



CITY OF NEW YORK **COMMUNITY BOARD 3**
MINUTES OF THE
MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2021
COMMUNITY BOARD VIRTUAL MEETING

In Attendance:

Members Present: Babatunde Awoke, Felicia Alexander, Tywan Anthony, Monique Antoine, Dr. Kim Best, Lillian Bowman, Anthony Buissereth, Michael Catlyn, Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Evelyn Collier, Marc Abou-Faissal, Carroll “Rusty” Fields, Richard Flateau, Sharon Forbes, Keith Forest, Gregory Glasgow, Mary Jemison-Head, Abitzel Robinson-Hobson, Everett Hughes, Victor Iroh, Edna Johnson, Dr. Kerliene Johnson, Dr. Debra Lamb, Lisa Lewis, Marion Little, Hardy “Joe” Long, Dovie Matthews, Ellen Miller, Kenneth Mbonu, Melissa Plowden-Norman, Santana Payton, C. Doris Pinn, Simone Pratt, Annalee Reid, Karen Rhau, Miari Roberts, Wendy Robinson, Stacey Ruffin, Suzette Sheppard Jamella Swift, Alice Walton, Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman, Douglas Williams, TJ Wilson

Members Absent/Excused: Taina Evans, Shia Greenfeld, Oma Holloway, Keisha Jerryman, Christine Parker, Carolyn Richburg

Elected Official/Reps: Darryl White – Attorney General Leticia James, Nickolas Perry – Hon. Scott Stringer, Petula Hanley – Hon. Stefani Zinerman, Nadeen Gayle – Hon. Latrice Walker

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON – Richard Flateau

Chair Flateau read the agenda into record. He informed the public to call in at 929-277-7040.

- Chair Flateau reported that on Friday, February 19th, Brooklyn Blooms Floral Boutique, at 1113 Fulton Street held its ribbon cutting ceremony. He presented Ms. Paris Phillips, a 29-year-old floral designer and entrepreneur with a proclamation from Borough President Eric Adams.
- In addition, he is working with the Parks Department to get information to place a plaque at the playground named after Elizabeth Strout former Chair of the Parks Committee.
- The Board is working with the BID, the mayor’s office, Council member Cornegy, Departments of Department of Health, Consumer Services and NYPD regarding the illegal vending situation on Fulton Street.
- At the Borough Board meeting Attorney Michael Barbosa, NYS Attorney General office and Patricia James gave a presentation on protecting our community. Attorney Barbosa heads the Brooklyn office and his office is available to give virtual presentation to community groups.
- The item on the agenda was a presentation from the Mayor’s office on police reform and community input. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 2nd, at 4:00 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS & COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Chief Judith Harrison – Brooklyn North, Deputy Inspector Timothy Skretch – 79th Precinct, Gregory Anderson – Bridge Street Development Corp., Lynette Battle – Bed-Stuy Gateway BID, Digna Layne – Good Shepherd Services, Betty Staton – Brooklyn Legal Services, Damaris Falero – Department of Buildings, Jada John – BALAA

Hon. Hakeem Jeffries

Congressman Jeffries gave an update on the stimulus package and what New Yorker can expect:

- \$1,400 per individual with a total of \$5,600 for a family of four
- an increase in EBT by 15%
- \$300 per week will be extended to September at \$400 per week
- Money for tenants
- Rent moratorium extended to September
- Paycheck protection

Nadeen Gayle announced that vaccines are available at Medgar Evers College and that there are buses leaving from the Pink Houses to transport residents to the college. To schedule an appointment, please call 833-697-4829 or visit www.ny.gov/vaccine

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT – Henry L. Butler

District Manager Butler informed that Interfaith Hospital, 1545 Atlantic Avenue have received an additional 720 vaccines however, it must be utilized by Wednesday, March 3rd. They are distributing the vaccine between the hours of 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

He added that the committee calendar for March is posted on the website and Facebook.

In addition, the Education & Youth Committee will be meeting with Chancellor Lester Young on Thursday, March 11th, at 6:00 p.m. instead of the regular meeting time.

