

**MINUTES OF THE
HOUSING AND BLOCK ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 5TH, 2025**

Attendance

Rudolph Bentley II
Marie Jadotte
Astrid
Herminia Brown
Grace Fitzgerald
Robyn Battle
CK Price
Monrico Cummings
Kesha Peters

Leonie Logan
Carol Reneau
Patrice B
Eduardo Cameron
PB
Jalondra Jackson
Carol Hinds
Ayanna G

Presenter – Grace Fitzgerald from
New York State Regional Clean
Energy Hub

The meeting of the Housing and Block Association was called to order by Chairperson, Dr. Carol Reneau. She asked everyone to introduce themselves.

The meeting focused on community engagement initiatives, housing resources, and upcoming support webinars while encouraging collaboration among residents and block associations.

- Carol Reneau chaired the meeting, emphasizing the importance of community engagement and timely discussions.
- She announced that the housing committee participated in a community fair, connecting residents with housing services and partners.
- Community Board 17 encourages residents to report complaints via email for prompt resolution.
- Several members expressed interest in grants and resources for block associations and community initiatives.
- Dr. Reneau discussed upcoming tenant support webinar and property management meeting.
- Community members shared successful event ideas, including cleanups and walkathons.
- Block associations utilize WhatsApp and newsletters for communication and organizing meetings.
- Dr. Reneau highlighted the importance of block parties for community engagement and information sharing.
- Resources for grants and free books will be emailed to participants after the meeting.
- Upcoming webinars will cover tenant support and property management for homeowners.

Presenter – Grace Fitzgerald from New York State Regional Clean Energy Hub introduced herself, and presented on energy sustainability resources, including training for clean energy careers and funding for home efficiency projects

She said the program offers job training for individuals who are interested in transitioning to a clean energy career that could include becoming a solar installer. Grant funding is also available towards energy efficient heating, technologies, insulation and air sealing homes as well as weatherizing homes to prevent damage from flood.

The program is also renter friendly, offering services to larger buildings, so renters can coordinate with building owners to help implement building wide upgrades. This is a non-profit organization that works in partnership with organizations such as, Center for New York City neighborhoods as well as solar one and neighborhood housing services of Brooklyn.

If a low-income homeowner has a break of their boiler and are not able to afford to replace it, the program provide emergency funding for that to be done. There are efforts being made to reach more organizations and homeowners. Anyone interested can call **1-859-636-3749**.

Action items

- Share the contact information for Grace Fitzgerald from Niserda with attendees.
- Encourage attendees to reach out to the community board for assistance with block associations and other resources.
- Rudolph Bentley to email his flyer for the Jamaica hurricane relief drive to the community board for distribution.
- Follow up with information about getting banners for the block, including permit requirements.
- Include details about the "Love Your Block" grant in the follow-up email.
- Provide information on Brooklyn Book Bodega for free books for blocks in the follow-up email.
- Share contact information for the New York Energy Department regarding energy-efficient upgrades and grants for renters.
- Ensure that CK Price receives the information about the "Love Your Block" grant and related organizations via email.

Dr. Reneau encouraged everyone to share the information and take advantage of the services. After a brief discussion, she asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Leonie Logan made a motion to adjourn the meeting and second by Ms. Herminia Brown.

Meeting adjourned.