



**MINUTES OF THE
MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2018
COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
BEDFORD STUYVESANT RESTORATION CORP.
THE BILLIE HOLIDAY THEATER
1368 FULTON STREET
BROOKLYN, NY 11216**

Attendance:

Members Present: Babatunde Akowe, Felicia Alexander, Tywan Anthony, Monique Antoine, Anthony Buissereth, Michael Catlyn, Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Evelyn Collier, Pastor Gwendolyn Dingle, Taina Evans, Richard Flateau, Sharon Forbes, Keith Forest, Dennis George, Gregory Glasgow, Mary Jemison-Head, Oma Holloway, Everett Hughes, Edna Johnson, Dr. Kerliene Johnson, Dr. Debra Lamb, Marion Little, Hardy "Joe" Long, Dovie Matthews, Kenneth Mbonu, Ellen Miller, Melissa Plowden-Norman, Santina Payton, C. Doris Pinn, Simone Pratt, Karen Rhau, Stacey Ruffin, Suzette Sheppard, Chinyelu Udoh, Omar Walker, Shanita Wells

Members Absent: Marc Abou-Faissal, Shia Greenfeld, Abitzel Robinson-Hobson, Tarris Iriarte, Dionicio Liz, Eldica Murray, Kwaku Payton, Carolyn Richburg, Shekera Shahid, Jamella Swift, Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman, Douglas Williams, T. J. Wilson

INVOCATION

Mary Jemison Head gave the invocation.

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON – Richard Flateau

Mr. Flateau read the agenda into the record. He wished everyone a happy Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and Merry Christmas.

He mentioned the loss of former Board Member Delores Witherspoon-Dickerson.

On Wednesday, November 7th, he attend the Borough Board meeting. The agenda item was a presentation from the General Counsel of the NYC Charter Revision Commission. The Commission has 15 commissioners, four appointed by the Mayor, four by the City Council, five by the Borough President, one by the Comptroller and one by the Public Advocate. They are soliciting ideas.

On Sunday, November 18th, he attended a Town Hall which was hosted by the Landmarks Committee. A presentation was given by the Historic District Council on the history and resources available.

In addition, he attended a public forum at the Magnolia Tree Center hosted by Al Florant on business opportunities regarding the legalization of recreational marijuana.

On Tuesday, November 13th, he participated in a tribute to Veterans at the Brooklyn Gardens Nursing Home. The event was organized by Doug Williams, Chair of the Veterans' Committee.

Governor Cuomo's office announced an award of \$1.4 Billion for Vital Brooklyn Economic Development Program which targets Central Brooklyn. There was one RFP in Bedford-Stuyvesant which was awarded to the Federation of Organizations. They were awarded to build 119 affordable housing units on a 21,000 sq. ft. lot on the parking of Interfaith Hospital.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Honorable Hakeem Jeffries

Congressman Jeffries gave a brief update on some of the issues the Democrats will be working on in January 2019 now that they are the majority in the Senate.

Jamila Fynes – Office of the Mayor

Ms. Fynes announced a "Mission Based Housing Development" discussion on affordable housing. It will be held on Tuesday, December 4th, at 1368 Fulton Street, from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00p.m. It is meant to help houses of worship navigate the pre-development process.

Nickolas Perry – Hon. Comptroller Scott Stringer

He announced that Comptroller Stringer Report on "NYC For all: The Housing We Need" is available.

He announced that the 2019 Summer Internship will open on January 7th – March 8th, 2019. For more information, he can be reached at 212-669-3811 or at nperry@comptroller.nyc.gov

Shelton Jones – Hon. Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez

Mr. Jones announced that on Tuesday, December 11th, District Attorney Gonzalez will host "Erase Your Low Level Marijuana Conviction" event. The event will be held in Assembly Member Wright's office at 1360 Fulton Street, Room 417 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. ID is needed.

District Attorney Gonzalez is hosting a Holiday Toy Drive from December 4th – 19th. Drop-off can be made in the lobby at 350 Jay Street between 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Joseph Grant – Hon. Council Member Robert Cornegy, Jr.

