



**MINUTES OF THE
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2016
COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
BEDFORD-STUYVESANT RESTORATION CORP.
1368 FULTON STREET
BROOKLYN, NY 11216**

Attendance:

Members Present: Felicia Alexander, Tywan Anthony, Babatunde Akowe, Dr. Kim Best, Anthony Buissereth, Evelyn Collier, Taina Evans, Marc Abou-Faissal, Richard Flateau, Sharon Forbes, Keith Forest, Mary Jemison-Head, Kimberly Hill, Oma Holloway, Tarris Iriarte, Edna Johnson, Dr. Debra Lamb, Marion Little, Hardy “Joe” Long, Dovie Matthews, Paulette Moorehead, Eldica Murray, Michael McCaw, Melissa Plowden-Norman, Kwaku Payton, Stacey Ruffin, Shekera Shehid, Nelson M. Stoute, Lydia Temples, Chinyelu Udoh, Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman, Shanita Wells, Douglas Williams, T. J. Wilson

Members Absent: Idris Abdullah, Ren Azinge, Gloria Boyce, Mulan Isaiah Burgess, Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Dolores Witherspoon-Dickerson, Gregory Glasgow, Danelle Johnson, Dr. Kerliene Johnson, C. Doris Pinn, Rev. Jesse Sumbry, Tremaine Wright

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Mary Jemison Head.

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON – Tremaine S. Wright

The Chair welcomed back everyone including the new Board members.

She gave an update on some of the issues that was addressed over the summer. Ms. Wright reported that the bus shelters on Franklin Avenue between Lefferts Place and Fulton Street will be moved forward closer to the curb. There will also be an art project will be done on the wall. The elevator shaft will be cleaned. In addition, the area near the Citi bikes on Lefferts Place will receive lighting.

1st Vice-Chair, Oma Holloway chaired the meeting after the departure of the Chair.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS/CBO’S

Shelton Jones – Hon. Kenneth Thompson

Mr. Jones gave an update on some of the events that took place over the summer such as:

The gun buyback in August resulted with 59 guns being collected. Another update on an arrest from last year regarding gun trafficking from Atlanta and Pennsylvania to New York, five people were convicted to 10 years in prison. In addition, a Brooklyn man was sentenced to 18 years for stealing homes from residents in Bedford-Stuyvesant. To report any issues to the district attorney’s office, please call the Action Center at 718-250-2340.

Metin Sarci – Hon. Stephen Levin

Mr. Sarci announced that Mayor De Blasio signed a bill which was sponsored by Council Member Levin. The bill bans the waste that comes from hydraulic fracking in the City. It will go into effect within 90 days.

Council Member has a new website: www.stephenlevin.nyc. Copies of his newsletter were also available.

Neighborhood Assemblies for Participatory Budgeting process will be held shortly. He asked everyone to participate to voice their opinion.

In addition, if anyone was affected by the power outage on Skillman Street between Myrtle and Willoughby Avenues over the weekend, please call the Council Member's office at 718-875-5200.

Carl Luciano – Hon. Darlene Mealy

Mr. Luciano stated that Council Member Mealy offers Free Legal Service three times a week in the Council Member's office. He added the summer concerts were very successful.

Dr. Torian Easterling – Asst. Commissioner, DOHMH

Dr. Easterling gave an update on the plans for the District Health Department office. He stated that Woodhull will operate a clinic in the building beginning in 2017. He informed the audience that the Health Department along with NYPD is investigating the recent outbreak of the K2 and the stores that sell K2. If anyone has information on the sale of K2, please call 311 to report it.

He also spoke about the Zika Virus saying that New York City is number two in the country after Florida with the number of case (510) reported. Brooklyn is second borough with the highest number of cases reported. Mosquito season ends in November. Dr. Easterling advised everyone, especially pregnant women to be careful when travelling to place like Jamaica.

Kathleen Daniels – Hon. Eric Adams

Ms. Daniels informed that the Annual Resource Fair will be held on September 29th, at Borough Hall. It will begin at 5:30 p.m. There will be several agencies on hand.

She announced the Smart Gun Competition is offering \$1 million to the best college/university team with the best design. Borough President Adams is encouraging the project because it allows gun holders to use their thumb print to fire the gun, making it impossible for unauthorized user to fire the gun.

Borough President Adams and Council Member Mark Treyger has advanced legislation on August 16th, to allow parents to open a 529 College Savings Plan immediately upon receiving the child's birth certificate.

In addition, the Borough President and the Brooklyn Arts Council is offering \$1500 Mini Grants for small cultural organizations to help promote the Cultural organization and to help promote tourism in Brooklyn., tourism

Nicole Wright – Hon. Robert Cornegy, Jr.

Council Member Cornegy had two bills passed:

The Commercial Tenants Harassment Bill protects tenants from unscrupulous landlords.

The Lactation Bill requires all City agencies to provide a room for breastfeeding mothers.

She added that Participatory Budgeting has begun. The first neighborhood assembly will be held at the Macon Branch Library at 6:00 p.m., on September 15th.

