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CB17 COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARIES

RE: MONTHLY PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH, 2025

Land Use/Rezoning

- There were 4 critical elements of activity and discussion in Feb 2025:
 - 1) Ongoing updates on City of YES: committee members were provided added clarity on how the legislation is being implemented, and offered opportunity to report positive feedback or concerns with the roll out;
 - 2) CB13's rejection of a proposed casino in Coney Island: Discussed as an example of the impact CBs have to influence development;
 - 3) Landlord Redevelopment Plans in Flatbush: Was reported that several local businesses along Nostrand Ave and close by on Flatbush Ave are not being allowed to renew leases due notice of proposed redevelopment. There is ongoing monitoring of the concern that this is an active gentrification step;
 - 4) Monitoring DeCostole Carting site development:
 - We held a virtual meeting on 2/13/25 to provide awareness of the proposed redevelopment occurring at DeCostole's Troy Ave location. Ongoing action steps are in motion to respond to community concerns and partner with the business to be responsive to community needs

Youth & Education

- CB17 will be hosting its Annual Youth Happen'n event in August

Housing & Block Associations

- See attached

Parks & Beautification

- Our last meeting was held on Feb. 4 on Webex. We had three short presentations at the meeting
 - Presenter#1: Cindy Reid, Community Organizer at East Flatbush Community Partnership;
 - Presenter#2: Paul Joseph, Farm & Community Engagement Manager at The Wyckoff Farmhouse Museum
 - Presenter #3: Daniel Heredia, Legislative and Policy Liaison at the office of Council member Farah Louis).
- On February 11th, 2025, we partnered with Community Concerns Network (CCN) for a health symposium with Maimonides Health. We are moving forward with the composting project with the public schools and will keep you posted. We will continue to do park clean ups and will welcome any partnership with schools and other community groups.
- Our next meeting is scheduled for March 4th, 2025, 7:30pm on Webex with a presentation on "Plant Poisoning Prevention" by Eduardo Torres Community Health Educator, NYC Poison Control Center/ Department of Health. Please email us at bkcb17parksandbeautification@gmail.com for more questions or to volunteer with the Parks and Beautification Committee for parks clean up or other projects.



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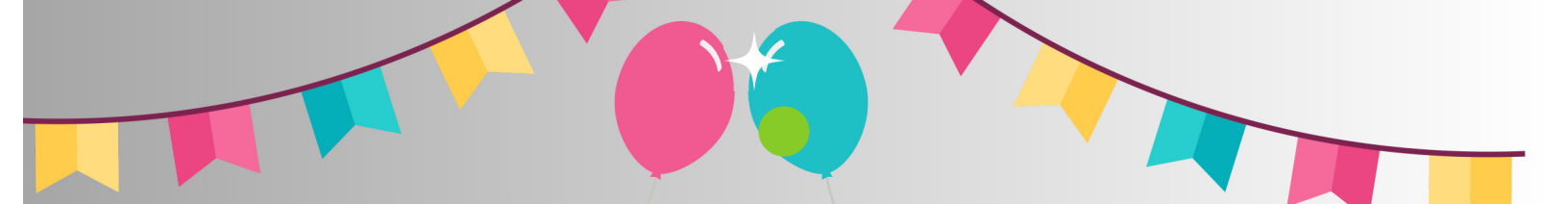
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Placeholder

- TBD.



**COMMUNITY BOARD 17
YOUTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE
ANNUAL**

**YOUTH HAPPEN'N
2025**

Thursday August 7, 2025

PAERDEGAT PARK

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Bet. Albany Avenue & Foster Avenue

GAMES, REFRESHMENT, ENTERTAINMENT

To volunteer or donate please contact us @ 718-434-3072

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January, 2025



Community Board 17 Housing/Block Association Committee
Dr. Carol Reneau, Ed.D. Chair

Below is a brief update from the Housing and Block Association Committee. This update in no way encompasses everything that takes place at the monthly meeting. Kindly request a copy of the meeting minutes for a more detailed update. We encourage you to join us virtually the first Wednesday of every month to actively engage with us, join our sub committees, effect change, and receive information first hand.