Mr. Grant announced that there was special history making event held earlier. A statue of Shirley Chisolm was unveiled at Brower Park.

Council Member Cornegy's Advisory Board meeting will be held on Saturday, December 8th, at 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. at his district office.

Council Member Cornegy will be hosting a holiday party in partnership with Assembly Member Wright on Friday, December 21st, 1360 Fulton street, 5th floor, from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Free Legal Consultation are available every 2nd Tuesday of every month along with Immigration Services every Wednesday and Thursday, and CCRB is in the office every Friday from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Shakti Robbins-Cubas – Hon. Velmanette Montgomery

Ms. Cubas announced that since the Senate is now the majority, Senator Montgomery is working on a Civic Education Curriculum. She also had an Education Priority List available.

Kim Robinson – Hon. Alicka Ampry-Samuel

Ms. Robinson informed that Council Member Samuel's office offers Immigration Services every Tuesday and Thursday at her office. On December 13th, the Council Member will host the Annual Toy Drive and Holiday Party at her District office, 400 Rockaway Avenue.

Marcus Harris – Hon. Eric Adams

Mr. Harris announced that the Borough President was proud to distribute over 24000 pounds of food including turkeys local pantries and houses of worship.

Borough President Adams will host a Christmas Tree Lighting event on Wednesday, December 12th, from 5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at Borough Hall Plaza. In addition, the 2018 Holiday Drive will be collecting books and pajamas for children between the ages of 3-11 years who live in homeless shelters. See flyer for drop-off locations.

Elizabeth Adams – Hon. Stephen Levin

Ms. Adams stated that Council Member Levin is asking for public comment on a new rule regarding immigrants. Please visit www.protectingimmigrantfamilies.org . The comment period is open until Monday, December 10th.

She added that Council Member Levin introduced legislation to expand access to drug treatment services in shelters.

Lucien Allen – Hon. Walter Mosely

Mr. Allen announced that the Assembly Member will be hosting a Youth Job Fair in January. More information will be available shortly.

Olanike Alabi – 57th Assembly District Leader

The District Leader will be hosting a Holiday Toy and Book Drive on Friday, December 21st, at Emmanuel Baptist Church from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00p.m.

Deputy Inspector Charles Minch – 79th Precinct

Deputy Inspector Minch invited everyone to the precinct Annual Holiday and Toy Giveaway on Saturday, December 15th, at the Acumen Building, 630 Flushing Avenue (the old Pfizer Building). It will be held from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. All children must be registered in order to participate. Contact the Community Affairs officers.

On Friday, December 21st, Brooklyn North will be hosting their Annual Sleigh Ride at Restoration Plaza.

Judge Ingrid Joseph

Judge Joseph thanked everyone for their vote and support. She will now serve 14 years in the Supreme Court.

Daniel Fisher – 81st Precinct Community Council

Mr. Fisher thanked everyone who helped make the senior Thanksgiving Dinner a success.

He announced the next Precinct Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 11th, at 7:00 p.m., at 1958 Fulton Street. FDNY will be on hand to discuss fire safety.

The Annual Christmas Concert will be held on Saturday, December 15th, at Christ Fellowship Church, 11 Sumpter Street. In addition, the 81st Precinct's Sleigh Ride event will be held at 1958 Fulton Street from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

BJ Handal – Director, Business Center Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corp.

Mr. Handal informed the audience about the services that is being offered by the business center such as helping businesses start-up, grow, access to capital, offer one-on-one support and assistance with MWBE application.

Oma Holloway – Bridge Street Development Corp.

On Thursday, December 6th, Bridge Street Development Corp. will be partnering with Santander Bank, 1549 Ralph Avenue from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

On Monday, December 10th, Bridge Street will be hosting “Avoiding Small Business Bankruptcy”, at their office, 456D Nostrand Avenue, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Stefani Zinerman – Age-Friendly Bed-Stuy

Ms. Zinerman invited everyone 62 years and over to join “Age-Friendly Bed Stuy” on Wednesday, December 12th, at Skat Brooklyn, 373 Lewis Avenue for Game Night.

