



**MINUTES OF THE
MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2016
COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
BEDFORD-STUYVESANT RESTORATION CORP.
1368 FULTON STREET
BROOKLYN, NY 11216**

Attendance:

Members Present: Idris Abdullah, Anthony Buissereth, Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Evelyn Collier, Dolores Witherspoon-Dickerson, Marc Abou-Faissal, Richard Flateau, Sharon Forbes, Keith Forest, Mary Jemison-Head, Tarris Iriarte, Danelle Johnson, Edna Johnson, Dr. Kerliene Johnson, Dr. Debra Lamb, Marion Little, Hardy “Joe” Long, Dovie Matthews, Eldica Murray, Melissa Plowden-Norman, C. Doris Pinn, Nelson M. Stoute, Chinyelu Udoh, Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman, Shanita Wells, Antonio Whitaker, Douglas Williams, Tremaine Wright

Members Absent: Felicia Alexander, Tywan Anthony, Ren Azinge, Dr. Kim Best, Gloria Boyce, Mulan Isaiah Burgess, Taina Evans, Gregory Glasgow, Kimberly Hill, Oma Holloway, Paulette Moorehead, Michael McCaw, Grace Clarke McDade, Kwaku Payton, Stacey Ruffin, Shekera Shehid, Adrian Sinclair, Rev. Jesse Sumbry, Lydia Temples, T. J. Wilson

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Hardy “Joe” Long.

Richard Flateau, 1st Vice Chair convened the meeting in the absence of the Chair. He read the agenda into the record.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS & COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Carl Luciano

Mr. Luciano extended an invitation to everyone for the Council Member Mealy’s Annual Summer Concert at Brevoort. The itinerary is not available as yet.

Michael Lambert – Bed-Stuy Gateway BID

Mr. Lambert thanked everyone who participated in the event on the plaza last weekend.

Paula Sanders – Commission on Human Rights

Ms. Sanders spoke about the new Caregiver Law which will go into effect on July 27, 2016. The law protects anyone who care for a child, parent, spouse, grand-parent or grand-child.

There is also a Credit Check Law which went into effect last September. It protects job applicants. Employers cannot check your credit in order to determine whether they should hire you. Information were available.

John Watkins – Kings County District Attorney Office

Mr. Watkins stated that copies of the Justice News were available on the table. There will be an Immigration Forum on fraud. For more information, call 718-250-4949.

Acknowledgments

Karen Cherry – Hon. Erik Dilan, Carl Luciano – Hon. Darlene Mealy

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT – Henry L. Butler

Mr. Butler gave a report on the Borough Service Cabinet meeting with DOT Commissioner, Polly Trottenberg. He informed that \$60 million was allocated for trench restoration work but it is for the entire City, which is not enough. I advocated that Bedford-Stuyvesant should be a priority.

To combat the deed theft issue. He advised everyone to pick up a copy of the packet from the Department of Finance with instruction on registering their home. Mr. Flateau added that homeowners can also apply online at www.nyc.gov/acris for immediate notification.

Mr. Butler stated that the Post office is hiring. He encouraged qualified people to apply by adding that it pays well. He asked added that there is a complaint form on the table for any issues regarding the post office. Please fill it out.

On June 29th, there will be opportunities for businesses in the food and beverage industry and kiosk business at the Navy Yard. Flyers were available.

In addition, he informed the audience that there is an ongoing investigation by the Attorney General into the private sale of CABS Nursing Home. It appears that this was an illegal process.

I. PUBLIC HEARING

A. U.S. Post Office:

Brooklyn Community Board 3 hosted a public hearing by the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) covering zip codes 11233, 11221, and 11216.

Derek Kelley, Area Manager also introduced Ronald Don, Customer Relations Coordinator. He gave a presentation on the services of the USPS. He also stated that there are challenges since the closing of 27 plants, including the plant at Forbell. All mail is sent to New York City (Morgan Station) now for processing and then sent back to the boroughs for delivery.

They are hiring however, the retention rate is very high. They need good workers. A new manager was just promoted to the Brevoort Station. He indicated that he has mandated the Shirley Chisholm Manager to be more involved and engaged in the community. They are also looking to add trucks and centralized parcel post facility in Brooklyn to meet the growth. They deliver parcels for FedEx and UPS.

Mr. Don answered questions regarding the American Disability Act and special lines for seniors.

Questions and Answers

Several questions regarding long lines at the post office, services for seniors and people with disability were asked by board members and residents and answered. Mr. Don gave his contact information. He can be reached at Ronald.don@usps.gov or 718-348-3341 with any concerns.

