



**MINUTES OF THE
MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2018
COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
BEDFORD STUYVESANT RESTORATION CORP.
1368 FULTON STREET
BROOKLYN, NY 11216**

Attendance:

Members Present: Babatunde Akowe, Felicia Alexander, Tywan Anthony, Dr. Kim Best, Anthony Buissereth, Michael Catlyn, Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Evelyn Collier, Pastor Gwendolyn Dingle, Marc Abou-Faissal, Richard Flateau, Sharon Forbes, Keith Forest, Dennis George, Gregory Glasgow, Shia Greenfeld, Abitzel Robinson-Hobson, Oma Holloway, Everett Hughes, Edna Johnson, Dr. Kerliene Johnson, Marion Little, Ellen Miller, Melissa Plowden-Norman, Kwaku Payton, Santana Payton, C. Doris Pinn, Simone Pratt, Karen Rhau, Stacey Ruffin, Suzette Sheppard, Chinyelu Udoh, T. J. Wilson

Members Absent: Taina Evans, Mary Jemison-Head, Tarrisse Iriarte, Dr. Debra Lamb, Dionicio Liz, Hardy "Joe" Long, Dovie Matthews, Kenneth Mbonu, Eldica Murray, Carolyn Richburg, Shekera Shahid, Jamella Swift, Omar Walker, Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman, Shanita Wells, Douglas Williams

INVOCATION

Edna Johnson gave the invocation.

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON – Richard Flateau

Mr. Flateau gave a brief update on some of the meetings he has attended. He introduced and welcomed the new members.

Mr. Flateau informed the residents that Restoration will be performing major renovations in the Community Room. Beginning in, September the general meeting will be held in the Billie Holiday Theatre.

In addition, he stated that there will be an update on the "Jitu Weusi" co-naming. There will be a vote however, there will not be a public hearing again.

The following people each spoke in support of the co-naming of Claver Place between Putnam and Jefferson Avenues "Jitu Weusi Way": Assembly Member Charles Barron, Olanike Alabi – 57th Assembly District Leader, Sharonnie Perry – Interfaith Medical Center, Former Assembly Member Annette Robinson, Former Council Member Albert Vann and Rev. Herbert Daughtry.

Mr. Flateau read the agenda into the record.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF ELECTED OFFICIALS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Shakti Robbins – Senator Velmanette Montgomery

Ms. Robbins spoke about the new legislation that was passed in the Senate that would require the Department of Buildings to notify homeowners and potential work adjacent to their homes.

Maceo Karriem – Assembly Member Tremaine Wright

He announced that Assembly Member Wright construction notification bill was passed in the Senate. It requires the Buildings Department to provide written notification to adjoining property owners when an application is approved for construction.

Faye Moore – Friendship Baptist Church

Ms. Moore announced that there will be a Mental Health First Aid Certification class given on Saturday, July 21st, at Friendship Baptist Church.

Michael Hooper Roots Revisited

Mr. Hooper announced that there will be a college tour. For more information, please call 718-778-0009, ext. 17.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Karen Cherry – Assembly Member Erik Dilan and Reverend Conrad Tillard – Nazarene Congregational Church

Honorable Harriet Thompson

Judge Thompson is running for re-election for Surrogate Court Judge along with **Honorable Ingrid Joseph, Acting Supervisor** who is running for re-election for Civil Court Judge.

Monsignor Paul Jervis – St. Peter’s Claver Church

He spoke in opposition of the co-naming of “Jitu Weusi Way”.

Oma Holloway – Bridge Street Development Corp.

Ms. Holloway informed that Bridge Street will be offering a Fresh Start Home Resource Fair on Saturday, June 30th. It will be held at Boys and Girls High School.

TAMA will be hosting Summerfest on the following Saturdays -- July 21st and August 18th. Tompkins Avenue will be closed from Halsey Street to Gates Avenue.

