

**COMMUNITY BOARD 17  
HOUSING AND BLOCK ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING – OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2025**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Jorge Tait  
Shermira Busby  
Kyran Leo John  
Ayanna G  
Leslie Frazier  
Rodrick F. Daley  
Noreen George  
Dionne  
Erika Grant  
Adele Bennett

Symone Sylvester  
Herminia Brown  
Meisha brown  
Judith Douglas  
Carol Reneau  
Theresa Brereton  
Erika Grant  
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The Meeting was called to order by the Chairperson of the Committee Dr. Carol Reneau. She asked everyone to introduce themselves and thanked the members for their community involvement and support.

She focused on focused on the importance of community engagement, upcoming events, affordable housing initiatives, and addressing local safety and environmental concerns.

Other concerns were:

- The importance of attending meetings for member accountability and engagement.
- The upcoming annual Community Fair event on October 18 will feature around 50 plus vendors and performances.
- Project Constellation, a new project aims to develop 12 affordable apartments, receiving unanimous support from the joint committee.
- New neighborhood organizations are forming from community outreach at block parties, encouraging local engagement.
- Proposals related to affordable housing and land use will be highlighted in the upcoming election, urging community awareness of the ballot proposals.
- Community concerns center around safety, garbage, and pollution in the area between East 31st and 32nd Streets. Increased foot traffic after the removal of a gate has led to more litter and safety issues.
- Residents report frequent incidents of crime, including break-ins and public disturbances.
- Ongoing construction projects contribute to neighborhood disarray and homelessness in the vicinity.
- Local community board encourages residents to document issues and communicate them for resolution.
- Community partners provide valuable resources, including housing meetings and grants, to support residents.
- The meeting acknowledged the passing of former board member Adline Gallimore, highlighting her community contributions.

Dr. Reneau said the committee will work on the following Action Items:

- Follow up with community members who expressed interest in starting block associations and provide them with necessary resources
- Send out information regarding proposals 2, 3, 4, and 5 for the upcoming election in the newsletter.
- Ensure that NYSEDA contact information and details about energy grants are included in the newsletter.
- Reach out to organizations with existing shower bus programs for guidance on implementing the shower bus initiative
- Community members encouraged to attend upcoming community events and meetings for better engagement and awareness of local issues.

- Members with complaints were encouraged to email outlining her complaints, including details such as 311 complaint numbers and timestamps, to the community board.
- Address community concerns raised regarding garbage issues, safety, and ongoing construction by contacting relevant authorities,

There being no further questions or issues to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Adele Benett and seconded by Symone Sylveser.

The meeting was adjourned