All documents were provided. There was a concern about the location. However, the committee recommended not to give a letter of support based on the community concerns at the hearing, regarding the close proximity to schools.

A motion was made by Gregory Glasgow and seconded by Christopher James.

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G. Landmarks Committee recommendation for 120 Bainbridge Street.

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A motion was made to accept the Landmarks Committee recommendation.

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Mr. Stoute mentioned that LPC will be holding a hearing on the aforementioned resolution on February 2^{nd} , at 10:15 a.m.

VII. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Tremaine S. Wright

VIII. ACCEPTANCE OF JANUARY 4, 2016 MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by, Beryl Nyack February 26, 2016