Sharonnie Perry – Interfaith Medical Center

Interfaith will be hosting a Health Fair on Tuesday, July 24th, at Boys and Girls High School from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Candice Julien – Office of the Brooklyn Borough President

Ms. Julien welcomed the new members to the Board. She encouraged everyone to pick up copies from the info table of the upcoming events happening in the Borough.

On Thursday, June 28th, Borough President Adams will be hosting a “Rat Summit” at Restoration Plaza. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Senator Velmanette Montgomery

Senator Montgomery reported that a law was recently passed that requires the parole board to provide their decisions on the internet. She reiterated that the construction notification bill was passed in the Senate and the Assembly.

I. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Economic Development Committee:

Alcohol Beverage Control License Application for Sandobap Inc. located at 918 Broadway between Myrtle Avenue and Stockton Street.

Tywan Anthony, Committee Chair introduced Chang Chol, President

Sam Park stated that Sandobap has been operating since June 2016. However, now they are under a new management. They serve Korean and Japanese cuisine. The hours of operations are Sundays to Thursdays 3:00 p.m., - 12:00 a.m.; and Fridays to Saturdays 2:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.

Questions & Answers

Chinyelu Udoh: Will you be having outside tables and is this for a full liquor license?

Sam Park: No tables and yes, this is for a full liquor license.

B. Economic Development Committee:

Alcohol Beverage Control License Application for Stuyvesant Entertainment Corp, located at Four Stuyvesant Avenue between Myrtle and Vernon Avenues

Tywan Anthony, Committee Chair introduced Adam Sacks

Mr. Sacks stated that he and his partners opened a Pizzeria in 2012 on Broadway & Myrtle Avenue. They also opened Rebecca's on the corner of Broadway and Jefferson Avenue. The hours of operation for this restaurant are Sundays to Thursdays 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 a.m. and Fridays to Saturdays: 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Questions & Answers

Chinyelu Udoh: What are you as a business doing to address the garbage that accumulated in that area?

Adam Sacks: I have coordinated with my garbage company to pick up everyone's garbage included the deli.

Santina Payton: What is the capacity?

Adam Sacks: 50-60 people.

Babatunde Akowe: Do you have surveillance cameras?

Adam Sacks: Yes, and in the building

Robert Smith: Did you speak to the pastor of St. John the Baptist?

Adam Sacks: The pastor's daughter

Tywan Anthony: The "200 Rule" does not apply from entrance to entrance.

Keith Forest: He formed the Merchant Association.

Adam Sacks: I just received approval for two block parties, one on Saturday, July 21st, on Broadway and Hart and the other on Broadway and Greene

Tywan Anthony: In terms of the job issue, the committee is establishing a funnel system with the companies that come before us and Job Plus to help assist people with obtaining jobs.

C. Economic Development Committee:

Alcohol Beverage Control License Application for 427 Throop Bar LLC, located at 417 Throop Avenue between Quincy Street and Lexington Avenue

Tywan Anthony, Committee Chair introduced Michael Kelly

This is a neighborhood bar. There will be seven tables and 54 seats. The hours of operation will be 4:00 p.m. – 4:00 a.m. There will be background music. No outdoor seating. They own several businesses in Brooklyn. This location has been empty for two years. Matthew Webber is the one of the owners. They have letters of support and signatures from the residents. They hire from the community.

Questions & Answers

Simone Pratt: How many signatures did you get? Is there a church in the back?

Michael Kelly: 80 signatures and it used to be a church.

Marion Little: Did you get a letter of support from the block association?

Michael Kelly: No, we simply sat in front of the establishment and asked for signatures from people going by who lived on the block.

Oma Holloway: Was it recommended to you by the committee to close early because this is a residential area?

Michael Kelly: Yes, however, we take noise seriously, and we have soundproofed the space?

Sharonnie Perry: Pastor James moved to East New York. However, despite soundproofing, it is disrespectful that you would stay open until 4:00 a.m. on a residential block.

TJ Wilson: Why don't you find another location?

Michael Kelly: It is very difficult to find another place that is reasonable.

D. Economic Development Committee:

Alcohol Beverage Control License Application for Nialls Fallon LLC, 549 Classon Avenue corner of Fulton Street.

