

THE CITY OF NEW YORK COMMUNITY BOARD 3



**MINUTES OF THE
MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2016
COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
BEDFORD-STUYVESANT RESTORATION CORP.
1368 FULTON STREET
BROOKLYN, NY 11216**

Attendance:

Members Present: Idris Abdullah, Tywan Anthony, Anthony Buissereth, Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Evelyn Collier, Dolores Witherspoon-Dickerson, Marc Abou-Faissal, Richard Flateau, Sharon Forbes, Gregory Glasgow, Mary Jemison-Head, Kimberly Hill, Tarris Iriarte, Danelle Johnson, Edna Johnson, Dr. Kerliene Johnson, Dr. Debra Lamb, Marion Little, Hardy “Joe” Long, Melissa Plowden-Norman, C. Doris Pinn, Kwaku Payton, Shekera Shehid, Nelson M. Stoute, Lydia Temples, Chinyelu Udoh, Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman, Shanita Wells, Tremaine Wright

Members Absent: Babatunde Akowe, Felicia Alexander, Ren Azinge, Dr. Kim Best, Gloria Boyce, Mulan Isaiah Burgess, Taina Evans, Keith Forest, Oma Holloway, Dovie Matthews, Paulette Moorehead, Eldica Murray, Michael McCaw, Stacey Ruffin, Rev. Jesse Sumbry, Douglas Williams, T. J. Wilson

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Mary Jemison Head.

REMARKS

Mr. Butler read the agenda into the record.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS & COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Shelton Jones – Hon. Kenneth Thompson

Mr. Jones announced that the Domestic Violence Unit will host “Breaking the Cycle of Domestic Violence” from October 3rd – 7th, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Counselors will be available. It will be held in the lobby of 350 Jay Street.

He advised everyone to call the Action Center with any issues at 718-250-2340, or visit www.brooklynda.org

Hon. Robert Cornegy, Jr.

Council Member Cornegy announced that he will be sponsoring “Teens Take the Met” on October 28th. A bus will leave from Herkimer Street. The event will be held from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Interested teens can register by calling his office at 718-919-0740.

In addition, he informed that Participatory Budget Process has begun. The next scheduled assembly will be held on October 5th, at the Brooklyn Brownstone School, 272 Macdonough Street.

Council Member Cornegy congratulated the Democratic nominee, Tremaine Wright on her win for the 56th Assembly seat. He also praised Karen Cherry.

Carl Luciano – Hon. Darlene Mealy

Mr. Luciano introduced Ms. Sharissa Phillips-Singletary, the new Chief of Staff for Council Member Mealy. She greeted everyone.

Olanike Alabi – 57th Assembly District Leader

Ms. Alabi announced that there will be a voter’s registration drive in the 57th Assembly District on October 13th and 15th, at P.S. 113 and P. S. 9. In the 56th Assembly District it will be held at P.S. 305 and I.S. 390.

Lynette Lewis-Rogers – Brownstoners of Bedford-Stuyvesant, Inc.

Ms. Rogers announced the Annual Bed-Stuy Alive Week will kick-off with the street festival on October 8th, from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. On October 9th, the Annual 10k Run, Walk, Bike ride will take place followed by the other event. It will culminate with the 38h Annual House Tour will be held on October 15th, the proceeds from the tour feeds scholarships.

Michael Lambert – Bedford Stuyvesant Gateway BID

Mr. Lambert informed the audience that there will be Town Hall on Home Sharing: The “Air BNB Effects”. It will be held on October 5th, at Medgar Evers College in conjunction with the BID and Flateau Realty, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Please RSVP at www.airbnbhomeshare.eventbrite.com or by calling 718-953-2732.

Gerard Miller – NHS

Mr. Miller announce that the Bed-Stuy NHS office is offering two grants for residents of Community Boards 3, 4, 5, 8 and 16:

- AHC Acquisition & Rehab Program – offer \$27,000 per unit for rehab or purchase.
- Home Local Program – offer \$32,800

Judge Betty Staton – Brooklyn Legal Services

Judge Staton announced that her office will be hosting an Open House to inform residents of their services during Bed Stuy Alive week. There are four offices: 1360 Fulton Street, 900 Fulton Street and 105 Court Street. There is also a newly opened office downtown.

