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CB17 COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARIES

RE: MONTHLY PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15TH, 2025

Land Use/Rezoning

- No Report Submitted

Youth & Education

- No Report Submitted

Housing & Block Associations

- See attached

Parks & Beautification

Parks & Beautification Committee Update:

A big thank you to Detective Skinner from the 67th Precinct for joining our October 7th meeting and leading an informative Q&A session on ****Parks Safety****. Thank you to all the committee members who came to support the Shred Day in partnership with CM Louis on October 4 at Pardeagat Park

Upcoming Projects & Important Dates:

****Street Tree Care Project****

Originally scheduled for October 11 was postponed due to inclement weather. This event has been rescheduled to November 15 at 10am . Event Location: Around Tilden Park. Committee members will be doing local outreach to encourage neighbors to participate.

New Youth Engagement Initiative**

We're excited to announce a new partnership with local schools and ****Partnership for Parks**** to help young people learn about trees and take part in caring for our parks. Interested schools should email parks-beautification@cb17.org to get involved.

We will be supporting a Shred Day event with Council member Rita Joseph at 3521 Church Ave at 10AM

Annual Holiday Event – Save the Date!
(December 19, 2025)
Stay tuned for more details

Meeting Rescheduled:

Due to Election Day on November 4, our next committee meeting will now take place on November 15. 7,30pm (see attached)



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- No updates

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- No updates

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- No updates

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- No updates

Transportation & Public Safety

• This report will cover several important updates regarding public safety and transportation within our community.

• First, we would like to address the recent police-involved shooting that occurred on Coventry Road between East 86th Street and Ralph Ave. We are actively working with elected officials and community-based violence intervention organizations to gather a full understanding of the incident. We are still awaiting the release of police body camera footage and 911 call recordings. This incident has deeply affected our community, and we are committed to seeking clarity and justice.

• In other news, last month we hosted a presentation on daylighting intersections in our community. Daylighting intersections involves removing obstructions like parked cars near crosswalks to improve visibility for drivers and pedestrians, thereby enhancing safety. This typically involves extending the no-parking zone at corners. Current law mandates that there should be 1000 daylighted intersections in NYC. However, only 314 have been installed to date, with 45 installed in Brooklyn, three in CB17, and two more upcoming in our district. We are currently creating a subcommittee that will focus on daylighting intersections and broader safer streets initiatives. If you are interested in being a part of this subcommittee, please let me know or email our public safety email account at publicsafety-transportation@cb17.org. We also have a public safety survey that we would like everyone to complete, and your input is greatly appreciated.

• Additionally, our Transportation Committee will be reviewing applications for the NYC Dining Out program. The MTA has also informed us about the planned replacement of MetroCards with OMNY cards by the end of the year. Furthermore, the MTA is planning to set up meetings in our district to discuss the IBX exchange, and we encourage everyone to participate in these discussions.

October 1, 2025



Community Board 17's 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.

September's Meeting - This was a joint meeting on September 4th of the Housing/Block Association along with the Land Use Committee to hold an open discussion with both Committee members, view a Presentation for Project Constellation, and vote. Project Constellation is an "Open Door" program with a proposed project for one new development building (395-397 E 94th St. between Lenox and Willmohr) and twelve homeownership units in CB17. The project is being sponsored by Habitat for Humanity NYC and the HPD subsidy program that is being utilized, which is called the "Open Door" program. The program was unanimously approved by those in attendance at this September 4th meeting.

This project requires a ULURP because HPD is disposing of city-owned land and giving it to a developer. The project was also unanimously approved at CB 17's General Board Meeting on September 17, 2025.

Summer Update - The Housing Committee, Chair of Community Board 17, and community partners such as Brooklyn Level Up attended 20 Block parties and/or events during the summer. We were able to engage with Block and Neighborhood Association Presidents, community leaders, and residents. The Block Parties were well-attended and many provided much needed Community services such as literacy, cancer, food, housing, and other important resources. All of the Block Presidents were presented with a bag of resources from Community Board 17. We were given the opportunity to speak at many of these events and urged the residents to come to the monthly Committee meetings, General Board meetings, join a committee and reach out to us as needed. One complaint that we heard a few times was the time that it took for the blocks to receive their Block party permits. This information was emailed to detectives Pierre and Skinner of the 67th Precinct, and the response from Detective Pierre will be shared with the Community residents to assist them with future planning.

