

**Brooklyn Community Board 17**  
**4112 Farragut Road, Brooklyn NY 11210**  
**Land Use Committee Meeting**  
**ONLINE**  
**March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Call to Order:** This meeting of the Land Use Committee Meeting was called to order by Kwame Afreh.

**Chairperson's Report:**

- Moment of silence for board and committee member Pearlene Fields. Want to take the time to celebrate her and her accomplishments. Details of her service will be shared.
- We did have our survey submitted and we draft our letter responding with the City of Yes. Letter was drafted and submitted, Mr. Cunningham did attend the meeting and overwhelmingly the community boards voted against the City of Yes.
- We been having a lot of conversations about workforce opportunities at the Shirley Chisholm Center. They are failing on giving us information on opportunities to give contracting opportunities to the community, but they have already awarded 16 prime contracts to organizations outside of the communities. Working on getting more information on this to everyone.

**Discussion:**

- Discussion about IBX project: Member had a question about if the IBX project will have a multiborough meeting?  
**Hazel Martinez replied:** They are planning on working on meetings with just each borough, nothing official as of yet.
- **Aron Roth:** A lot of triangles on the streets there. I'll mention 2 of them specifically just to start the thought process, Rutland and Remsen and Clarkson and Remsen. Both of those I believe have tremendous opportunity to be developed into some form of a park or something. Maybe a little bit of a playground maybe a bit more of a substantial bench area. Some of them have adjacent street space which is prone to illegal parking.
- **Kwame Afreh:** The next step would be to get a report together. You have the initial idea with the pictures and the formats and some form of illustration that we could all come together add additional ideas to and make it something that we could move forward with.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

- Lack of quorum so minutes were not approved yet.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Hazel Martinez:**

- A couple of weeks ago I went to the meeting about the Sears development site. CB 17 was not well represented there but they plan to put 250 unit building on the side where the tire repair shop was and put 620 units in that space.
- About 44,000 feet.
- In the Sears store itself, they want an organic supermarket, and on the 2nd and 3rd floors, they would like a charter school and a medical office.
- They're supposed to be a 30% affordable set aside on both sides. So, we would have to really be able to get people ready for those apartments.
- Planned to be completed in the Spring of 2026, have 440 underground parking spaces, 316 studios, 304 1-bedrooms and 257 2-bedroom apartments.

**CK Price:**

- Any updates on E98th street? No response from the councilmember. Second thing, trying to do more community engagement. If anyone is interested in doing that outreach, we should begin having that conversation.
- **Kwame Afreh:** No updates from anyone for E98th.

**Julia James:**

- We should have a couple of several thousands of dollars available, to do this community outreach.

**New Business:**

**No New Business.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:**

Kwame Afreh  
 Adele Bennett  
 Bree DaCosta  
 Hazel Martinez  
 Carol Reneau  
 Joan Erskine  
 Julia James  
 Ann Hudson  
 Marguerite Vigliante  
 Darryl Hollon  
 C. Johnson  
 CK Price  
 Aron Roth  
 Lilieth Robinson  
 Ozni Lewis  
 LaShawn Freeman  
 Dale

**Absent:**

**Adjournment:**

**Hazel Martinez:** Motioned the meeting for adjournment at 8:44 p.m.

**Joan Erskine:** Seconded the motion for adjournment.  
**Meeting Adjourned.**