

**Brooklyn Community Board 17**  
**4112 Farragut Road, Brooklyn NY 11210**  
**Public Hearing and General Board Meeting**  
**May 17<sup>th</sup> 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 Daley at 7:05p.m.

**Chairperson's Report:**

- Acknowledgement of new board members.
- We did a walkthrough on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, and we want to do that more often.
- Summer Youth and employment is coming around so if you have a business, please apply to be an employer.
- An MTA walk through was done; we are looking for new ways for the bus system route within our community.
- Planning to an end of year culmination event for all board members/meet and greet at the end of next month.
- Unused time by the end of June, we will know what we will be able to carry over next year.
- Congresswoman Yvette Clark will have two events, one this Friday 6-8 and each board member will get an invitation. The second event in June is specifically for board and community members.
- Our secretary is out for a few months, so in the meantime we do not have a secretary. Monzurat Oni will be taking over the duties as Communications Chair. There cannot be anyone appointed as secretary but if anyone would like to assist until June, please send an email.

**District Manager's Report:**

- On April 25<sup>th</sup> at Flatbush Junction, for the MTA walkthrough the impact of the B6 bus stop removal on two nearby schools: PS IS 109 and PS198 was highlighted. This project is in its early phase so all the requests will be reviewed.
- A district service cabinet meeting was held on April 26<sup>th</sup>, several agencies were in attendance regarding service delivery to the district. Some issues such as the need for inspection and corrective actions at Snyder Ave between East 58<sup>th</sup> and 59<sup>th</sup> Street for the flooding condition.
- DEP responded and inspected the location and reported their findings to DOT. DOT inspected and determined that there was roadway depression and recommended repairs.
- At last months meeting, residents submitted any complaints they may have, and we continue to work on those.

- On our email blast you should have received a link to our Capital and Expense Budget form.
- Welcome to our 21 newly appointed members which has now made us a full board of 50 members.

**Committee Reports:**

**First Vice Chair: Asshur Cunningham-** Last month there was a walkthrough done with the 67<sup>th</sup> Precinct and we interacted with the community members, and they had a lot of concerns they liked to discuss. We hope to do more walkthroughs in the future so the community knows our face and we can hear more issues they present.

**Budget: Asshur Cunningham-** We have begun the Capital Expense Budget Process; Ms. Fraser has shared the google form we are using to collect any requests. Please complete take some time and complete some forms.

**Commerce: June Persaud-** Save the date for our Sumptuous Sample on June 27<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 10 p.m. at JLoft. There is recruitment happening for members of the commerce committee.

**Youth and Education: Gail Grandison-** Last week we had a Cops & Kids event in lieu of our meeting in partnership with the Boys and Girls Club. It was great event but next time we hope to see more people there. Thank you to those who were in attendance. Our next meeting is on June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. virtually.

**Parks & Beautification: Berlotte Antoine-** Our next event will be on June 10<sup>th</sup> from 10a.m. to 12p.m. which will be a cleanup project at Tilden Park. Our partners Elite Learners will provide volunteers but if you want to volunteer you can call the community board and give your name. Our next meeting will be on June 6<sup>th</sup> and there will be a presentation on emergency preparedness. On June 19<sup>th</sup> will be our healthy eating and cooking fair.

**Sanitation/Environmental: Dr. Carol Reneau-** The reviews of complaints for sanitation continues, anything sanitation related please keep sending them in. You can email them in, and we had a big cleanup last Saturday. We asked that the elected officials who are here please help to enforce the laws because we know that not all the laws are being enforced. We will do a cleanup on the last Saturday of every month, and you can join us the third Monday of every month for our meetings.

**Bylaws: Julia James-** According to the bylaws, amendments to the bylaws may be proposed by any member of the board at a regular or special board meeting. At the last meeting we discussed various issues regarding the committees and later I will propose an amendment to be voted on.

**Rezoning: Julia James-** We are actively working on developing a rezoning plan and we were able to engage three consultants and they are working on coming up with a plan. We do need

funds, and this was decided last minute but we wanted to ask if we can vote on having a letter sent to a city council person to request some funding for 2024.