Hon. Latrice Walker

Assembly Member Walker reminded residents who live or know anyone who lives in 11212, 11233, 11207 and 11208 the Brownsville Solarized Initiative is still available. The deadline to apply is October 7th. For more information, call her office at 718-498-8681.

Karen Cherry

Ms. Cherry congratulated Ms. Wright on her win and stated that she looks forward to working with her.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Karen Cherry – Hon. Erik Dilan, Daniel Fisher – 81st Precinct Community Council, Pansy Nettles – Tenant Association President Brevoort Houses, Pastor Gwen Dingle

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT – Henry L. Butler

Mr. Butler announced that Interfaith Medical Center, 1545 Atlantic Avenue will host a Community Health Fair on October 22nd, from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

P.S. 373/The Brooklyn Transitional Center, 185 Ellery Street between Throop and Tompkins Avenues has an opportunity to win a \$100,000 grant. Please vote to show your support. Flyers were available.

Mr. Butler informed the audience the Department of Transportation (DOT) is in the district inspecting sidewalks based on 311 calls. However, when they inspect a particular block, they are inspecting the entire block. Violations are being issued.

I. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Capital and Expense Budget Committee:

District Manager Butler gave a brief review of the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Request Process. Forms were provided for resident to give their recommendations for funding projects in the community.

He then discussed the requests that were funded and not funded for FY 2017 based on the Adopted Budget. The following is a list of the funded and non-funded requests for Community District 3:

[..FY 2017 Adopted Budget.pdf](#)

B. Economic Development Committee:

Universal Laws Enterprise Inc. (DBA “Seven”) is seeking a letter of support for an Alcohol Control Beverage License. The address is 470 Nostrand Avenue between Jefferson Avenue and Hancock Street

Richard Flateau, Committee Chair introduced Valerie Watts, Owner

Ms. Watts stated that the restaurant will be opened six days a week. Tuesday – Thursday: 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.; Fridays & Saturdays: 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 a.m.; Sundays: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. Breakfast and lunch will be served on Saturdays and Sundays.

The restaurant seats 32 however, she will only utilize 30. There will be 10 people in the bar area. She provided a menu on the PowerPoint. Ms. Watts stated that the restaurant will be sound proofed.

Questions and Answers

Tywan Anthony: Will there be security?

Valerie Watts: No, the staff will be trained on dealing with unruly customers.

Joe Gonzalez: Will you be having a sidewalk café?

Valerie Watts: No, there will be folding doors that open up for an outside feel.

C. Economic Development Committee:

Grand Jete, LLC is seeking a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License at 327 Stuyvesant Avenue between MacDonough and Macon Streets

Richard Flateau, Committee Chair introduced Michael Kelley, Legal Representative and Samantha DiStefano and Francisco Anton, Owners

Mr. Kelly stated that Grand Jete, LLC will be a full service restaurant with 12 tables, 50 seats. The bar area will have 12 seats. The hours of operation will 11:00 a.m. – Midnight. Sundays – Thursdays; 11:00 – 1:00 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays There will be no outdoor seating and no DJ, just back ground music. This location does not fall within the 500 Foot Rule.

Ms. DiStefano stated that she has 30 years of experience in the business. She will be the General Manager, Francisco Anton will be the chef. She recently closed a business in Williamsburg. She added that this location used to be the old McDonald Restaurant. She added there will be 15-25 employees. The menu will be American Bistro.

Questions and Answers

Resident: How will the community know about the hiring?

Ms. DiStefano: Signs will be posted in front of the restaurant.

A few members of the 500 Macon Street Block Association protested the closing hours. They would like the restaurant to close at 11:00 p.m. They also complained about the way in which Ms. DiStefano obtained the signatures. Other residents gave their support siting that the restaurant is needed in the area. There were also concerns regarding this location being on a residential block.

D. Economic Development Committee:

894 Pizza Corp. (DBA “Due Fratelli”) is seeking a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License at 894 Dekalb Avenue

There were no representation from 894 Pizza Corp. at the meeting.

