

Brooklyn Community Board 17
4112 Farragut Road, Brooklyn NY 11210
Parks and Beautification Committee Meeting
ONLINE
May 7th, 2024

Call to Order: Ms. Berlotte Antoine called to order this meeting of the Parks and Beautification Committee Meeting at 7:51 pm.

Chairperson's Report:

- A motion was made by Jorge Tait to move the agenda so that the presentation by NYCEM can come first. And then the Chairperson would give her report. The motion was seconded by Adele Bennett.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- Lack of quorum so minutes were not approved yet.

Unfinished Business:

- It's My Day is a program to plant trees and clean the park. On May 24, 2024, the event/program will be held in Nostrand Park.
 - P.S. 261, Councilwoman Farah Louis, and a few organizations will also be participating.
 - Ms. Berlotte needs volunteers for the event from 9:30 am -12 pm to assist with monitoring the children, getting refreshments, assisting with the sign-in sheet, set up/break down, etc. If anyone would like to assist they should email Ms. Berlotte before the event.
- Health and Wellness at Paerdegat Park on June 21, 2024, from 10 am -12 pm.
 - Members are informed that the event is on a weekday and that they should mark their calendars.
 - Requested that members assist in any way that they can.
 - **Ann Hudson** expressed concern about the Parks events being held on weekdays because it makes participation difficult. But agencies prefer weekdays.
 - **Jeremiah Ojo** asked if for-profit agencies can participate (ex: Yoga instructor)
 - Ms. Berlotte says that any for-profit agencies should be confirmed with her and the Chairperson prior to the event.
- Railroad Park Event: waiting on confirmation for the event.

New Business:

- **New York City Emergency Management (NYCEM)** representative, **Sanasa Kaba**, gave a presentation.
 - NYCEM aims to guide local community networks in creating a community emergency plan using available resources.

- The program is open to various organizations, including non-profits and community-based organizations, regardless of their level of emergency preparedness.
- Participating organizations receive funding as they complete specific deliverables, and the funding can be used at their discretion.
- Each organization is responsible for keeping a list of how the money is being spent.
- The program has changed so that organizations receive funding after completing all 5 deliverables.
- Organizations that graduate from the program become partners and can earn additional funding by participating in emergency preparedness activities.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Berlotte Antoine
Linda Turner
Melanie Wilkerson
Jeremiah Ojo
Rick DaCosta
Joshua Kaiten Lucas
Jackie Williams
Brie DaCosta
Jadeeva Smith
Ann Hudson
Kimberly Shelly
Jorge Tait
Audrey Henderson
Adele Bennett

Motion:

Ann Hudson: Motion to commit to leave the rest of the agenda for tonight.

Jackie Williams: Seconds the motion to leave the rest of the agenda for tonight.

Adjournment:

Adele Bennett: Motioned the meeting for adjournment at 8:51 p.m.

Ann Hudson: Seconded the motion for adjournment.

Meeting Adjourned.