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Community Board 17 General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday February 18, 2026

Present

Afreh, Kwame
Alberic, Neil
Anderson, Tiffany
Antoine, Berlotte
Bakiriddin, Hassan
Belyn, Celia
Daley, Roderick
Duncan, Natasha
Gordon, Dorothy
Graham, Rose
Grandison, Gail
Greene, Ronald
Guillaume, Magda
Herrera, Gabriel
Holmes, Gabriel
Julius, Nicole
Louison, Trisha
Mark, Edith
Oluwo, Khadijat
Sabbat, Ariana
Theodore, Marie
Vigliante, Marguerite
Westcott, Kenrick
Wilkerson, Melanie

Excused

Bereton, Theresa
Daniels, Herminia
Galbreath, Charles
Reneau, Carol
Walch, Jody

Absent

Aimable, Alton
Boatswain, David
Freeman, LaShawn
Hill, Michael
Hubbarrt, CeCelia
Jason, Kevin
John, Afiya
Jones, Doris
McCabe, Daniel
Newyear, Mark
Noel, Kenton
Oni, Monzurat
Peters, Denae
Phillips, kaiia
Pointer, Deborah
Rulow, Chelsea
Swaby, Kamara
Sylvester, Symone

Meeting call to Order:

Chairperson Presiding: Rodrick Daley

Community Board 17's monthly meeting addressed updates on various committees, upcoming events, community engagement efforts, and challenges while emphasizing local business growth and housing concerns.

Community Board 17 held its monthly meeting to discuss various committee reports and updates.

- Community Board 17 will host a small business expo on February 24 at MCA, open to all attendees.
- A public hearing for a local business upgrade occurred, with ongoing feedback and environmental studies planned.
- The Shirley Chisholm Recreation Center opened recently, providing valuable community resources and programs for youth.
- Concerns arose regarding potential citywide tax increases as part of the mayor's projected budget.
- The Youth and Education Committee announced an essay competition for local students, encouraging creativity without AI assistance.
- Community Board 17 emphasizes the importance of diverse representation in local events and initiatives.
- Focus on community outreach and addressing local needs, especially in budgeting and resource allocation.
- Recent improvements include the development of community spaces and ongoing advocacy for transportation services.
- Increased community engagement is crucial for effective feedback and decision-making in local governance.
- Monique Chandler-Waterman expresses condolences for community members who passed away and thanks volunteers for snow removal efforts.
- She highlights the long-awaited opening of the Shirley Chisholm Recreational Center after years of planning.
- Discussions include opposition to proposed property tax increases and the importance of civic engagement.
- Various community services and events are announced, including housing assistance and support for immigrant rights.
- Paurcha Edwards provided updates on scams and foreclosure discussions held during the Association weekend in Albany.
- Upcoming Black History Month celebrations include a documentary screening on Medgar Evers' life at the Weeks Ville Heritage Center.
- The Brooklyn District Attorney's office will host a Black History celebration on February 25th.
- The NYC Free Tax Prep program offers free tax services to eligible community members to combat scams.

Action Items

- Encourage community members to participate in upcoming events, including the small business expo and various library programs.
- Coordinate with the cost of carding business for additional information requested during the public hearing.
- Ensure outreach regarding dog waste dispensers and signage in parks is implemented.
- Reach out to principals and school teachers to involve kids in park planting and cleaning events.
- Address concerns about property tax increases in discussions with city officials.
- Clarify the invitation issues related to the opening of the Shirley Chisholm Community Center with the mayor's office.
- Plan a community event to celebrate the opening of the Shirley Chisholm Center, including students and community members.
- Continue outreach efforts with Brooklyn College regarding intern assignments focused on community needs.
- Gather input from community members on needs statements for budget submissions.
- Follow up with the MTA regarding the feasibility study for an express bus from Brooklyn to Manhattan.
- Ensure traffic enforcement during sanitation alternate side parking to address issues with street sweeping.
- Communicate with sanitation about necessary equipment for snow removal and garbage pickup.
- Schedule another community meeting to discuss zoning and affordable housing units.
- Follow up on the date for the small business expo that was pushed back to April.
- Promote awareness of Medicaid services available for housing, food, and transportation assistance.
- Ensure the community is informed about housing services available every Thursday by appointment.
- Encourage participation in the Black History Month event on February 26 at the Efateole Culture Arts Academy.
- Follow up with community members regarding legal resources and services for immigrant support.
- Organize a Vital Voice community meeting focused on public safety for youth in Assembly District 58, scheduled for March 21.
- Share the RSVP link for the Black History Month celebration at Weeksville Heritage Center with the community board.
- Send bullet points or flyers regarding Medicaid services to the board from Public Health Solutions.
- Ensure that information about the Department of Consumer and Worker Protection's free tax prep program is disseminated to community members.

Minutes Approved with amendments

People marked present were also marked absent:

- Kwame Afreh
- Tiffany Anderson

Motion to accept the minutes- Melanie Wilkerson

Second - Nicole Julius

Yes: 22

Oppose: None

Abstain:2

Yolies Caribbean restaurant Corp

YES-24

Meeting adjourned: 9:37 PM

Motion: Berlotte

2nd Approval: Oluwo

We encourage you to watch the full meeting video on YouTube for more in-depth details.

<https://www.youtube.com/@bkcommunityboard17>