II. ROLL CALL

There were 29 members present and 17 absent.

III. COMMITTEE UPDATES

Nelson M. Stoute – Transportation, Sanitation & Environment

Mr. Stoute announced that sanitation will begin night-time (Midnight - 8:00 a.m.) pick-ups in Section 34. It will begin in November and continue to April. In addition, he informed that Sanitation is performing trial runs on Sundays in preparation of snow season.

He also reminded residents that heat season has begun: October 1st to May 31st. Landlords must provide heat to their tenants during this period.

Evelyn Collier – Landmarks & Preservation

Ms. Collier stated that the owners of 436 Macon Street installed windows without obtaining the proper LPC permits. They are asking that the Board issue a letter of support for the legalization of the replacement windows. The committee voted unanimously to give a letter of support. She read the resolution for 436 Macon Street into the record.

[..\Resolution for 436 Macon Street.pdf](#)

Ms. Collier added that the committee met with the owners of 109 Halsey Street. The owners would like the Board’s support for legalization of work done without a LPC permit. She also read the resolution for 109 Halsey Street into the record.

[..\Resolution for 109 Halsey Street.pdf](#)

C. Doris Pinn – Housing & Land Use

Ms. Pinn informed that the committee will meet on October 12th in a jointed meeting with Landmarks. They will be discussing the Brown & Brown Garage on Stuyvesant Avenue and Halsey Street. It is a Landmark building and they plan on building up on it. She added that the committee will also be discussing the application for Rose Castle Catering Hall on Flushing Avenue.

IV. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michael Hooper – Roots Revisited

His organization provided 10 college tours. The next meeting will be held at M.S. 35, on October 19th, at 6:00 p.m.

V. ACTION ON THE PUBLIC HEARING

- A.** Landmarks & Preservation Committee request for a letter of support on a recommendation for 436 Macon Street

Ms. Collier stated that all the requirement were met. They install Anderson windows. A motion was made to accept the recommendation by Nelson M. Stoute and seconded by Melissa Plowden-Norman.

[..\Vote for 436 Macon Street.pdf](#)

- B.** Landmarks Committee request for a letter of support on a recommendation for 109 Halsey Street

Ms. Collier stated that the committee voted to not give a letter of support for the reasons stated. A motion was made to accept the recommendation by Edna Johnson and seconded by Nelson M. Stoute.

[..\Vote for 109 Halsey Street.pdf](#)

- C.** Universal Law Enterprise Inc. (DBA “Seven”) request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License

Mr. Flateau reported that the committee met with the owner and all required documents were provided. The committee voted unanimously to give a letter of support to “Seven”. A motion was made by Idris Abdullah and seconded by Edna Johnson to accept the recommendation.

[..\Vote for Universal Law Enterprise, Inc. dba Seven.pdf](#)

- D.** Grand Jete LLC request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License

Mr. Flateau stated that the committee recommended giving a letter of support with the stipulation that Grand Jete, LLC amend their hours of operation to the following: Sunday to Thursday: 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.; Fridays & Saturdays: 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 a.m.

A motion was made by Nelson M. Stoute and seconded by Gregory Glasgow.

[..\Vote for Grand Jete, LLC.pdf](#)

- E. 894 Pizza Corp. (DBA “Due Fratelli”) request for an Alcohol Beverage Control License

Mr. Flateau stated that due to the lack of attendance at the committee and the Board meetings by 894 Pizza Corp, the committee recommendation was to NOT give a letter of support.

A motion was made by Chinyelu Udoh and seconded by Anthony Buissereh.

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VI. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT – Tremaine S. Wright

Ms. Wright encouraged everyone to attend the committee meetings because that’s where the work is done.

- **Selection of Nominating Committee**

Chairperson Wright named Tywan Anthony as the chair of the Nominating Committee along with the following members: Tarris Iriate, Melissa Plowden-Norman, Mary Jemison-Head, Lydia Temples, Marc Abou-Faissal and Anthony Buissereh.

VII. ACCEPTANCE OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2016 MINUTES

A motion to accept the minutes was made by C. Doris Pinn and seconded by Evelyn Collier.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,
Beryl Nyack
October 17, 2016