HOUSING UPDATE:

The most recent meeting of the Housing/Block Association Committee was held on January 14, 2025. The guest Speaker was Ms. Robin Redmond (Executive Director) of Flatbush Development Corporation (FDC). Ms. Redmond shared FDC's mission of enhanced quality of life, safety, equity, and preservation of our community, their program offerings and various ways in which our community could be assisted. All are welcome to contact or walk into FDC's office, but please be aware that there is generally a waiting time and/or a line. Representatives from FDC's office are also available every Wednesday at Council Members Rita Joseph's and Farah Louis' office. You may walk into their offices as well. The Councilmembers' information follows.

A bit about FDC:

"FDC was formed in 1975 by a group of homeowners and tenants who were concerned about growing signs of deterioration in the neighborhood. The group organized tenants in apartment buildings to combat poor conditions and prevent arson and abandonment and worked with merchants on the neighborhood's commercial strips. They created and operated job training programs, after school and summer programs for youth, and helped a steady stream of new immigrants to assimilate into the neighborhood. By the 1980's FDC was operating a range of programs and rehabilitating apartment buildings using a variety of emerging tax incentive programs. This grassroots effort created a stable community that continues to attract a full spectrum of homebuyers, renters and merchants. Today, while the neighborhood is changing at a rapid pace- both ethnically and economically, FDC continues to preserve and protect affordable housing, promote business attraction and retention, and provide comprehensive service and support for immigrants, youth and families. FDC's catchment area encompasses a 2.5 mile area bounded on the north by Parkside Avenue, the south by Avenue H, on the east by Bedford Avenue and on the west by Coney Island Avenue. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, this is the most economically and culturally diverse area in the country." See more [here](#).

BLOCK ASSOCIATION UPDATE:

Community Board 17 is in the process of creating a more extensive listserv so that we are able to engage with and assist the community. Kindly fill out the survey that is sent to you.

Email us if you would like to receive guidance on how to start a Block Association.

Over

General Updates

Shower Bus

Our previous Chair of the Housing/Block Association Committee, Ms. Pearlene Fields, was successful in securing funds via a grant for a Mobile Shower Bus. The purpose of this bus is to serve unhoused residents of our community. A Meeting has been requested with Congresswoman Clarke's office to further discuss and put this into fruition.

OTHER UPDATES:

-City of Yes

"Yes, the New York City Council approved Mayor Eric Adams' "City of Yes" housing plan on November 21, 2024, after hours of negotiations:

Learn more about the "City of Yes" here

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/planning/plans/city-of-yes/city-of-yes-overview.page>

-Governor Hochul Proposes New Initiatives to Address the Housing Crisis and Make Rent and Mortgages More Affordable. January 14, 2025

Proposes the Nation's First Statewide Legislation To Address Rent-Price Fixing Collusion Through Algorithms. New \$100 Million Investment in the Pro-Housing Communities Fund Will Support Critical Housing Infrastructure.

Creates New York's First-Ever Revolving Loan Fund To Spur Mixed-Income Rental Development Outside New York City.

Makes Bold Investments To Preserve Supportive Housing Statewide.

Strengthens Tools To Unlock Housing Development, Including Redeveloping Vacant and Historic Properties.

Governor's 5-Year Plan To Build Or Preserve 100,000 Units of Affordable Housing Is 50 Percent Complete — Ahead of Schedule.

HOUSING & RELATED SERVICES COMMUNITY PARTNERS

List of community partners who are providing housing, tenant and immigration-related services includes the following below. An asterisk indicates that they have been a guest speaker of the Housing Committee.

COJO Flatbush at <https://cojoflatbush.org/> or (718) 377-2900.

***Erasmus Neighborhood Federation (ENF)** <https://www.erasmusfederation.net/> or (718) 462-7700.

***Flatbush Development Corporation (FDC)** at <https://www.fdconline.org/> or (718) 859-3800.

Flatbush Tenant Coalition at <https://flatbushpower.org> or (718) 635-2623.

***Neighborhood Housing Services of Brooklyn (NHS)** at NHSBROOKLYN.ORG or (718) 469-4679.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Council Member Rita Joseph - 930 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11226, Phone: **718-287-8762**

Council Member Farah Louis - 1434 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11210, Phone: **718-629-2900**

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