B. Housing & Land Use Committee:

The committee hosted a public hearing on the rezoning application for Rose Castle 376-378 Flushing Avenue/43 Franklin Avenue. ULURP #160221ZMK and #N160222ZRK

Mr. Butler stated that this is a public hearing without a vote because City Planning has not certified the application as yet. He introduced Richard Lobel, Legal Representation

Mr. Lobel informed the audience that the area is currently zoned as a M1-2 district. The lots along Flushing Avenue between Kent and Franklin Avenues and the lots along Franklin and Skillman Avenues are under-developed. The developers (Riverside Developers) are proposing to rezone the Rose Castle site to R7A/C2-4 overlay and the other lots to R6A/M1-2, which would allow for more housing. In order to build an eight story mixed-use building. There will be a total of 296 units, 90 units will be affordable with 50% preference for community residents.

The Architect presented the project via PowerPoint. Both sites will have underground parking. The ground floor will have retail. 80ft height for both buildings.

Questions and Answers

Gregory Glasgow: What percentage of the AMI are you targeting for affordable housing? Is the lottery going to be accessible to people who don't look the residents in that area?

Richard Lobel: The decision is made by City Council. It will be either 60% or 80% of the AMI. In the Inclusionary housing process at 60% AMI, 25% of the units will be designated for affordable, at 80% AMI, 30% will be for affordable units.

Mr. Lobel stated that by law the lottery is required to be. The regulatory agreement says that they cannot be discriminated against race, sex, religion or sexual orientation. The decision is not made by the developer.

Mr. Butler stated that this is the reason why Paula Sanders, Human Rights Commission is present at the meeting. To ensure that any project that comes before the Board is open to everyone in Community District 3. She will monitor any project that comes before the Board.

Debra Lamb: Will there be both rentals and condos in the same building or will it be 100% affordable? Has 421a been enacted to alleviate the tax burden developers assume on rental properties?

Richard Lobel: No, 421a is being negotiated in the State Assembly. No decision has been made as yet. The entire project will be rental.

Frank St. Jacques: What are the income levels?

60% AMI for a family of three is \$46,620; 80% AMI for a family of three is \$62,150; 40% AMI for a family of three is \$31,280; 115% AMI for a family of three is \$89,355. There will be 296 units, 90 units will be affordable.

C. Economic Development Committee

Simia Dei sought a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License. The establishment is located at 506 Franklin Avenue between Hancock & Fulton Streets

Antonio Whitaker, Committee Co-Chair introduced Nick Perkins and Leah Campbell Managing Members

Ms. Campbell stated that this is an existing business, they are simply transferring the license. The previous business was called “Willow”. There will be no additional change to the establishment. They will be serving seasonal food with a Mediterrean flavor. The establishment seats 28 with 5 seats at the bar. They will only be serving dinner.

There was a question and answer session.

II. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

A. Economic Development Committee:

The committee hosted an informational presentation by Freelancers Union work to get a bill passed in the City Council to Protect Freelance workers against non-payment or late payment

Richard Flateau, Committee Chair introduced Elizabeth Leath, Freelancers Union Member. She gave a brief presentation on the issues that Freelancer are facing. She stated that their members are too often not getting paid for work that was done.

III. ROLL CALL

There were 28 members present and 20 absent.

IV. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lindsay Foehrenbach

Ms. Foehrenbach informed the audience about the use and sale of synthetic marijuana at the Myrtle Avenue and Broadway.

Antoine Cassidy – No Gun smoke School Tour, Inc.

This program advocate to stop gun violence. For more information on the program, please contact Mr. Cassidy at 305 -923-0128.

Henry Butler

Mr. Butler invited everyone to the Macon Street Block Association between Ralph and Patchen Annual Jazz Fest. It will be held on July 12th, at 7:00 p.m. There will also be a fish fry and a bake sale.

V. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS: ARTICLE VII DUTIES OF OFFICERS. SECTION A-11 DUTIES OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Mr. Stoute read the current By-laws followed by the Recommended Amendment of the By-laws:

According to the provisions of these By-Laws, to appoint, suspend or remove Chairpersons of all Committees of the Board, to establish special Task Forces, committees and sub-committees, and from time to time may be deemed necessary for the best performance of the Board's functions and to appoint, suspend or remove the Chairperson of such special task forces, committees and sub-committees. All Committee Chairpersons shall serve only during the term of the Board Chairperson appointing him/her. The Board Chairperson shall be an ex-officio member of each Committee except the nominating committee. The Chairperson shall report at the earliest Board meeting any new appointments or removals.

[..\Recommended Amendment to Article VII - Duties of Officers.pdf](#)

There were comments on this matter by Board members. A statement was read by new Board member Chinyelu Udoh on behalf of C. Doris Pinn. This item was tabled.

VI. ACTION ON THE PUBLIC HEARING

C. Simia Dei request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License

Antonio stated that the committee met with the owners on June 2nd. They provided all required documents. The committee recommendation is to give a letter of support. A motion was made by Douglas Williams and seconded by Edna Johnson.

[..\Vote for Semia Dei.pdf](#)

VII. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Tremaine S. Wright

The Chair made a recommendation to remove Adrian Sinclair for lack of attendance. A motion was made by Edna Johnson and seconded by Antonio Whitaker. The motion carried.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted by,
Beryl Nyack
July 14, 2016