

Brooklyn Community Board 17
4112 Farragut Road, Brooklyn NY 11210
Public Hearing and General Board Meeting
April 19th, 2023
SUNY DOWNSTATE AUDITORIUM
395 LENOX ROAD, BROOKLYN NY 11203

Call to Order: This meeting of the Public Hearing and General Board was called to order by Chairperson Rodrick Daley.

Chairperson's Report:

- Note to all staff, the staff must take their vacation, each staff member is granted a certain amount of time per year, please do not try to carry over all vacation days. The budget is finite.
- Saturday April 22nd, Inspector Selbara and I [Daley] will be standing at specific areas within our community to do a joint effort between our community board and the police together for safety within our community. Starts at 12p.m. at Ave B and Remsen.
- The REC Center will be going up starting June 25th, 2023, 40 million dollars has been set aside for minority owned businesses.
- This month is sexual abuse awareness month, we will have a speaker about this topic and just would like to point that we must look at girls and boys for this and it is very rare when the perpetrator is not someone the child doesn't know.
- The city has returned our proposal about the car share, they have offered to give us 32 spaces which is less than the 34 and they have changed a few of the locations.
- Last month Chair Grandson and I have visited the Rugby Library
- Ms. Frasier and I did a walk through today, she will give an update on Farragut and Utica.
- Our secretary will be out of commission until September starting next month so we are looking for someone to fill the role.
- If you are on the board, the term limits start in 2029 so anybody would serve 8 years prior to that.
- Acknowledgement of new members and they were welcomed and congratulations to all the committees for doing as they say and moving the community forward.

District Manager's Report:

- Alert: Meetings are scheduled by MTA to discuss rerouting our buses and removing our bus stops. You need to attend the public outreach meetings, there are two; Tuesday April 25th at 6pm on Flatbush Avenue Brooklyn College Subway Station and the next one is on Wednesday April 26th at 6pm at the Church Ave subway station. I will be present at the meetings because they are removing the B6 bus which would affect two schools.
- At this month's board service cabinet meeting, there was a focus on flooding issues in the community. There is a major issue on Snyder between E50th and E59th street which

was submitted to Borough Hall. DEP did an inspection and there is a problem with the leveling of the street. Any flooding complaints please call your complaints in.

- Working on the Capital and Expensive Budgeting Request, so please submit any capital project or issues in the communities to us.
- Sore Eye in the community, the old car wash on the intersection of Farragut and Utica that has been closed for the past ten years. Sanitation has visited the property and conducted a cleanup. During our inspection, a campfire was started, and we discussed fencing the property, issuing tickets to cars in the sidewalks and getting MTA to keep their area clean and get the owner included. We are going to request entry to the building to see if there are any structural issues.
- Committee member posed a question asking When are we going to hear something about the old car wash? District Manager replied saying that they are working to get the owner involved.

Committee Reports:

Budget: Asshur Cunningham- This month or earlier next month we will be sending out a form where we'll be collecting your responses to submit by October. Thinking about things you want to see in the community i.e., tree planting or a school. Submit through the Capital Expense Project form or call in and the deadline for responses is by September.

Commerce: June Persaud- Thank you to all those who came out to the business networking breakfast, and I would like to send an invite to the Sumption's sample in June flyers will be sent out next month. Update on the move of the office, for those who don't know CB17 is planning to move to a new location on Rogers Ave at 1160. We have received a proposal from the owner and that proposal has been evaluated and the next step is to send it to get a report to and this step will take about three years.

Education & Youth: Gail Grandison- We met on April 12th and had a meeting with the senior director of community development at the YWCA. She shared with us the number of programs that are mostly free, and they have a wide variety of services especially for women. If you know anyone who doesn't want to go to a shelter but needs a clean safe environment, ask them to check out the YWCA. The committee has an upcoming event called Cops & Kids on May 10th at 4pm at Madison Square Boys and Girls Club on Bedford between Erasmus and Snyder. It is mainly for teens and middle schoolers so please come out.