The Board will be the guest speaker at the next Bed-Stuy Alliance meeting on March 6th, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

I. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

A. Health & Social Service Committee:

Delicia Marshall and Shalane Baker, Representatives from Gotham Health/ NYC Health + Hospitals gave a report on the Gotham Health Works Initiative

Ms. Marshall stated that the Gotham Health office is located at 485 Throop Avenue. It offers Pediatrics and adult healthcare. Hours of operation are Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. COVID-19 testing is being offered at the Cumberland Clinic 100 N. Portland Avenue from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Ms. Baker added that they offer affordable healthcare for small business owners and their employees regardless of income or immigration status, at no cost to the employer or employee. They also provide floor/window decals and hand sanitizers. NYC Health & Hospital Vaccine Hotline is 877-829-4692. Ms. Marshall can be reached at marshall6@nychc.org

B. Economic Development Committee:

Jonathan Marable, Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce gave a brief synopsis on ways the Chamber of

Commerce can help small businesses through their Small Business Resource Network. The Chamber helps with finance, marketing needs, creating website, social media, negotiating a lease with landlord, technical support. There is also assistance with business strategy. To sign-up for assistance go to www.smallbiz.nyc or jmarable@brooklynchamber.com

II. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Housing & Land Use Committee:

District Manager Butler gave a presentation on HPD's Housing Connect Lottery for 1620 Fulton Street and 645 Gates Avenue affordable apartments. The Garnet is located at 1620 Fulton Street between Troy Avenue and Marcus Garvey Blvd. This is a combination of private and City owned land.

The building will be 11 stories high with 12,000 sq. ft of retail space. Some of the amenities are bike storage, shared laundry room, dishwasher, outdoor terrace, air conditioner and an on-site manager. The deadline to apply is Friday, April 9th.

<https://housingconnect.nyc.gov/PublicWeb/details/2029>

645 Gates Avenue is located between Marcus Garvey Blvd and Throop Avenue. The building will be on the parking lot of the building that was not being used. It will be 89 units of low-income housing at 40% to 130% AMI. He read some of the income levels and rent for the various units. Both projects can be found on Housing Connect.

III. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Myra Rivera from North Brooklyn Coalition is seeking volunteers to assist survivors of domestic violence. Anyone who is interested can contact her at 718-302-4073.

George Hutchinson, Race for Excellence is seeking space

IV. ROLL CALL

There were 44 members present and 6 absent.

V. COMMITTEE UPDATES & RESOLUTIONS

Tywan Anthony informed that the Economic Committee has made revisions regarding the process for SLA applicants.

Stacey Ruffins informed that Chief Harrison will be guest speaker at the next Civic & Public Safety meeting in honor of Women History Month.

Marion Little announced the next Parks, Arts & Culture Committee meeting will be on March 3rd.

Monique Antoine announced that the Education & Youth committee will be hosting a discussion with Chancellor Lester Young on Thursday, March 11th, at 6:00 p.m.

Resolution:

Evelyn Collier read the Resolution for 359 Decatur Street. [Resolution for 359 Decatur St.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Douglas Williams and seconded by Edna Johnson to accept the committee's recommendation. The vote was 43 -For; 0 – Against; 1 – Abstention

[Vote on the Resolution for 359 Decatur Street.pdf](#)

VI. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – RICHARD FLATEAU

Chair Flateau stated that he has reactivated the Constitution & Bylaws Committee with Babatunde Akowe and Karen Rhau as Chair and Co-Chair respectively. The committee will focus on making the Veterans' Committee a standing committee. They will also be reviewing the guidelines for public members of a committee.

In addition, Governor Cuomo has virtual extended meetings to March 28th.

The deadline for re-appointments was February 14th. The Borough President's office will release the list in May or June.

VII. ACCEPTANCE OF THE FEBRUARY 1, 2021 MINUTES

Chair Flateau asked for the minutes to be tabled due to missing information in reference to the actions on the voting items.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Before the meeting adjourned Mr. Butler updated everyone on the availability of the vaccine at Interfaith Hospital. He reported that Ms. Brown called to report that the vaccines are no longer available. They were all distributed over the weekend. Please call 718-487-1244 to find out when more will be available.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and moved. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Beryl Nyack
March 16, 2021

Reviewed and edited by,
Stacey Ruffin, Secretary
March 17, 2021