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CB17 COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARIES

RE: MONTHLY PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 21STTH, 2025

Land Use/Rezoning

- No Report Submitted May 2025

Housing and Block Association

- No Report Submitted May 2025

Youth & Education

- See attached

Parks & Beautification

- On June 3rd, during our monthly meeting at 7.30pm on Webex ,we will have a training on the new composting rules with Lower East Side Ecology Center. Please share our flyer.
- We are working with the Park Manager to install some Plastic Dog Waste Bag Dispensers at Tilden Park and Pardeagat Parks.
- June 20 at the CB 17 board office at 10am is the Parks and Beautification Committee Meet and Greet and award ceremony. We will honor Mr. George W. Thornton as the world's Best Santa. We are inviting community members and community leaders to stop by to learn more about the parks in our districts and meet the parks and beautification committee members.

By-Laws

- The Committee will present several proposals to the board at May's General Meeting.

Personnel

- No Report Submitted for May 2025

Postal Services

- No Report Submitted for May 2025

Sanitation & Environmental Protection

- No Report Submitted for May 2025

Social & Health Services

- No Report Submitted for May 2025

Commerce

- No Report for May 2025

Public Safety/Transportation

- No Report for May 2025

Budget

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Youth & Education Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 14, 2025
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

MEETING AGENDA



Item 1	Time
Call the meeting to order Welcome & Introductions (Roll Call)	10 Mins
Item 2	
Chairperson report Minutes Approval	10 Mins
Item 3	25 mins
Parent Networking Event Planning Session US Department of Education - Discussion	
	20 mins
Item 4	
Unfinished Business/Discussion – New Business/Information Sharing Adjournment	25mins

Meeting Overview

The May meeting of the Community Board 17 Youth & Education Committee covered a range of educational updates and community engagement efforts. Key highlights included a discussion around the US Department of Education.

Highlights from the US DOE Discussion

- Funding Cuts
- Community voice
- Student writing campaign/ videos
- Getting the word out on the impact of the cuts on the community
- Corporate funding
- Which school has lost funding
- Does the state budget accommodate the federal cuts?

Upcoming Events

1. **Parent Networking Evening** – *Thursday, May 22, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM –@CB office.*
It is a casual evening for parents to connect, share resources, and build community ties.
2. **Spelling Bee Competition**
 - o **Date:** June 28, 2025

- Preparations are underway; committee members are encouraged to help spread the word to local schools.
- We need Judges and an announcer/pronouncer
- Donation for the Gift cards - \$ 75

3. Youth Happen'n

- **Date:** August 7, 2025 10:00 AM-4:00 PM
- A day of fun, learning, and engagement for the community's children, youth, and families.
- Tabling welcome for community organizations

Volunteers and Donations Needed for Youth Happen'n:

To make this event successful, we are seeking:

- 🎨 Face painters
- ✍️ Two staff for Arts & Crafts Tables
- 🎯 Game facilitators
- 🍔 Two grill managers
- 🌭 Beef hot dogs (donations)
- 🍔 Hot dog buns
- 🤡 Clown & Balloon Artist
- 💰 Monetary donations
- 🎵 Live DJ
- 👤 General volunteers for the day
- 💰 Monetary donations
- 📖 Books (Storytelling)

Please let us know if you can support us in these areas. Let's come together to create an unforgettable day for our youth!

Contact Info

Cb17education@mail.com

Gail Grandison - 718-213-1448

CB 17 Board office – Ms. Fara -718-434-3072

Next Meeting

Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Time: 7:30 PM

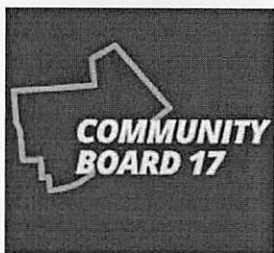
Topic: Youth Happel's Planning

Guest Speaker: *(Pending confirmation)*

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May, 2025



Community Board 17 Housing & Block Association Committee

Dr. Carol Reneau, Ed.D. Chair
Sherif Fraser, District Manager
Rodrick Daley, Chairperson

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 MEETING UPDATE:

The most recent meeting of the Housing/Block Association Committee was held on May 7, 2025. The Chair's Report included the following:

Information received from the Earth Day Summit at Brooklyn College, which was sponsored by Congresswoman Yvette Clarke's office, was shared with the attendees. Important information to share is that Ms. Rabyaa Altabani from (New York State Energy Research and Development (NYSERDA) urged home owners to reach out to her (929) 305-9035 regarding Energy Grants such as the \$24K Empire Plus Program.

CB17's Housing and Block Association Committee will be collaborating with NHS for 2 upcoming events:
Housing Resource Fair - Saturday, June 7, 2025 from 10:00-3:00 PM at Brooklyn College.

Real Estate & Property Management Conference - Friday, June 20, 2025 from 10:00-3:00 PM at Medgar Evers College. See the respective flyers for Registration.

Brooklyn Botanic Garden Greenest Block In Brooklyn Contest - Community members are urged to sign up as a way to build a stronger community, improve their streetscape and improve greening in their neighborhoods.

Our Guest Speaker at the May meeting was Leslie Sierra who is the Community Outreach Counselor for NY StateWide Senior Action Council. Ms. Sierra shared information as it pertains to seniors on health care fraud, medical debt, social security, telemedicine, medicare patients rights, health insurance, prescription drugs, nursing homes, funerals, etc. Ms. Sierra noted that she is available to make these presentations to other community organizations as well. She can be reached at Statewide is an advocate for Seniors and everyone was urged to join them in person at their monthly Borough Hall meeting. Mr. Tait added that there will be an upcoming Senior Appreciation month event at Borough Hall on May 28. All are invited to attend.

SHOWER BUS UPDATE

Community Board 17's Housing Committee was awarded a grant of \$350K+ from Congresswoman Yvette Clarke's office to be used towards a Shower Bus for the unhoused members of our community. This grant was

written by our near and dear Housing Committee Chair Pearlene Fields, who recently passed. Ms. Fields had a vision to assist our Community via various outreach programs and this is one of her visions coming to fruition. We had HUD representative Mr. Jose Velez, who was the Guest Speaker at our April meeting, briefed us on the scope of this Grant and its uses, etc. We are currently having meetings with key stakeholders on the full scope of this Shower Bus. Community Board 17 believes in empowering our community and will engage local contractors and involve them in this project as much as we are able to.

CURRENT HOUSING LIST

A list of available housing was emailed out to the Community on February 28, 2025. Kindly follow the directions and steps to apply. If you did not receive this list and would like to receive it, email us directly at housingandblockassociation@cb17.org If you need assistance with the application process, kindly reach out to one of our Community partners Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS), Erasmus Neighborhood Federation (ENF), or Flatbush Development Corporation (FDC) - see below.

UPCOMING MAY MEETING

The next Housing and Block Association meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 4, 2025. Join us virtually to receive housing updates and to hear from our guest speakers. **Please reach out to us if you would like to have your email added to the Community Board's or Housing Committee's listserv.**

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 PROVIDING WALKING HOUSING-RELATED SERVICES

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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***Presented at Community Board 17 Housing/Block Association Committee meeting.**