Parks & Beautification: Berlotte Antoine- On April 1st we did a graffiti removal with the NYPD. We also have a new project, the issue with the bathroom in our parks. Community members can look at the time the bathroom is supposed to open, and they should observe if the bathroom is not open or dirty email us a picture of the bathroom. There will be a healthy eating fair on August 19th in Paerdegat Park.

Public Safety and Transportation: Jessica Welch- We had a meeting last month and thank you to Detective Skinner for your attendance. We will have an actual forum in the next two months.

We had a guest from DEP, and they let us know they have rain barrels and other things to catch water so please let us know if you see water settling.

Social and Health Services: Monzurat Oni - We were reached out to by Department of Social services who is planning to attend one of our meetings and they want to come and discuss the planned opening of a family shelter on 9720 King's Highway that will fit 101 families with children and plans to open this summer or fall. If you are interested in attending the social services meeting where they plan to talk about how they will integrate into the community, please contact Ms. Fraser and we will get you that information.

Personnel: Rose Graham- We are still experiencing some challenges at the Community Boards office, and we are working with the Borough Presidents Office, and we are expecting to have a resolution soon to continue to serve the community.

Sanitation & Environmental- Thank you to the 67th Precinct for towing the cars and thank you to Theresa Cunningham who received over 20 emails about cleaning up the community. Can everyone take a flyer for our first official cleanup, which will in about 6 to 8 different locations in CB 17 on April 29th.

Block Association: Dr. Ferguson- We had a meeting with the 67th precinct and we had a community meet and greet to discuss the safety of the neighborhood, sanitation, and crime. Mr. McDaniel our outreach in the mayor's office mentioned working collaboratively with the Block Association and CB 17 and if you can reach out to 311. There is a collaboration with the Downstate advisory board, and I will be having a meeting with Dr. Prato soon. Contact the board about the Block parties and everything else.

Postal Services: Kendrick Westcott- If this time of year if you are going to the post office and it is crowded people are trying to send in their taxes late.

Communications: Tamara Thomas- Our YouTube channel has been updated and all meeting are on there. Our handle is @BK Community Board 17, or you can visit our website and find all the community meetings there. I will be out on leave due to medical reasons and Chair Oni will be the point person for any communications needs.

Brookdale CAB: Janice Reid- The CAB will be sponsoring a fundraiser for support of the agencies within the hospital that is planned for October 2023. This is a holdover from 2020 and more information will come soon.

Agency Report:

Chief of Police: Detective Skinner-

- Block association on March 24th was all about working to keep the community safe and that meeting was successful.

- This Saturday, Mr. Daley and I will be going on a park walk and talk and we are going to be talking to those in the community.
- We are down 4% in crime this period and 3% for the year and we are down in every major category except car thefts which is up 29% for this period. We need to turn off our cars once we walk away from it.
- There was shooting on Monday at Rutland and Rockaway Parkway, and the detectives are doing a great job and we are increasing patrol in that area.
- Our community council meeting is tomorrow night at 2820 Snyder Avenue. The block association meeting date is not yet set.

Department of Building: Vladimir Edward-

- What Department of Building does is we provide assistance with construction noise, and you can call us and see if they have any after-hours variance permits and if they don't, we will shut it down.
- Next, we are working on the abandoned lot, Ms. Fraser discussed earlier, and we will be working to see that changes are made.
- If you are a homeowner and you have a violation you help to get off, we are doing buildings after hours, every Tuesdays from 4pm to 7pm at 345 Adam Street, no appointment needed.
- If you are a small business owner, we will be working closely with the small business services you to help you get the proper permits and help you with any violations.

New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board: Venus Canterbury-

- Last month the CCRB testified to the Public Safety Committee City Council about our budgetary needs. AN increase would help us expedite cases since we have a backlog since covid.
- Speaker Adams introduced 093823 which sponsored by speaker Adams, if passed it would grant the agency direct access to body 1 camera footage.
- We have a board meeting at Restoration Plaza, it will be a town hall discussion about police accountability. We have a flyer where you can scan the QR code to file complaints and you can also do this on our website.

