

Community Board 17
Housing and Block Association Meeting
May 7th, 2025

Attendance

Rick Pyne
Jorge Tait
Adele Bennett
Ayanna G

Ann H
Eduardo Cameron
Carol Reneau

Guest: Leslie Sierra, Community Outreach Counselor, NY Statewide Senior Action Council

The meeting focused on community initiatives, including sustainable energy strategies, resources for seniors, and upcoming events aimed at enhancing local engagement and safety.

Carol Reneau opened the meeting and welcomed attendees while addressing bandwidth issues. Leslie Sierra reported on the Earth Day Summit focused on sustainable energy strategies for Brooklyn. NISERDA representative shared information about grants for homeowners and programs for renters. Upcoming housing fair scheduled for June 7 at Brooklyn College, offering various resources and seminars. Collaboration with NHS planned for a property management event on June 20 at Medgar Evers College. Leslie Sierra introduced the New York State Senior Action Council, advocating for seniors' health and rights. The council provides educational resources on Medicare fraud prevention and patient advocacy services. Carol Reneau emphasizes the need for community engagement and plans for various local events. The discussion includes ongoing initiatives like the shower bus and available apartments. Safety concerns for seniors are highlighted, stressing both physical and online safety.

Action items:

- April meeting minutes unanimously approved
- Ensure that information about upcoming town hall meetings and events is communicated to community members.
- Include Miss Sierra's contact information and details about the services offered by the New York State Senior Action Council in the community board newsletter.
- Reach out to Miss Sierra or Mr. Tate to arrange a presentation at Vanderveer Park church regarding senior services and resources.
- Carol Reneau to discuss the possibility of having a statewide presentation at an upcoming meeting with Mr. Daley.
- Carol Reneau to reach out to Mr. Tate regarding the housing fair and other events.
- Carol Reneau to follow up regarding energy grants and share her contact information with attendees.
- Jorge to send an invitation for the Brooklyn-wide meeting on May 28 and ensure it is shared with the committee.

There being no further questions or items to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Eduardo Cameron and second by Adele Bennette.