

**Brooklyn Community Board 17**  
**4112 Farragut Road, Brooklyn NY 11210**  
**Zoning for Housing & Preservation & Equity Committee Meeting**  
**ONLINE**  
**January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Call to Order:** This meeting of the Zoning for Housing & Preservation & Equity Committee Meeting was called to order by Julia James at 7:36p.m.

**Chairperson's Report:**

- Thank you very much for coming out this evening. And I know we did not have a meeting in December and November, because our meetings fell right around the holiday time.
- The purpose of this rezoning, the zoning for housing preservation, and equity committee is to demand that the city address this disparity.
- A very brief meeting tonight, it's essentially to do 2 things just to make you aware of the final plan, a proposal that was sent out by Pratt Center and then what's the next step forward? What do we need to do to move this forward?
- A fairly extensive document that was done detailing the issues facing our community. a proposal whereby certain streets would be observed because what's been happening. So, we see the destruction of the homes taking place in the community and the multifamily buildings going up and while there's a need for house, and it can be done in a way that is not detrimental to our community.
- The major issues where we've dealt with proposing zoning changes. Complicating the fact is City of Yes for housing opportunity.

**Committee Members Thoughts:**

- **Julia James:** DCP is going to require us to get the community more involved.
- **Marguerite Vigliante:** we should discuss this more and we should revise the map. Julia James: In order to make more revisions on this, when there are enough comments, it would come back to board and be discussed.
- **S. Rollock:** Draft the exact language, so it's very comprehensive and be presented to the community board.
- **Marguerite Vigliante:** Apart of the problem is that the survey is not in depth about anything. It's like an overview of everything, and most people are going to agree to it because they don't understand it. Brie DaCosta agrees with Marguerite Vigliante.
- **Julia James:** This 1st had to be voted on and, it was, and I can't remember what the vote was, but you did not sustain the point of that time. The majority prevailed to leave it as is. A 3rd, when the committee voted on it, you're in the minority. Who didn't did not prevail when the board voted on it. You're also the minority, the majority previous I'm giving you a 3rd opportunity to make your statement. This is a proposal. It is not a final document.

- **Hazel Martinez:** What I'm concerned about is that, I don't think there was enough engagement of the community, and a lot of the board members have no idea what you're talking about at all. They have not engaged in land use at all. And so they don't know anything about this. I mean, they're just, they're voting. Yes, but they don't really know what they're voting about and it's going to have a serious impact on the community as a whole. Maybe include some photos/ models so people have a visual idea of what this looks like.
- **Antoinette Smart:** I agree with Chair Martinez and Chair Vigliante, people need a visual reference so they can understand better.
- **Julia James:** I have not been able to fully present this to the board because I've gotten pushed back from the chair among the amount of time being spent on zoning.
- **CK Price:** We need to do a better job of educating people and there needs to be something that people can look at and understand quickly.
- **Marguerite Vigliante:** On the DCP website there is information on the different distinctions on the zoning areas.
- **Brie DaCosta:** What I'm concerned about now, as far as the R5 B, zoning would be because I have my attached house, but I have a fully detached home next to me. I could lose my side yard.
- **Hazel Martinez:** We need to have community sessions to discuss this in person rather than online.
- **Julia James:** I'm requesting volunteers from this committee to help coordinate a town hall meeting for February and March. We need volunteers to be able to whatever it is. It cannot be 1 person doing this. **Marguerite Vigliante volunteers.**

#### **MOTIONS:**

**Hazel Martinez:** Makes the motion that this committee request that the board allocate unused OMB funds to improve/develop a robust community engagement strategy and to post events to educate our community on what the zoning strategy and zoning efforts are about.

**CK Price:** Seconds the motion.

**VOTES:**

**YES: 10 NO: 0**

**MOTION PASSES.**

**Adele Bennett:** Makes the motion that we request a representative for housing connect to speak at the board to have a presentation explain the percentage for the housing and the lottery at CB17.

**Committee Member :** Seconds the motion.

**VOTES:**

**YES: 10 NO: 0**

**MOTION PASSES.**

**New Business:**

**Adele Bennett:** They are changing the percentage for housing/ lottery system. They did not have to when they build up building an area and they do not have to use or allow any of the residents anything we can't move in, they're going to be using people from outside. They said they'll change it. I think, 30% down to 10%.

**Julia James:** So, while we have to do is a new developments coming up and identify them and get mobilize the community to be aware of it what they need to do. If we can have someone who is involved in the lottery come to the board to explain how the process works.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:**

Julia James

Theresa Brereton

Lilieth Heron Robinson

Brie DaCosta

Marguerite Vigliante

Hazel Martinez

Jorge A Tait

S. Rollock

CK Price

**Absent:**

**Adjournment:**

**Committee Member:** Motioned the meeting for adjournment.

Unknown: Seconded the motion for adjournment.

**Meeting Adjourned.**