The NAACP is hosting a Book Drive starting December 15th through 19th. The books will benefit Samaritan Village and Benjamin Banneker High School.

Mark Winston Griffith – Brooklyn Movement Center

The organization is administering a Black Census and he is seeking participation from the residents. They are trying to collect 1,000 surveys from anyone who identifies as black to help elected officials understand the needs of black people.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Karen Cherry – Hon. Erik Dilan, P. O. Christopher Charles – 79th Precinct, Det. Narcisse – 81st Precinct, Dr. Kim Best – 79th Precinct Community Council

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT – Henry L. Butler

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I. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

A. Transportation, Sanitation, Environment Committee:

NYC Sanitation Department gave a presentation on the various agency’s disposal programs. *Gregory Glasgow, Committee Chair introduced Teresa Cunningham, Community Affairs Liaison*

Ms. Cunningham gave a brief synopsis on items residents can do to keep the neighborhood clean. She provided information about snow removal, K-9 issues, and keeping the neighborhood clean.

In addition, she informed that residents can now place their electronics at their curbside, however, they must call 311 first. On January 1, 2019, the ban on Styrofoam will go into effect and enforcement will begin in July.

Regarding the rat issue, the department has partnered with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to help alleviate the problem. \$32 million were invested to fight that battle.

Ms. Cunningham added that another problem is illegal dumping. The fines were increased. There is also an Affidavit Program Reward. This rewards residents who provide information about illegal dumping.

B. Economic Development Committee:

Tywan Anthony, Committee Chair introduced Andrew Lassalle, Executive Director of “Equality Opportunity in Construction Initiative”

Mr. Lassalle gave a presentation on some of the issues that currently affects construction workers. He is seeking ways to remove the barriers that prevent workers from obtaining jobs. He introduced an Apprenticeship Program for OSHA 10 and 30 training. The class cost is \$450.00 which is a lot for people who do not have the money.

For more information, please contact Mr. Lassalle at 347-818-6841 or at andrewl@eoici.org

II. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Economic Development Committee:

Alcohol Beverage Control License Application for Punch Drunk LLC, 517 Decatur Street corner of Ralph Avenue.

Tywan Anthony, Committee Chair introduced John DePipes and James Freeman Owners

James Freeman gave the presentation. He stated that the name Punch Drunk is from Featherweight Boxing term that also applies to his other two businesses: Sweet Science and Sally Roots. Sally Roots menu is Caribbean American and Sweet Science is American and Creole. The actual name of the business will be Uncle Fred who is his uncle. Sweet Science has been opened for six years. There will be 50 seats.

The hours of operation will be Sunday to Wednesday 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. and Thursday to Saturday 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. They plan to hire 15 people from the community. The menu is American with French Creole.

Questions & Answers

Questions were asked by Board Members and residents.

B. Economic Development Committee:

Alcohol Beverage Control License Application for Saldari LLC, 333 Tompkins Avenue between Gates Avenue and Monroe Street.

Tywan Anthony, Committee Chair introduced Michael Schall, owner

Mr. Schall stated that he is one of three owners. This will be an Italian Restaurant. They currently have a restaurant, Locanda Vini & Olii, 129 Gates Avenue and Cambridge Street which has been at that location for 18 years. The all worked for the previous owner and took ownership in 2009. The second restaurant is Camillo, 1149 Nostrand Avenue between Rutland Road and Midwood Street in Prospect Lefferts Gardens.

At Saldari, the menu will revolve around their signature style of Roman Pizza. The floor plan showed a bar area, dining space, a small dining area in the backyard and private dining in the basement. The hours of operation will be every day 12:00 pm – 2:00 a.m. Dinner will start at 5:00 p.m. In the future, he will like to offer lunch and brunch. The backyard will close at 11:00 p.m. weekdays and 12:00 a.m. on weekends. They will hire from the neighborhood. They have obtained 40 signatures and a letter of support from TAMA.