Tywan Anthony, Committee Chair introduced Nialls Fallon, Owner

Mr. Fallon stated that he and his partners have a restaurant called Hart's on Franklin Avenue. This business will be a bar concept with food. The space was previously Alice's Arbor however, they closed in March 2018. There will be no change or alterations to the space except for some cosmetics. The capacity is 70 people. The menu will be rotisserie

chicken with sides. They are asking to operate from Mondays to Fridays from 4:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m., and weekends 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. He will hire 10 people to start from the neighborhood. The staff at Hart’s is very diverse and they live in the community.

Mr. Fallon stated that he will manage the staff. His partner Nick is the Chef and his wife Leah will handle the human resources aspect for the company. Security cameras are in place. He has letters of support from residents and businesses two blocks away from Hart’s and on Fulton Street. He also has 25 signatures from residents on Classon Avenue.

Questions & Answers

Simone Pratt: Do you have plans to diversify your menu from pass rotisserie chicken and sides that are in terms of your food offering?

Nialls Fallon: It will be on the ongoing menu.

Joe Gonzalez: Did you reach out to the churches in the area, if so, what was their response?

Nialls Fallon: No, we are required to reach out to groups within 200 feet.

E. Economic Development Committee:

Alcohol Beverage Control License Application for 718 Live LLC, located at 1114 Fulton Street between Claver Place and Franklin Avenue

Tywan Anthony, Committee Chair introduced Shabaka Shakur, Owner

Mr. Shakur stated that this will be a restaurant with an event space on the second floor. There will also be backyard seating. The menu will be between \$15 - \$16. He will be serving American and Caribbean cuisine. Brunch will be served on Saturdays and Sundays from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Some of the events planned are comedy shows on Mondays to showcase the up and coming performers/comedians.

Questions and Answers

TJ Wilson: What are your hours?

Shabaka Shakur: The hours are 5:00 p.m. – 12:00 midnight; Fridays and Saturdays until 4:00 a.m.

Oma Holloway: What is your security plan?

Shabaka Shakur: We have a security firm and have created a dress code.

Babatunde Akowe: Will you be installing security cameras?

Shabaka Shakur: We have security cameras.

II. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eddie Freeman – Sugar Hill

Mr. Freeman discussed the loss of properties in the community. He stated that there is a “Pay to Play” decision being made by the Mayor and other elected officials. He also added that they closing nursing homes and community gardens to build condos.

Rebecca McCalla

Ms. McCalla stated that there is a problem with adults smoking, drinking and doing illegal activities in the playgrounds. She proposed an idea of creating a “safe zone program” in the summer.

Aboubacar Okeke Diagne

Mr. Diagne stated that he assists people with their property taxes abatement and renewable energy.

III. ROLL CALL

There were 33 members present and 16 absent.

VI. COMMITTEE UPDATES & RESOLUTIONS

Stacey Ruffin – Civic & Public Safety

The committee will be meeting on Tuesday, June 26th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board office. NCO’s from the 79th and 81st Precincts will be in attendance.

Oma Holloway – Education & Youth

Ms. Holloway thanked the public and the board members who supported the Bed Stuy Best 2018 where the teachers, principals, staff and students were honored.

Evelyn Collier – Landmarks & Preservation Resolutions

A. Certificate of Appropriateness/LPC Application #19-24596 for 166 Decatur Street between Lewis Avenue and Marcus Garvey Blvd

Ms. Collier stated that the application is to construct a rooftop bulkhead and install railings. However, the drawings show two different railing heights. The proposed railings are inconsistent and do not match present dimensions. The railings are not sufficiently set back and are visible from the street.

The committee recommendation is to issue a letter of **non-support**. A motion was made to accept the recommendation by Edna Johnson and seconded by Marion Little.

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B. LPC Application for Certificate of Appropriateness for 246 Monroe Street between Nostrand and Marcy Avenues

Ms. Collier stated that the application is to build a four-level rear yard extension and a rooftop bulkhead/railings. The committee recommendation is to **not support** the four-level rear yard addition because it adds inappropriate bulk and height. It proposes an out-of-character design which is not aesthetically or architecturally correct for this structure.

