

**Brooklyn Community Board 17**  
**4112 Farragut Road, Brooklyn NY 11210**  
**Land Use Committee Meeting**  
**ONLINE**  
**May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

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

**Chairperson's Report:**

- On Monday we got a lot of emails from DCP and a lot of emails regarding the King's highway storage facility. Well, firstly, our president gave a recommendation, and he was not in favor of it.
- We did receive communication from the Department of city planning that a modified version of the application had been submitted. On May 24th, they're going to be reviewing that at the official public hearing for the DCP.
- We're still holding the May 19th and the 20th date for the estate planning the event at Eureka fellowship hall.

**Presentation:**

**Lacey Tauber Brooklyn Borough President's Office:**

We are working on a comprehensive plan for the borough, and it is focused on health and housing. We want to provide a lot of information for other stakeholders like the community boards, like organizations and make sure people are working off the same information and that we all have access to data, and we have a shared understanding of what's going on in the borough and we can use data to guide our decision making. It is not a substitute for a city wide, comprehensive planning framework, ongoing planning local efforts, it's not completed yet and it is not a rezoning. We are having our public workshop on May 18th here at borough hall at 6p.m. to dive deep into the recommendation.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Adele Bennett:** The Rite Aid on King's Highway and Clarkson; I believe they will be putting up a Co-Op. The Whitty Lane Project was flooded as well.

**Hazel Martinez:** I would like to know if you could find out what the result was of the cease-and-desist hearings that we had last year so that we can control the harassments of residents to sell their homes.

**Julia James:** Do we have a status of the project on East 98<sup>th</sup> Street? **Kwame Afreh:** No communication at all for at least the past year.

**Vanessa Quashie:** The common driveway that is shared between Troy Avenue and East 45th street, between Foster & Farragut, it becomes a river whenever there's heavy rain. There has

been a feud between residents and the residents put their garbage back there and it spreads, and sanitation does not pick up back there.

**Marguerite Vigliante:** What I've noticed is that homeowners when they buy homes, they cement over everything and leads to more flooding. How do we address that? Is there something some way we can get that information out to people that buy homes and by land not to cement over everything. **Kwame Afreh:** It would need to be past a community level and be in a rezoning effort and enforced it through zoning rules in place.

**Ann Hudson:** Fixing of our sidewalks on our street and it has been done in a haphazard way, and no one has informed when they were fixing the sidewalks, leaving some residents stranded in our houses. **Sherif Fraser:** Tomorrow I can get back to you get the details and get back to you, but they did call and were very apologetic about inconveniencing the homeowners.

**Gale Dawes:** [In regards to agencies disrupting the community and inconveniencing them] I think that we need to aggregate this information and a place for them to put it and to upload pictures and if we get this information aggregate it.

#### **New Business:**

**Ozni Lewis:** I was in contact with the community relations manager for Risborough. There is a senior housing complex that is coming to 40th street between Avenue D and Foster. I made request of them that they need to come back to the committee and engage with the community in terms of subcontracts and employment for people in this community.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

##### **Present:**

Adele Bennett  
Brie DaCosta  
Hazel Martinez  
Marguerite Vigliante  
Gale Dawes  
Ann Hudson  
Julia James  
Vanessa Quashie  
Joan Alexander Bakiriddin  
Ozni Lewis  
Jorge Tait  
Joan Erskine  
Pearlene Fields  
Gale Dawes  
Yolanda Arlene  
Darryl Hollon  
C. Johnson  
Mary Bell Downes

##### **Absent:**

Lilith Robinson  
Timothy Davis  
Kwame Afreh

**Adjournment:**

**Hazel Martinez:** motioned the meeting for adjournment at 9:25p.m.

**Yolanda Arlene:** Seconded the motion for adjournment.

**Meeting Adjourned.**