

**COMMUNITY BOARD 17
HYBRID - PUBLIC HEARING AND GENERAL MEETING
JUNE 15 TH 2022**

ATTENDANCE – BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT

Jorge A. Tait
Rhonda F. Joseph
Joan Bakiriddin
Joseph Cobourne
Rodrick F. Daley
Jessica Welch
J L James
Diephie Cyrilien
Natalie Ferguson
Asshur Cunningham
Orlando Ross
Gail Grandison
Hermina Brown
Dion Quamina
Natasha Duncan
Gail Grandison
Frantzy Luzincourt
Kwame Afreh
Berlotte Anotine
Hassan Bakiriddin
Theresa Brereton
Pearlene Fields
Allison French-Kenton
Charles Galbreath
Rose Graham
Shayla Hamlin
Ozni Lewis
Oni Monzurat
Rodney pepe-Souvenir
June Persaud
Dion Quamina
Janice Reid
Dr. Carol Raneau
Matthew Thompson
Tamara Thomas

ABSENT

Barrington Barrett
Mary Bell-Downes
Caren Charles -De Freitas
Vladimir Dorgely
Rachel Goodfriend
Hilary Joseph
Victoria Lang-Khalil
Patricia Reddock
Dave Reid
Antonitte Smart
Marguerite Vigliante
Jessica Welch
Kenrick Wescott

ELECTED OFFICIAL/AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE

Farah Louis - Councilmember
D.I Gaby Celiba - 67 Precinct
Rachelle O'Neil – Congresswoman Clarke
Toney Herbert – Mayor's Office
Juvanie Piquant – Councilmember Joseph
Naomi Ritter – Assemblyman Cunningham
Malcolm McDaniel – Mayor's office
Ms. Sinn - BPL Rugby Branch
Chinua Duke – Assemblywoman Waterman
Anthony Beckford _ Assemblyman Cunningham
Tanya Kerr Samuels -
Monique Chandler-Waterman - Assemblywoman
Dalton Robinson- Assemblywoman Waterman
P.O Cuicou – 67th Precinct

Alishia Goodridge – SUNY Downstate
Michael Roberts- Councilmember Mealy
Eileen Grant – Assemblywomen Weinstein

VISITORS

Vanessa Quashie
Brie D
Edvard
Roxanne
Leonie Logan
CK Price
Jay Sorid
Ariana
Chris Ameligh
Natasha Duncan
Joanne
Sabine

Temple Anyosi
Ms. Smith
Brie D
Michael Parung
Magda Guillauma
Tanya Kerr Samuels
Eileen Grant
Winston Barnett
Debbie Louis
Enrique Waterman
Wynston Sharpe

The meeting of the Public Hearing and General Community, for the month of June 2022 was called to order by the Chairperson of the Board, Ms. Joan Bakiriddin.

Chairperson's Report

The Chair thanked all members for their service and welcomed the newly appointed members to the Board. She proceeded with the following report:

- Board members orientation will be held at Borough Hall on June 23rd.
- The resolution to add and fund the Ad-hoc Zoning committee and town halls has brought important data to the community.
- In response to Gun violence the Borough President will give community boards \$5,000 to enable meaningful engagement with the community during summer months. Funds will be contributed to the Friends of CB17
- Cease and Desist was expanded, the Board continue to partner with Senator Parker , Brooklyn Level Up and other community residents and association to fashion a Cease and Desist within the confines of the community.
- June 4th, Parks and Beautification executed their planting project in Paerdegat park.
- On June 18th, Social Services and Housing will collaborate on their Health Fair scheduled to be held in Paerdegat Park.

District Manager's Report

Ms. Sherif Fraser welcomed everyone to the meeting and reported on the following:

- Presently preparing for two Audits. One will be completed by the end of the month and the other will be completed the following month.
- Regarding the proposed office location, a public hearing was held with City Planning Commission. To date the response has been positive, the City Council requested a copy of the report and they have 20days to make a decision on the project.
- The Board will begin its Capital and Expense Budget process, information will be emailed to residents in the community requesting their input in this process.
- The office continues to update the mailing list
- The posting for the ADM will commence at the beginning of the new Fiscal year.
- The list for the newly appointed members was received from the Borough President's office .

Ms. Fraser expressed her thanks and gratitude to the members for their work, service, and sacrifices over the years. She also thanked the members for their support throughout the year and wished everyone a great summer.

Agency Report

67th Precinct – Deputy Inspector Celiba greeted everyone

The Deputy Inspector said, there is always an increase in activities during the summer months and it's important for the men and women of the 67 to ensure residents can walk the streets without the fear of gun violence.

There has been a decrease in shooting for the month of May versus last year. This was possible because of community partnership and rotating the presence at certain location .

This was possible because of the team of violence interrupters like East Flatbush Village and key community residents that assist.

Roll Call – Quorum established
Approval of minutes tabled.