Daniel Fisher – 81st Precinct Community Council

Mr. Fisher announced that he is the newly appointed President of the Precinct Council. The next meeting will be held on September 13th, at the Multi-Service Center, 1958 Fulton Street.

Ismene Speliotis – Forest City Ratner

Ms. Speliotis announced the deadline to apply for an apartment in 535 Carlton Avenue is September 15th. The lottery is open to households earning \$20,126 - \$173,415. There will be an information session on Tuesday, September 13th, at P.S. 9, 80 Underhill Avenue, from 6:30 p.m., – 8:00 p.m.

Hon. Velmanette Montgomery

Senator Montgomery stated that she is on the ballot for re-election.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Lee Church – Hon. Hakeem Jeffries, Joan Eastmond – Hon. Velmanette Montgomery, Michael Smith – Hon. Annette Robinson, Karen Cherry – Hon. Erik Dilan, Keith Tubbs – Hon. Latrice Walker, Carl Luciano – Hon. Darlene Mealy, Michael Lambert – Bed-Stuy Gateway BID, Betty Staton – Brooklyn Legal Services, Michael Bailey – Former Board Member

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT – Henry L. Butler

Mr. Butler reported that the organization Breaking Ground has not submitted their RFP for the proposed Drop-in Center at 1217 Bedford Avenue. There was a good turnout for the forum held on the situation where residents expressed their concerns. Everyone is against the project.

Mr. Butler acknowledged the new Board members: Babatunde Akowe, Ren Azinge, Mark Abou-Faissal, Tарisse Iriate, Sharon Forbes, Danelle Johnson, Dr. Debra Lamb, Marissa Plowden-Norman, Shekera Shahid, and Chinyelu Udoh.

I. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

A. Health & Social Service Committee:

The Rogosin Institute gave a presentation on kidney health care, hypertension, diabetes and organ donation

Edna Johnson, Committee Chair introduced Molly Phillips, Program Manager, Health & Policy

Ms. Phillips informed the audience that Rogosin Institute works with kidney disease patients. There are eight dialysis centers throughout the boroughs (4 in Brooklyn, 2 in Queens, and 2 in Manhattan). They also work with kidney transplant patients. Diabetes and high blood pressure are the number one factors that leads to kidney disease. They are doing outreach to help people understand that there are ways to prevent kidney disease and keeping it healthy. One in three adults are at risk for kidney disease. It is a silent disease.

She stated that the Obama Administration was to increase organ donation and transplant rates. Less than 50% of people are registered. They have been task to increase the rate to 10,000 in New York City. She added that one donor can save eight lives. Surveys were provided.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Parks, Art & Culture Committee

NYC Parks Department is requesting a letter of support for the proposed renovation of the historic building in Fulton Park, including comfort station, colonnade shade structure and plaza

Marion Little, Committee Chair introduced Martin Maher, Chief of Staff.

Mr. Maher stated that the renovation will include new lighting, ADA accessible bathroom, upgrade of the electrical, ventilation and plumbing. The ceiling will be repaired and the floors will be removed. He added that Council Member Cornegy has funded \$2.7 million for the project. A PowerPoint was done. The colonnade building is a historic structure, built in 1910. The plan is to open the building and make it more accessible for public events. Security will be provided. The Parks Department will continue to have office space. Construction will probably begin in the fall 2017 and continue for a year.

Questions were asked about the type of materials to be used in the renovation also the type of lighting.

III. ROLL CALL

There were 34 members present and 12 absent.

IV. COMMITTEE UPDATES

Nelson M. Stoute – Sanitation, Transportation & Environment

Mr. Stoute informed the audience that he and the District Manager, Henry Butler will be meeting with the Department of Sanitation at Borough Consultation on Friday, September 9th.

Marion Little – Parks Arts & Culture

Mr. Little stated that there are five project currently being done the district. He will give an update in the future.

V. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Taina Evans – Brooklyn Public Library

Ms. Evans gave a brief update on the upcoming events taking place at the library.

Kimberly Hill

Ms. Hill announced that the Alpha Kappa Alpha will sponsor a Women Financial Literacy Seminar on October 1st. It will be held at the Brooklyn Public Library Business & Career Center, 10 Grand Army Plaza, 1st floor, from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

VI. ACTION ON THE PUBLIC HEARING

A. NYC Parks Department request for a letter of support for the proposed renovation of the historic building in Fulton Park, including comfort station, colonnade shade structure and plaza.

Mr. Little stated that the committee recommended giving a letter of support to the Parks Department for the renovation of Fulton Park. A motion was made to accept the recommendation by Richard Flateau and seconded by Edna Johnson.

Vote: 32 – For; 2 – Abstention; 0 – Against

VII. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Mr. Butler informed the new member that there will be a new member training on September 29th, at 1368 Fulton Street, 5th Floor Board Room. All members are encouraged to attend.

VIII. ACCEPTANCE OF JUNE 6 and JUNE 27, 2016 MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the June 6th and 27th meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,
Beryl Nyack
September 26, 2016