New Neighborhood Organizations - The Housing Committee has received several requests to assist community residents with starting Blocks and/or neighborhood organizations. The last requests include Mr. Jeff Salter's Neighborhood organization formation request and Ms. McDonald's Block Association request. An email package was emailed to both parties and the Chair also sat in on a meeting with one of the newly formed Steering Committee members. Kindly direct members of the community who would like to form an organization to us so that we can share the available resources and guide them towards how to create and run a successful community organization.

Upcoming Mayoral Election - Community residents are urged to familiarize themselves with questions 2, 3, 4, and 5 since they are about housing, land use and the city map. Reach out to your elected official's office (see below) if you have any questions.

NYSERDA - Resharing that Information received from the Earth Day Summit at Brooklyn College includes a note from Ms. Rabyaa Altabani from (New York State Energy Research and Development (NYSERDA) urging home owners to reach out to her at (929) 305-9035 regarding their eligibility of Energy Grants such as the \$24K Empire Plus Program.

CB17's Community Fair/Social Service Committee - Housing and Block Association Committee will be at the upcoming Community Fair on October 18. We will have Housing Resources available at this fair from our partner organization NHS of Brooklyn, CDC. Kindly join us so that you can receive the latest Housing information first hand.

Current Housing List - The list received from Erasmus Neighborhood Federation, Inc. that is being shared this month are for our community members with mobility and visual hearing conditions. This list is being emailed with this newsletter. Kindly follow the specific directions and steps to apply for each unit. 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 their phone and email below.

Community Needs/Feedback from the October 1 Meeting:

Some of the needs and suggestions that arose from this meeting are mentioned throughout this newsletter. Additional needs included an update that Ms. Dionne who owns a home near the up and coming Shirley Chisolm center complained about excessive garbage in front of her home from an uptick in possibly renters and heavier than usual foot traffic, a recent break in, pollution issue, safety and garbage issues, and the gate at Glenwood that has to be closed. Ms. Best also had some similar issues with an uptick in heavier than usual garbage and racoons near E 52nd and Foster. Both parties were instructed to email an outline to Community Board 17 with the 311 complaint numbers so that the issues could be escalated to the respective city organization for reviews and resolutions.

The flyer for the October 18 Community Fair will be emailed from DM Fraser to attendees as requested. Chair Daley provided an update of the General Board meeting and other relevant matters, and reminded Committee members of their responsibilities to their respective Committees so that they are not removed for non attendance.

Lastly, District Manager Fraser updated the attendees of the passing of Ms. Adlin Gallimore, a strong community supporter who advocated for our community for decades. Anyone interested in attending her funeral, kindly email the Community Board office. We are keeping her family in our prayers at this time.

SHOWER BUS UPDATE

In addition to the information below, District Manager Fraser provided a thorough update regarding the current status of this project such as being in process with the 501C3, responded to the number of workers and salary line query from Ms. Judith, and urged attendees to send in their information to be put on an interest list. She also noted that she has been in contact with GodSquad to review their shower bus and possibly receive some guidance. Mr. Tait reminded attendees that it would benefit us to check with Pastor Montrose since the shower bus comes with a driver and at a recent event they had utilized a mental health bus to support their show bus. Ms. Bennett noted that Starrett City has a Shower Bus as well and they could possibly provide us with some useful information.

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 have been in contact with our HUD representatives and are currently having ongoing meetings with key stakeholders. Community Board 17 believes in empowering our community, will engage local contractors and involve them in this project as much as we are able to.

NEXT MEETING

The next Housing and Block Association meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 5, 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**

CB-17 CONTACTS

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Housing & Block Association Committee - housingandblockassociation@cb17.org

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

STREET TREE CARE



EAST FLATBUSH

**Volunteer
with us!**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

10AM-12PM 4802 Tilden Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11203

**RSVP at
bit.ly/TildenTrees**

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FARAH N. LOUIS

45th Council District, Brooklyn



NYC COUNCIL MEMBER
DISTRICT 40
RITA JOSEPH



EAST FLATBUSH SHRED DAY AT THE YARD

SHRED IT, DON'T SPREAD IT! 🗑️✨
JOIN THE YARD - EAST FLATBUSH FEC, COUNCIL
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10am-2pm

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Community Partners: (ON BROOKLYN AVE-NEAR
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