Public Hearing

The Aunts EN Encles – 1407 Nostrand Ave – Renewal -Liq. Wine. Beer & Cider -
Vote 32 Yes 1 Abstention

Café Zhane Frontline bar & Restaurant – 765 Utica Avenue – Renewal – Liq. Wine, Beer & Cider – **Vote** 32 Yes 1 Abstention

Co-Naming – East 96 Street Between Linden Blvd and Lenox Road
Shaun “Kangol Kid” Fequiere Way. - **Vote** 32 Yes 1 Abstention

Committee Report

Transportation – Mr. Rodrick Daley reported a transportation meeting was held. A supervisor from NYPD Traffic discussed alternate parking. Drivers are encouraged to move their vehicles in a timely manner if not tickets will be issues.

Truck routes and Bus routes were also discussed and will be placed on a later meeting agenda.

Parks/Beautification – Mr. Jorge Tait thanked everyone for participating in the Parks Beautification clean-up project including the non-profit organizations and the councilmembers who made a contribution of snacks and water, the volunteers and all that helped make the event a success. Approximately 75 to 100 community members participated.

Social Services – Ms. Janice Reid announced, Saturday June 18th, there will be a Health Fair at Paerdegat Park, there will be lots of give-away, snacks and t-shirt for the volunteers. . A number of hospitals will be participating in addition to nonproof organizations. There will be free health screening, tabling and other health related services including vaccination services. Everyone welcome to attend.

Housing — Ms. Pearlean Fields announced the Housing Committee will be hosting its Housing Fare on the same date, June 18th, the Fare will be on the opposite side of the park. Several vendors has confirmed. There will be giveaways and snacks.

Anyone interested in volunteering could contact the Board's office.

Rezoning - Orlando Ross, Chair of Land Use reported the last rezoning meeting will be held in a few days. There will be distinguished guests and the legislative director from the office of New York City Public Advocate . The public is invited to attend.

Community Session

Mr. Temple Anyosi announced a tutoring programs available to 7th and 8th grade students preparing to get into high schools. Parents and students can reach out on Instagram or blackmindsorg;

Mr. Hercules Reid announced he is organizing a Food giveaway on Avenue D and East 46 Street, he will be partnering with other organizations. Information will be posted in the chat and emailed to CB17. He also reminded everyone to get out and vote.

Mr. Jay Sorid informed those in attendance, the number of constructions in the community continues to impact parking. Over 17 hundred units are slated for CB9 and there is no parking included, which may impact parking in CB17 due to the borderline.

He said he believes there is an oversaturation of homeless shelters in the community and he would like the Board to look into it.

Question: Is there an update to Tilden Park, is the community center still being built?

Answer: The Community will not be built on Tilden Park.

Legislative Session

Councilmember Farah Louis – Legislative Update, the city council passed a \$101B budget in which funds were secured for charter services, health and human services providers, cultural institutions, public safety programs and patient support, tax rebate and much more. Capital funding was provided for all schools in the district.

A letter was sent regarding the closure of the Rite Aid pharmacy. The office continues to work with Senator Parker, TD bank and Pathmark were contacted regarding a location. Will continue to keep the community updated.

There was a sanitation walk-through, resolutions are being worked on regarding garbage in the district .

Ms. Sabrina, liaison to the Councilmember, also reported on the distribution of supplies to the local churches and community groups in need of resources.

She announced a number of events planned for the month of June, and encourage residents to contact her office for more information.

Assemblymember Monique Chandler-Waterman – Thanked everyone for their prayers and support. She asked residents to visit the office at 903 Utica Avenue. Presently preparing to hire

a Chief of Staff as well as get some interns to assist. The office provides Immigration service and there will be a clergy liaison in the office. There's also multiple pop ups throughout the district.

Residents are encouraged to contact or visit the office for constituents complaints.

Juwanie Piquant Councilmember Joseph office thanked CB17 and the Parks and Beautification committee for inviting the staff to the cleanup project.

Breast Cancer screening mammogram mobile truck at 305 East 21st Street from 9:00 – 4:30 P.M. ---- location inaudible

Working with City 1st Readers, an organization funded to promote literacy over the summer throughout the community. They are working on creating a literacy zone in the district to ensure access to books over the summer.

Rachel O'Neil's representing Congresswomen Yvette Clarke. HR719 was passed, protecting kids act, will now go to the Senate for a vote.

The Congresswoman is working to prepare a general summer job fair, in a small business and nonprofits summit, more information will be forthcoming.

Malcom McDaniel thanked the Board for acknowledging him. He reported, Tony Herbert remains Brooklyn Director at the Mayor's office and he has moved up to the Director of constituents services, therefore any issues, he can be contacted.

All were invited to the event at Gracie mansion.