Brooklyn Borough North Director for Mayor's Office of Community Affairs: Mr.Reid-

- The waste set out time have changed. There is an info session tomorrow at 11am and one on the 24th at 7pm to answer any questions about set out times.
- Business owners can still apply to SYEP if you need employees and interns. The deadline is May 26th
- My contact information is [Hreid@cityhall.nyc.gov]

Rugby Library – Heidi-Young Adult Librarian-

- We have a few events Spellbound Theater has a puppet show this Saturday from 11-12:30 for kids 5 and under, Bringy Babies Thursdays from 11 to 12 and we will begin to have a gardening program starting in late May.

Borough President's Office: Bianca Stephenson-

- We welcomed our new deputy borough president, Reverend Kimberly Council.
- No later than Friday, the new cohort of community board members will be announced, and May 4th is the day for the swearing in.

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene: Carlos Tejeda-

- There will be mental health courses to help worth with people with mental illnesses and those will be in May.
- Farmers Markets will be happening each month until October.
- CPR and First Aid courses will be happening with us, and they are all free as long as you register with us.
- Contact information Carlos Tejeda Office:718.637.5461 Mobile: 929.746.6650 Email: ctejeda@health.nyc.gov

MOTIONS:

Motion made by Sherif Fraser Writing for a special order of business to make an amendment to this month's agenda.

Whereas, Community Board 17 adopted an amendment to its bylaws in January 2023 that the election of its officers be held every 2 years to provide for community, continuously and fruition of projects that the various officers and committed chairpersons are engaged in and to reduce the frequency of the administrative undertaking of holding elections annually.

Whereas, the amendment to change Article 2, A2 term of the bylaws now reads each officer shall serve for 2 consecutive fiscal years with the term beginning on July 1st and terminating on June 30th of the 2nd consecutive fiscal year.

BE IT RESOLVED, that community board 17 in accordance with Article 2 Section A2 so term hold its next election of officers in June 2024, 2 years from its last election held in June 2022.

Chairperson Daley Seconds the motion

VOTES: YES:19 NO:1 ABSTAIN: 2

Motion CARRIED. NO debate to the motion.

Motion made by Berlotte Antoine: Rising to make an amendment to the rezoning committee resolution.

Whereas, CB 17 has been for the past 17 years has tried to ensure that there is a plan development within the district.

Whereas, the CB 17 current zoning regulation dates back to the 1960s.

Whereas, CB 17 has solicited the assistance of at least 3 urban planning firms to assist in the previous research and analyses in community engagement and to prepare a report that supports a rezoning that supports the goal of preserving one to two family homes for homeownership and result in the creation of income restricted housing and preserving and protecting small businesses for development.

BE IT RESOLVED, CB 17 engage the service of the lowest qualified bidder to provide expert advice and assistance as it related to the rezoning of CB 17.

Tamara Thomas seconds that motion.

VOTES:

YES: 19 NO:0 ABSTAIN: 0

Debate: I rise to make an amendment to the bylaws to the motion, I suggest that the word the most qualified bidder be added since lowest bidder might not be the best for the job.

Mr. Lewis seconded the Motion.

Chairman Daley voted No on the motion.

Chairman Daley debated to state the motion to say lowest cost qualified bidder.

Votes:

YES: 6 NO: 7 ABSTAIN:0

This motion was rejected.

Motion: To say most qualified bidder

VOTES:

YES: 16 NO:0 ABSTAIN:0

This Motion Passed and the overall motion Passed.

Motion to move the minutes for February by Monzurat Oni

June Persaud seconded the motion.

All in favor of accepting the minutes from February.

VOTES: YES: ALL NO: 0 ABSTAIN:0

Liquor Licenses:

Blaze Seafood and Chicken 1714 Nostrand Ave.; Full Liquor License

On 4/10/23 complaint for disorderly person but complaint has been closed.