A motion to accept the recommendation was made by Babatunde Akowe and seconded by Simone Pratt.

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C. LPC Certificate of Appropriateness Application # 19-12990 for 344 MacDonough Street between Lewis and Stuyvesant Avenues is to construct a rear yard addition.

Ms. Collier stated that the applicant previously presented before the committee on February 9, 2018. And the Board voted in support of the committee's recommendation on April 16, 2018 to not support the resolution because the applicant's proposal lacked details of the proposed alteration required for the committee review.

The applicant submitted revised renderings with details reflecting adjustments in the configuration of the project that showed a reduction in the size and bulk of the rear yard addition, from 12 feet to 5 feet, two levels rather than four levels, a revised design with a door, railing details, and a revised window configurations.

The committee recommendation is to give a letter of support for the modified plans. A motion to support the recommendation was made by Gregory Glasgow and seconded by Edna Johnson.

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D. Application seeking removal of a portion of the sloped roof at the front of the building to create an exterior roof terrace and modifying the front entryway (basement level) at 7 Verona Place.

The Committee's recommendation is to give a letter of **non-support**. The proposed removal of the sloped roof will create a visible use that is inconsistent with the character and attributes of the historic block, and the modification of the entry way will create an aggrandized ground floor entrance, yard and under the stoop, altering a historic attribute of the building.

A motion to accept the recommendation was made by Anthony Buissereth and seconded by Michael Catlyn.

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TJ Wilson – Parks, Arts & Culture

Request to co-name Claver Place between Fulton Street and Jefferson Avenue. Ms. Wilson stated that the Committee Chair, Marion Little audited the petitions. It was determined that of the 400 signatures only 382 were valid. The petition opposed to the co-naming 106 of the 150 were valid. There are only 25 buildings on Claver Place, PO Boxes are not-valid and documents submitted after the public hearing were not accepted.

Ms. Wilson stated that after the public hearing and the committee meeting, the committee decided that they will focus primarily on the signatures on Claver Place. Petitions are part of the process but it is not the total process. Other factors such as the body of work, and letters of support were also considered.

The Committee recommended giving a letter of support. A motion was made to accept the recommendation by Edna Johnson and seconded by Everett Hughes.

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IV. ACTION ON THE PUBLIC HEARING

- A.** Sandobap Inc. request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License. Tywan Anthony stated that the committee recommendation is to give a letter of support. A motion was made to accept the recommendation by Gregory Glasgow and seconded by Marion Little.

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- B.** Stuyvesant Entertainment Corp request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License. Tywan Anthony stated that the committee recommendation is to give a letter of support. A motion was made to accept the recommendation by Anthony Buissereth and seconded by Babatunde Akowe.

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- C.** 427 Throop Bar LLC request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License.

Tywan Anthony stated that the committee recommendation is to give a letter of non-support due to their closing time. A motion was made to accept the recommendation by Felicia Alexander and seconded by Gregory Glasgow.

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- D.** Nialls Fallon request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License. Tywan Anthony stated that the committee recommendation is to give a letter of support. A motion was made to accept the recommendation by Ivy Gamble-Cobb and seconded by Evelyn Collier.

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- E.** 718 Live LLC request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License. Oma Holloway recused herself from the vote because she reported that she has submitted a business plan to them.

Tywan Anthony stated that the committee recommendation is to give a letter of support. A motion was made to accept the recommendation by Everett Hughes and seconded by Babatunde Akowe.

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V. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Richard Flateau

Mr. Flateau announced that the Board currently has 49 members because Paulette Moorehead recently resigned.

VII. ACCEPTANCE OF THE JUNE 4, 2018 MINUTES

A motion to accept the minutes were made by C. Doris Pinn and seconded by Gregory Glasgow.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Beryl Nyack

July 18, 2018

Proofed and approved by,

Stacey Ruffin, Executive Secretary

July 20, 2018