**Hospitality:** Welcome to new members. We will be having a mixer on June 7<sup>th</sup> as a meet and greet. We would like to have everyone there, details and location to come.

**Brookdale Cap: Janice Reid-** Just an update regarding two events coming up, one on this Friday May 19<sup>th</sup> from 12-4 called the Spring Forward into Wellness at 1833 Eastern Parkway and the other is about three health fairs with the first being on June 10<sup>th</sup> at Brookdale Hospital, another on June 15<sup>th</sup> location TAD and August 19<sup>th</sup> on Eastern Parkway.

**Treasury: Ozni Lewis-** Our total uncommitted budget so far is \$36,114.65. Our discretionary fund is at \$42,000 which has been put to good use. We want to thank all the committees for being involved in all the special events. Support for the budget committee is key so we can work on things in our community.

#### **Agency Report:**

##### **67<sup>th</sup> Precinct: Detective Skinner:**

- When it comes to crime at this time, we're 2.3% down year to date when it comes to crime, down in robberies but we've seen an uptake in felony assaults within the confines of the 67th precinct.
- Working on abandoned cars with the department of sanitation and year to date we have moved 147 cars.
- For summer there will be increased patrol.

##### **Brooklyn Public Library: Taina Evens, Heidi & John Huth:**

- Rugby Library will open at June 6<sup>th</sup> at 1p.m. Please come and support.
- Various events will be happening so come and support.

##### **NHS Brooklyn: Tyrone McDonald-**

- On June 10<sup>th</sup> we will have our Housing Resource Fair.
- On May 18<sup>th</sup> there will be a homeowner's event at 6 p.m.
- Any questions go to [www.nhsbrooklyn.org](http://www.nhsbrooklyn.org) or call 718-469-4679.

#### **Community Session:**

- Brooklyn Level Up: Alison Martinez
- Lulu Freistat & TS Candy: Discussed the cleanup and thank you to the team leaders for cleanup. Email us at [letflatbushshine@gmail.com](mailto:letflatbushshine@gmail.com)
- Dovid Halon
- Jay Sorid

## **MOTIONS:**

- **Adoption of Meeting Minutes: March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023:**

No corrections to the minutes.

Motion to accept the minutes by board member.

Seconded by board member.

### **VOTES**

**YES: All approved NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0**

**MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY.**

- **Motion made by Julia James. Seconded by board member.**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board Chair send letters to each City Council member who represents Community District 17 soliciting funding to be used to undertake further community engagement and requisite consultation representation with the Department of City Planning in furtherance of Community Districts 17's rezoning efforts at a cost of \$40,000.

### **VOTES**

**YES: ALL NO:0 ABSTAINED: 0**

**MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY**

- **Motion made to move legislative session up tonight then followed by the presentation by Chairperson Daley.**

### **VOTES:**

**YES: ALL NO: 0 ABSTAINED: 0**

**MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY**

## **Liquor Licenses:**

1. Mr. Griffith 519 LLC Utica Ave Wine LLC - 519 Utica Avenue, Brooklyn NY

Wine Beer and Cider License (RENEWAL)

No police reports/incidents at this location.

Commerce Committee voted to approve the application.

**Board Votes: YES: 30 NO:1 ABSTAINED: 0**

**MOTION CARRIES**

2. Culture Palace - 3605 Church Avenue, Brooklyn NY

Wine Beer and Cider License (NEW)

The police reports/incidents at this location were from 5/28/22 – 6/3/22 There were two 311 calls for loud music. The status is closed. Does not apply to this application.

Commerce Committee voted to not approve the application due to no sound proofing at the location.

**Board Votes: YES: 21 NO:9 ABSTAINED:1**

**MOTION CARRIES**

3. Team Utica LLC - 1344 Utica Ave, Brooklyn NY

Wine Beer and Cider License (NEW)

The police reports/incidents at this location were from 5/10/22 – 5/10/23 There were twelve 911 calls. The status is closed. Does not apply to this application.  
Commerce Committee voted to approve the application.