Commerce Committee Voted: Applicant Approved

Board Votes: YES: 18 NO:0 ABSTAIN:0

Island Sea 4112 Ave D: Full Liquor License and Temporary Permit

No incident on police report.

Commerce Committee Voted: Applicant Approved

Board Votes: YES: 18 NO:0 ABSTAIN:0

Splash Event and Catering LLC

Could not attend meeting.

South Beach Bar and Longue by Terry & Kwame LLC 4206 Church Avenue; Wine, Beer, and Cider

Application (NEW)

No incident on police report.

Commerce Committee Voted: Applicant Approved

Board Votes: YES:18 NO:0 ABSTAIN:0

Community Session:

- Agnes Roberts: Question about the proposed Kingsborough Site Building; Chairman Daley said that we will work on safety.
- Jay Sorid: In regard to the jurisdiction issue, there is nothing stopping CB 17 from saying yes or no.

Presentations:

Stop Hiding: Leonie Marsh:

- We have a wellness space for victims of sexual abuse.
- Contact us: Info@stophidinginc.org Leonie Marsh Number: 347.424.9972
- We are looking to collaborate with various orgs to provide resources in the community.

Risborough Community Partnership:

- Our primary focus is affordable housing, and we are here to discuss a project in your district at 604 E40th Street at Ave D and Foster which was formally the Bethany Church and is now going to be called the Bethany Senior Terraces.
- Senior apartments, 40000 SF; 58 units of affordable senior housing (62+); 39 units with Section 8 subsidy, 18 units for ESSHI, 45 studio, 12 1BR and 1 3BR (live in superintendent). Income < 51,165 for 3-person household.
- Foundation- July 2023, Modular Units will come to site and construction-September 23-Oct 15th, Completion of project - May 2024, Lease/Opening - August 2024

Legislative Session:

Assembly Member Monique Chandler-Waterman's Office: Dalton Robinson:

- We had a lot of stakeholders who came out to share the with the community resources that they have available to them.
- We have a shredding event on April 29th at our office at 903 Utica Ave from 11am to 2pm.
- Phone Number 718.385.3336; any issues please called.

Assembly Member Brian Cunningham's office: Raul Rothblatt

- We represent both CB9 and CB17 and we invite everyone to come use the space as long as it's not for politics or fundraising.
- We are located at 249 Empire Blvd.
- Please stay in touch with our office by emailing me at rothblattr@nyassembly.gov. and phone number is 718.771.3105.
- We will be starting a Juneteenth Event at the Flatbush African Burial Ground and will be coordinating with the Lefferts Historic House.
- Hearing for redistricting coming up.

Congresswoman Yvette Clarke's Office: Rochelle O'Neil

- We will be having a 2023 art contest; deadline is Monday May 24th.
- We will have the Service academy night on Monday May 1st from 6-8.

Unfinished Business

- Chairman Daley will ask the Treasurer to send his report to the General Board.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Gail Grandison

Seconded by Berlotte Antoine.

Meeting Adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Rodrick Daley
Barrington Barrett
Allison French Kenton
Sherif Fraser
Barrington Barrett
June Persaud
Mary Bell Downes
Kendrick Westcott
David Boatswain
Monica Mckain Brown
Marguerite Vigliante
Berlotte Antoine
Cheryl Smith
Dr. Natalie Ferguson
Natasha Cunningham
Rose Grahman
Antoinette Smart
Jorge Tate
Monzurat Oni
Hazel Martinez
Leonie Logan
Theresa Brereton
J Lewis
Rodney Pepe-Souvenir
Brain Grady
Gail Grandison
CK Price
Jessica Welch
Celeste Thompson
Rhonda F. Joseph
Alanda George
Asshur Cunningham
Cathy Lovell
Dr. Carol Reneau
Paurcha Edwards
Rachelle O'Neil
Hilary Wilson
Azeez Alimi
Alishia Goodridge
Keisha Flyers
Alyson Wall
Marjorie Silcott

Absent:

Kwame Afreh
Julia James (Excused)
Hassan Bakiriddin
Joan Alexander-Bakiriddin

Tamara Thomas