Porshia Edwards – Representing Senator Zellnor Myrie greeted everyone. She announced the following events:

- Father's Day event in June, invitations were emailed to the Board for dissemination.
- Free health screening and activities for kids
- Community victims march in June, will be two different routes. Interested participants are asked to contact the office.
- Legislative Update: 33 Bills passed, the Voting right act passed both in the Assembly and the Senate and will soon be signed by the governor.

Anyone interested in being placed on the mailing list the information and telephone number was placed in the chat.

Anthony Beckford and Niomi Ritter from Assemblymember Brian Cunningham's office;

Ms. Ritter updated the community:

A two part event scheduled for June 10 from 12noon to 6:00 P.M. First part will be held at the Flatbush Burial grounds. Second event will be held at Parkside Plaza. Both events consist of presentations, performances in partnership with a few non-profits. All are invited, including small business owners.

A town hall is scheduled in partnership with Councilmember Rita Joseph office. The town hall will be on Face booklice on Tuesday at 7:00 P.m.

The Assemblymember is also hoping to bring in \$1.5M into the schools and districts. Over \$500,000 was brought into the district during the pandemic, this assisted with partnerships and programs provided for seniors

Representative from Senator Parker's office – Inaudible

Mr. Michael Roberts, Councilmember Darlene Mealy office – inaudible.

Election Committee – Election of CB17 New Executive Officers

Election Committee Chair – Ms. Gail Grandison said she was being joined by Ms. Rose Graham.

She said members voted earlier and that link was deleted, due to the fact, nominations have to be made from the floor end she will be sending a new link that has to be sent back to the members.

Ms. Graham – Mr. Daley submitted his name to be added for nomination for the Chair.

Chairperson Grandison – one candidate applied, Mr. Rodrick Daley , with No nominations from the floor, nomination was closed.

Nominations from the floor for position of 1st Vice Chair – Mr. Daley nominated Mr. Asshur Cunningham and Ms. Herminia Brown second the nomination. Mr. Cunningham accepted the nomination.

Ms. Pearlean Fields self-nominated and second by----- Inaudible

2nd Vice Chair, one Candidate, Mr. Dion Quamina submitted his application for 2nd Vice Chair, with no nomination from the floor, nomination was closed.

Secretary – Mr. Daley nominated Ms. Tamara Thomas, second by Ms. June Persaud. Ms. Thomas accepted the nomination. With no further nomination from the floor the nomination was closed.

Treasurer – Mr. Orlando Ross was nominated by Mr. Dion Quamina and Ms. Joan Bakiriddin second. Mr. Ross accepted. With no further nomination from the Floor, nomination was closed.

According to the Board's By-law (Article V) Election of officers, if there is only one candidate for a position the Election committee can declare that person the winner. Therefore, there will be no vote for Chairperson, 2Vice Chair and Secretary and Treasurer.

Ms. Grandison said if there were no objections, the four officers can be declared the winner. Hearing no objections, Mr. Rodrick Daley was declared Chair, Mr. Dion Quamina was declared 2nd Vice Chair, Ms. Tamara Thomas was declared Secretary and Mr. Orlando Ross was declared Treasurer.

Vote for 1st Vice Chair

Ms. Pearlean Fields, introduced herself as a second term member of the Board raised in Flatbush. Has been a positive and accomplished member, and can bring value to the position. She has been in business administration for over 10 years, and worked with different charities, such as at risk mothers and children who are homeless, and would like to continue helping those

in the neighborhood. Would like to see the Board working together as a unified group to move forward the task at hand and do what has to be done to address housing, sanitation and other issues.

Mr. Asshur Cunningham thank the Board for electing him 2nd Vice Chair for the past 2 sessions. In that role he has been very effective, in bringing forth many Initiatives to the Executive committee. He was the Team leader for the COVID Memorial service held one year ago and put together a positive face for the community. The community needed healing and information on how to move forward.

He said he has been the Budget Chair for the past two years and has been effective in that capacity.

The Vote was conducted for the position of 1st Vice Chair. Mr. Cunningham received 16 votes and Ms. Fields received 14 votes. Mr. Cunningham was declared the winner.

Ms. Grandison announced the Elected officers:

Chairperson – Mr. Rodrick Daley
1st Vice Chair – Mr. Asshur Cunningham
2nd Vice Chair – Mr. Dion Quamina
Secretary – Ms. Tamara Thomas
Treasurer – Mr. Orlando Ross

Ms. Grandison thanked the members of the Board and the election committee members Ms. Rose Graham, Ms. Marguerite Vigliante and Ms. Rodney Pepe Souvenir

Presentation:

Mr. Robert Nerborso, Librarian was presented with a Plaque from Community Board 17, in recognition of his service to the community and years of service at the Rugby Branch Library.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business- None.

Adjournment – 10: 14 P.M – Mr. Hassan Bakiriddin moved to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Rose Graham second.

The Chair thanked all for attending and wished everyone a happy summer.