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Questions were asked by Board Members.

III. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marcia McGibbon – Brooklyn Public Library (Marcy Branch)

She informed that the Macon Branch will be hosting “Songs of Joy & Power “on Thursday, December 6th, with Stephen Anthony Beasley and Michael Beckett on Keys, at 6:00 p.m.

Ms. McGibbon reminded everyone that the Marcy Branch has reopened. There are a lot of programs available.

Demetrice Mills – Brooklyn Queens Land Trust

Mr. Mills introduced a board member of the Trust, April Green. He added that the trust now have 37 gardens and growing however, they are in need of 5 members to join.

Mr. Mills also informed that the Trust received \$400,000 from Vital Brooklyn to help with the gardens.

Tania Velasquez

Ms. Velasquez is a Manual Therapist. She offers pain management assistance however, she needs a space for at least 10 people, and some chairs who have severe pain. For more information, visit www.pinpointeducation.com

Eddie Freeman – Sugar Hill

Mr. Freeman asked the Board to support him in his fight with HPD for the land he has been paying rent on. He has been in this community since 1957 and he needs support from the Board and the Housing Land Use Committee.

Maria Sanchez

Ms. Sanchez is a Graduate Student at CUNY and she spoke about the reduction of food waste.

IV. ROLL CALL

There were 37 members present and 13 absent.

V. COMMITTEE UPDATES & RESOLUTIONS

Evelyn Collier – Landmarks

Ms. Collier read the resolution for the LPC Application #19-33040 Certificate of Appropriateness for 524-536 Halsey Street:

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Karen Rhau – By-Laws

Ms. Rhau stated that the By-Laws Committee have been working on revising the By-Laws in reference to “Notice of Vacancy for Officers”, adding the Landmarks and Preservation Committee as a standing committee and committee membership and voting in members.

The revised By-Laws should be available for Board members by January. The next meeting will be held on December 27th, at 6:30 p.m., in the Board office.

Tywan Anthony – Economic Development

Mr. Anthony informed that he was not able to confirm the skylight Gallery for the Economic Conference for December. He will try to host it in January or February.

In addition, he stated that he will be meeting with elected officials to obtain funds to assist individuals with the OSHA licensing.

VI. ACTION ON THE PUBLIC HEARING

- A.** Punch Drunk LLC request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License. Tywan Anthony stated that the committee's recommendation is to give a letter of support. A motion to accept the recommendation was made by Edna Johnson and seconded by Monique Antoine.

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- B.** Saldari LLC request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License. Tywan Anthony stated that the committee's recommendation is to give a letter of support. A motion was made to accept the recommendation by Santina Payton and seconded by Edna Johnson.

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VII. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Richard Flateau

❖ Election of Community Board 3 Officers

The Nominating Chair, Chinyelu Udoh read the slate for the 2019 Election:

Chair:	Richard Flateau
1 st Vice Chair:	Tywan Anthony
2 nd Vice Chair:	Felicia Alexander
Treasurer:	C. Doris Pinn
Secretary:	Stacey Ruffin

The floor was opened up for nomination and since there were none the vote was taken with 33 members voting. The result is as follows:

Chair:	Richard Flateau – 33 votes
1 st Vice Chair:	Tywan Anthony – 31 votes
2 nd vice Chair:	Felicia Alexander – 29 votes
Treasurer:	C. Doris Pinn – 33 votes
Secretary:	Stacey Ruffin – 33 votes

Mr. Flateau thanked Oma Holloway for serving on the Executive Committee for four years. She will remain Chair of the Education and Youth Committee.

In addition, the Board will host a Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 18th, immediately after the Executive Committee meeting from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the Board office.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE NOVEMBER 5, 2018 MINUTES

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Felicia Alexander and seconded by Simone Pratt.

I X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Beryl Nyack
December 12, 2018

Reviewed and edited by:
Stacey Ruffin, Executive Secretary
December 17, 2018