**Board Votes: YES: 30      NO:1      ABSTAINED:0**  
**MOTION CARRIES**

**PUBLIC HEARING- Voting Items:**

- 1. Chairperson of Bylaws Julia James is presenting this change to the bylaws since it must be presented and discussed prior to the vote. NO vote tonight.**

Amendment NO.1: The public has the right to attend meetings of public bodies, listen to debate and watch the decision-making process.

Proposes the following section to be **deleted**: “Article IV 3, Non-Board Members on Committees: 3. The Chairperson may appoint to such committees’ persons with a residence or significant interest in the community who are not members of the Board, but each Committee shall have a member of the Board as its Chairperson.”

Propose the following section be **inserted**: “Article IV 3 Board Members Committee Membership: 3. All Board members are required to serve on at least two committees.\*Article IV 4, Non-Board Members Committee Membership: 4. The Chairperson may appoint to such Committees as non-board members, only persons who (1) must be a New York City resident and (2) must live or maintain their primary work address in Community District 17, but each Committee shall have a member of the Board as its Chairperson.”

**Chairperson Daley rises to amend:** There should be a part three “Of significant interest because the people who run community-based organizations are a part of real significant interests within the community. I do agree with part 1 and 2.

Amendment NO.2: We have condensed the standing committees to: Land Use, Personnel, Parks and Beautification, Youth and Education, Transportation and Public Safety, Human Services (Social & community Services, Health & Mental Health), Budget, Commerce, Sanitation and Environmental Protection & Housing and Block Associations.

**Legislative Sessions:**

Daniel Heredia: Council Member Farah Louis

Borough President’s Office: Bianca Stephenson

Senator Murray’s Office: Porsha Edwards

Assembly Member Brain Cunningham’s Office: Raul Rothblatt

Office of Assembly Member Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn: James Christopher

Assembly Member Monique Chandler-Waterman: Dalton Robinson

**SPECIAL REPORT:**

**Aron Roth:** Had a concern about strollers on public transportation specifically the buses.

**Julia James:** We need to lobby our local state and assembly persons about the housing bill that the governor was trying to pass because it is causing rents to go up.

**Ozni Lewis:** Title 42 was disbanded which was bottleneck to stop legal immigrant and we need to focus on what our leaders are going to do about immigration in NYC.

**Dovid Halon:** There is a safety hazard between CB 9 and CB 17, and I wanted to speak to that issue and homeless folks that are in area.

**Adjournment:**

Motion made to adjourn by Ozni Lewis.

Seconded by Michael Hill.

**Meeting Adjourned.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:**

Rodrick Daley  
Dr. Carol Reneau  
Berlotte Antoine  
June Persaud  
Sherif Fraser  
Monzurat Oni  
Asshur Cunningham  
Ivor Wood  
Monzurat Oni  
Hesilati Tuerxun  
Kamara Swaby  
Gail Grandison  
Simone Sylvester  
Julia James  
Najla Austin  
Janice Reid  
Tiffany Anderson  
Hassan Bakiriddin  
Theresa Brereton  
Hermina Daniels  
Natasha Duncan  
Dovid Halon  
Aron Roth  
Ozni Lewis  
Trisha Louison  
Edith Mark  
Daniel McCabe  
Menachem Shanowitz

**Absent:**

Rose Grahman (excused)  
Tamara Thomas (excused)  
Kwame Afreh (excused)  
Brandon Alfanso  
Barrington Barrett  
Celia Belyn  
Louis Brown  
Kayla Draghine  
Natalie Ferguson  
Lenna Fendison (online)  
Alison French Kenton (excused)  
Pearlene Fields  
Charles Galbreath  
Rhonda Joseph (online)  
Michael Hill  
Emerson Lazellari  
Brandon Mathurin  
Khadijat Oluwo  
Rodney Pepe-Souvenir  
Marguerite Vigliante

Antoinette Smart  
Jorge Tate  
Marguerite Vigliante  
Jessica Welch  
Kendrick Wescott