

Brooklyn Community Board 17
4112 Farragut Road, Brooklyn NY 11210
Parks & Beautification Committee Meeting
ONLINE
June 6th, 2023

Call to Order: This meeting of the Parks & Beautification Committee Meeting was called to order by Berlotte Antoine.

Chairperson's Report:

- Meeting with NYC Parks regarding cleanliness of parks, closing times of bathrooms. Provided a list of parks located in CB17 by NYC parks. Created a google document with list. Visited the park bathroom but it was clean at the time of visit.
- Plan is to look at any issues and have a discussion with the NYC parks manager for correction.
- Cleanup project in 2024 for parks in CB 17.
- Wanted to obtain a grant to do plantings in CB 17 community but was unable to because CB17 does not have an account at the moment because it was dormant.
- On Saturday June 10th. 10am – 12 Children's Playground cleanup at Tilden Park, this will be the pilot project. In attendance will be Elite Learners, Brooklyn Lyons, and High School students.
- Yolanda Belcher – Community 17 should be advocate for community but there is not much community involvement at events.
- Suggestions to get more local community involvement – posting flyers, go to local churches and have information disseminated by pastor, social media page.
- Request made for permit for August 19th for healthy cooking and healthy eating fair, but we will be officially closed. Discussed with Chair Daley who stated that it will need a vote by committee members on whether it can be held since the event is after the end of the 2022-2023 session.
- No meeting was done in May had FDNY training.

Presentations:

Presentation on Emergency Preparedness – Keiara Salomon, NYCCEM:

- NYC Emergency Preparedness helps New Yorkers before, during and after emergencies.
- Three aspects:
 - Community engagement Ready NY – public education campaign where New Yorkers can learn about potential hazards and how to prepare for emergencies.
 - Community preparedness helps local organizations build capacity within community to prepare, respond and recover from an emergency.
 - CERT volunteers that provide basis response.
- Three steps to emergency preparedness:
 - Make a plan.

- Gather supplies (pack a go bag)
- Staying informed: sign up for notifications – visit <https://on.nyc.gov/notifynyc>, email or SMS, twitter@nyc or download app on apple or google play.
- To obtain a copy of My Emergency Plan visit nyc.gov/ready NY – it is available in 13 languages.
- Encouraged all to make a plan – create an emergency support network, write down important health and life saving information, have a transportation plan. Know when to go and where to stay, shelters and service centers.
- Know your zone – NYC Evacuation zones – 6.
- How to find zone, input address at nyc.gov

MOTIONS:

Brie DaCosta: Makes the motion to approve April 4th minutes.

Yolanda Belcher: seconds the motion.

VOTES: YES: ALL NO: 0 ABSTAINED: 0

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment:

Yolanda Belcher: Adjourned the meeting at 8:47pm.

Ann Hudson: seconded the meeting for adjournment.

Meeting Adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Berlotte Antoine
Ann Hudson
Adele Bennett
Audrey Henderson
Brie DaCosta
Yolanda Belcher
Linda Turner
Karlene Gordon
Jackie Williams
Ricky DaCosta
Donovan Whitter
Ms. Barton
Ms. Smith

Absent: