

**PUBLIC HEARING AND GENERAL COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING**  
**APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

**Attendance**

Kwame Afreh  
Tiffany Anderson  
Berlotte Antoine  
Hassan Bakiriddin  
Celia Belyn  
Venancia Colon  
Rodrick Daley  
Herminia Daniels  
Rose Graham  
Gail Grandison  
Nicole Julius  
Trisha Louison  
Edith Mark  
Daniel McCabe  
Donna McLean-Grant  
Khadijat Oluwo  
Monzurat Oni  
June Persaud  
Carol Reneau  
Tyron Stearns  
Kamara Swaby  
Marguerite Vigliante  
Kenrick Wescott  
Melanie Wilkerson

David Boatswain  
Theresa Brereton  
Asshur Cunningham  
Natasha Duncan  
LaShawn Freeman  
Charles Galbreath  
Ronald Greene  
Michael Hill  
Whitney Humphrey  
Kevin Jason  
Doris Jones  
Brandon Mathurin  
Jibrill Morris  
Fatima Muhammad  
Kadidiattou Ouedraogo  
Deborah Pointer  
Aron Roth  
Bernadette Selby  
Kimberly Shelley  
Antoinette Smart  
Symone Sylvester  
Heslat Tursun  
Ivor Wood

The meeting covered various community issues, including crime rates, upcoming events, financial concerns, youth programs, and the development of a new substation.

- The Postal Services committee discussed a walkthrough of a facility and will finalize their position in May.
- The Youth and education committee announced an upcoming event -Parent Networking Evening focusing on education and community issues.
- Community Board 17 is encouraging community members to participate in the community garden.
- A quorum must be reached in order to avoid reiterating issues on the agenda.
- The board is actively engaging block associations and non-profit organizations for collaboration and support.
- NYPD Report: Crime rates in Community Board 17 have decreased significantly, with reductions in shootings and homicides.
- There has been an increase in youth robberies, but efforts are being made to combat this trend.
- The community is encouraged to be vigilant and report any suspicious activities to help prevent crime.
- Announcement of upcoming events and programs in the community, including voter registration drives and youth empowerment sessions.
- Information about public hearings, Earth Day events, and concerns regarding letters sent to TPS individuals.
- Real ID and enhanced ID webinar with information available on Facebook page, deadline is 7 May.

- Snap enrollment appointments available, limited space, call office to schedule.
- Budget negotiations for the fiscal year 2026 are ongoing, with a focus on public safety and youth programming.
- The district is facing a multi-million-dollar fiscal cliff due to cuts from the Trump administration.
- Advocacy is needed for school safety infrastructure and environmental concerns in the community.
- Assemblywoman Chandler-Waterman discussed upcoming events and partnerships in the community, including support for autism and disabilities.
- Assemblyman Cunningham's office shared updates on their Eastern event, Women of Distinction event, and free legal services provided by the New York Legal Assistance Group, Seniors who need help with home repairs can benefit from the services provided by the program.
- Comments were made regarding Establishments not attending meetings for renewal because they believe it is automatic, but the board should reach out to SLA for clarification and the committee should put stipulations in place to address non-attendance
- A new treasurer was elected with specific duties outlined in the bylaws.
- Con Edison presentation on the Gateway Park Substation project, a new substation project being developed to provide 100% emission-free electricity to Brooklyn. - E 91<sup>st</sup> Street south of Ditmas Avenue.
- The project has been approved by the PSC and community engagement is necessary.
- Community Board 17 will provide regular work notices and a tour of the construction site.
- There will be a small community advisory group and FAQs on their website for questions.
- Co-hosting community forums in the My Star energy plan needs further consideration and a response will be provided.
- The construction of the substation will be phased, with active construction from June 2025 to October 2026.
- Efforts will be made to minimize impact on individuals and reduce noise pollution during construction.

## Action items

- Finalize the position on the postal facility and determine the next steps (Postal Services committee)
- Organize and prepare for the upcoming event "Parent Networking Evening" on May 22, 2023 (Youth and Education committee)
- Establish a forum for treasurer interaction and proceed with election for chair of election committee position (Treasurer/Chair of Election Committee)
- Lien sale information to be provided to homeowners
- Follow up on scheduling interviews for the three selected candidates for the position of community associate.
- Continue working on the move and address it in the report (Executive committee)
- Sergeant Irena to provide information and registration for the auxiliary police program to interested individuals
- Increase presence in front of PS 235 during arrivals and dismissals to address safety concerns
- School staff contact the police if there are any incidents or concerns regarding the safety of students
- Sarah Dummy to host level up Brooklyn for lean assistance every Saturday at Claren library
- Address concerns about denial of financial records and alleged cover-up
- Review and provide financial records to the treasurer
- Organize voter registration drives in the community
- Attend public hearing on April 28th at Mega Evers
- Participate in events and programs at the East Flatbush Family Enrichment Center
- Spread awareness about Earth Day event on April 23rd
- Tax lien event on Monday, April 21
- Community resource fair on Tuesday, April 22
- Clergy Luncheon and Senior Luncheon events need volunteers

- Budget negotiations and policy items to be addressed
- Organize and coordinate the East Icon event on April 19th at Paerdegat Park from 11am to 3pm
- Plan and execute the Women of Distinction event on May 8th from 6pm to 8pm
- Coordinate with the New York Legal Assistance Group for their monthly visit to provide free legal services at the office on the 1st Thursday of every month from 10am to 3pm
- Distribute flyers for the youth training program
- Consider the effectiveness of the absent secretary and attendance procedures
- Review and approve the December meeting minutes as amended
- Vote on the renewal of San Peppers restaurant liquor license
- Look into why certain establishments are being told they don't have to attend meetings for renewal
- Reach out to SLA to clarify whether businesses with renewal have to attend meetings
- Elect a new treasurer for the board
- Obtain permits from DEP, DOT, and DOB for below grade foundation work on the substation project
- Obtain and share the environmental impact study with the community for review
- Determine the extent to which Con Edison has committed to the just energy transition process during the establishment of the substation.
- Provide information on the length of time for construction in specific areas and how it will be phased to minimize impact on individuals
- Address brownouts and noise pollution in the directly affected areas during construction
- Create a virtual town hall or community forum to address questions and concerns from board members and constituents
- Complete above grade work on the substation project by October 2026

Vote on San Peppas Jerk Chicken Express Inc – Yes 23, Against 1

There was a unanimous vote to elect Daniel McCabe to fill the Treasurer's position

There being no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Monzurat Oni and seconded by Mr. Daniel McCabe.