

## MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD #16 – May 27, 2008

### Attendance

David Alexander (A)	Danny King (A)
Joyce Anderson (A)	Bettie Kollock-Wallace
Renee Archer (A)	Shawn Lewis (A)
Octavius Bamberg	Deborah Mack
Sissi Benitez (A)	James Mack
Josephine Blakeley (E)	Yolanda Matthews
Patricia Boone (E)	Sadie McNamara
James A. Bowens (E)	Rev. Joseph Norton
Gregory Coad (A)	Edna Petty (A)
Bonnie Crump (A)	Marie Pierre (E)
Essie Duggan	Elder Devon Ponds
Samantha Dunn (A)	Mattie Pusey (A)
Ivory Ellison (A)	Melaine Rochford (E)
Helen Giles (A)	Lashon Segar (A)
Shirley Gonsalves	Ernestine Turner
Daniel Goodine (A)	Rev. Miran Ukaegbu
Sarah Hall	Alice Vines (E)
Henry Hill	Herman Winston (E)
Kofi Hormeku (E)	Hazel Younger
Michael Howard (E)	Viola D. Greene-Walker, DM
Allene Ingram	E. Jane Coleman-Assistant ADM
Daisy Jackson (E)	Jimmi Brevil, Community Assistant
Javonn Johnson (A)	Hon. Darlene Mealy
Troy Johnson (A)	Latrice Walker for Hon. Yvette Clarke
Dr. Cade Jones, III	William Whitaker for Hon. Marty Markowitz
Pamela Junior (A)	R. Hermon for Hon. William F. Boyland, Jr.
Eula Key	

### MEETING HELD AT BROWNSVILLE MULTI-SERVICE CENTER, 444 THOMAS S. BOYLAND STREET, BROOKLYN

Chairperson Hazel Younger called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. and announced that Board Member Kofi Hormeku, who had been hospitalized, is now convalescing at home. She announced that Board Member Sadie McNamara recently celebrated her eightieth birthday.

An invocation was said by Rev. Miran Ukaegbu.

Chairperson Younger recognized Mr. Rashad Meade, Principal of the Eagle Academy for Young Men.

Mr. Meade stated that the Eagle Academy is a new start-up school that will be housed in the old I.S. 271 building on Herkimer Street. Their mission is to prepare young men to be globally competent, globally competitive, and globally conscious.

They will start this fall with a group of 81 sixth grade boys who will graduate as twelfth grade young men ready to enter a competitive global environment. The school is specifically designed to address the needs of young black and Latino men in neighborhoods that have historically been underserved. He was raised in the Queensbridge Houses, a similar type of neighborhood. His mother and others responsible for his education put him on a path that led to him coming onboard at Eagle Academy. In Eagle Academy, he finds a mission and a vision that speaks to who he is as a person. He believes that this is a mission in which we must all participate. The time for complaining has ended, we must now act.

The young men of Eagle Academy are in class from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. four days a week. There are also mandatory Saturday sessions which consist of three components, the arts, athletics, and community service. Each student is assigned a mentor who they hope will be able to help guide the young man throughout his seven years at the Academy or at the very least one year.

They are co-sponsored by 100 Black Men. This major co-sponsorship allows them to provide many of their extra-curricular functions that a public school would not ordinarily be able to provide. The end of the registration period is approaching and there are about five slots to fill.

Informational fliers are available on tonight's distribution table and they contain his contact information. Applications are available at the School District's Learning Support Center, located at 1665 St. Mark's Avenue.

Someone asked if there will only be one grade in the fall?

Mr. Meade stated that they will begin with one sixth grade class in September and add a grade each year until they have grades six to twelve.

Someone asked if the school is free?

Mr. Meade stated that the school is a regular tuition-free public school that receives special funding.

Chairperson Younger recognized Ms. Christina Larkin from the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Ms. Larkin stated that the Department operates a Newborn Home Visit program and in the past couple of months they have begun advertising the program using bus shelter billboards and bodega posters as a way to let new moms know about the program. She has with her a few posters for anyone who would like to post them at work or in their building. They have been visiting new mothers in Brownsville since last August and have been well received.

They have also just begun a Breast Feeding Support Group. It is free of charge and mothers with infants that are no older than three months are encouraged to just drop in. Information is available on the distribution table.

In terms of their healthy eating initiative, fliers listing the location of farmer's markets are on tonight's distribution table.

Chairperson Younger recognized Mr. Willair St. Vil, representing Aspirations Diploma Plus and Metropolitan Diploma Plus High Schools.

Mr. St. Vil stated that statistically, only about 50% of students will complete high school in four years and another five to six will graduate in five years. It has been determined that a number of the students who are not graduating are in our neighborhoods here in Brooklyn. Some have reached a point where they have been in high school for years, have not earned a single credit, and are just waiting to age out of the system.

Transfer schools such as Aspirations Diploma Plus High School and Metropolitan Diploma Plus High School offer these young people a second chance to earn a high school diploma and attend college or get a career path. If you know of any 16 to 18 year old student who is struggling with high school, please take a flier for each of the schools and encourage them to attend an open house with their parent(s).

Someone asked if the schools are open to students who live anywhere in Brooklyn?

Mr. St. Vil stated that as long as they can get to the schools they may attend. Both schools are easily accessible via mass transit.

Chairperson Younger recognized Ms. Allison Jones from the BMS Family Health Center.

Ms. Jones stated that the Family Health Center is located at 592 Rockaway Avenue at Blake Avenue. They also operate several satellite sites in the Brownsville and East New York communities, the latest of which is BMS ISIS, located on the third floor of the Brownsville Health Center on Bristol Street between Blake and Dumont Avenues.

On Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> ISIS will host a healthy living event promoting healthy choices in our diets, beginning with the choices we make in the supermarket.

BMS provides HIV / AIDS education to the community. She particularly enjoys teaching teens that their bodies are worth more untouched. One out of every nine persons living in Brownsville

is HIV positive and some are as young as twelve years old.

She teaches parents how to talk to their children about the issue. They inform parents that their teenagers can obtain contraception, terminate a pregnancy, and see health care professionals all without the parents consent. She encourages parents to have an open-door policy with their children and to truly listen to what they have to say.

She can be reached by calling (718) 345-5000 extension 1158. If you have a group of children that you would like them to speak to, please contact her. Parental consent forms will be required as her discussions are frank and graphic.

Chairperson Younger recognized Mr. William Boone of the Medgar Evers Beacon Program.

Mr. Boone thanked Ms. Jones for her presentation at the Beacon's Mothers' Day event and stated that it was inspirational.

He announced that on May 31<sup>st</sup> they will host their Career Day event and are expecting about twenty professionals to present. On Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. they will host their second annual Fathers' Day event. They will honor several fathers for their contribution to the Beacon and to the Brownsville community. All are invited to this free event.

Chairperson Younger thanked the presenters for their valuable information.

A motion was made by Rev. Miran Ukaegbu, seconded by Ms. Deborah Mack and carried to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Chairperson Younger requested that they be read at home.

A motion was made by Ms. Bettie Kollock-Wallace, seconded by Mr. Henry Hill and carried to dispense with the reading of the District Manager's report. Chairperson Younger requested that the Board Members read them at home.

District Manager Viola Greene-Walker, in behalf of Ms. Essie Duggan, Chairperson of the Economic Development Committee, reported that the Committee met on May 21, 2008 with representatives from the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce who informed the Committee about various resources that are available to assist small businesses such as: 1) access to financing, 2) cutting through red tape, and 3) registration of women- and minority-owned businesses.

The Committee has completed the survey form which will be disseminated to merchants along Belmont Avenue. Once this data is collected, the Committee will meet with the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce and others who can assist with the revitalization of Belmont Avenue.

The next meeting of the Economic Development Committee will be on Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m..

A motion was made by Ms. Deborah Mack, seconded by Ms. Eula Key and carried to accept the report of the Economic Development Committee.

Ms. Sadie McNamara, Chairperson of the Health and Human Resources Committee, reported that the Committee met on May 12, 2008 with representatives of the Institute for Community Living (ICL) which has been operating a MICA (Mentally Ill and Chemical Abuser) day treatment program at 2384 Atlantic Avenue at Sackman Street for over 15 years. The Continuing Day Treatment Program is an intensive outpatient treatment for men and women, ages 18 and over, who have a serious mental illness and recent histories of, or are currently engaged in, substance abuse.

Presently, they have an enrollment of 140 clients. Based on individual needs, clients are in treatment from 6 months to 2 years.

The Institute for Community Living also provides vocational services for their clients who are in need of employment. They assist clients with preparing resumes and conducting job interviews.

ICL has four supervised facilities that provide housing for clients up to 1 year. Based on the availability of apartments, they are referred to supportive housing in one of their scattered sites.

Intake is by referral only. If you would like more information about ICL's Continuing Day Treatment Program, please contact the Program Director, Diane De Iseo at (718) 272-6074 extension 2111.

The Committee also met with a representative of the New York City Male and Father Involvement Association.

The mission of the New York City Male and Father Involvement Association is to empower males and fathers of all ages to be active and productive in their lives, families, and communities by providing support, referrals, education, training, and advocacy.

The Association provides the following services at no cost:

- Counseling and group support
- Workshops on parenting, relationships, and men's health
- Strengthening relationships between fathers, mothers, and child/children
- Education and vocational assistance
- Family planning, health and medical assistance, marriage workshops and counseling
- Referral to legal and social services
- And a variety of other services

For more information about this service, call (347) 404-5046 or e-mail: [nycmfia@gmail.com](mailto:nycmfia@gmail.com).

Urban Strategies, Inc., located at 294 Sumpter Street, has a Domestic Violence Project. The mission of the Project is to incorporate a combination of resources, support, communication, crisis counseling, and caring to create ways to prevent abuse.

Workshops are held monthly from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for twenty to thirty individuals. Please call the Crisis Hotline at (718) 919-3600 extension 19 or 23 for resources, support, and personal assistance.

A motion was made by Ms. Deborah Mack, seconded by Ms. Eula Key and carried to accept the report of the Health and Human Resources Committee.

Ms. Bettie Kollock-Wallace, Chairperson of the Land Use, Planning and Zoning Committee, reported that the Committee met on May 12, 2008 with representatives of Common Ground who gave an update on their proposal to develop 72 units of senior housing on St. Mark's Avenue between Howard and Saratoga Avenues.

This project is in the process of being certified by City Planning. Once the Board receives the ULURP application, a public hearing will be conducted.

The Committee met with representatives of Calvary Church of God, Inc. and co-developers who are proposing to develop 120 units of senior housing on what is now a GreenThumb site on Riverdale Avenue between Thatford and Rockaway Avenues.

The developers presented schematic plans for a six-story and a nine-story building. The Committee recommends that the Community Board support the proposal for a six-story building which will create 120 units of affordable senior housing on condition that the parking spaces be increased from 27 to 40.

A motion was made by Ms. Sadie McNamara, seconded by Mr. James Mack and carried to accept the report of the Land Use, Planning and Zoning Committee.

Rev. Miran Ukaegbu, Chairperson of the Sanitation and Environmental Protection Committee, reported that the Committee met on May 6, 2008 and discussed some of the current changes in the Department of Sanitation's (DOS) Digest of Codes and concerns of members and community residents regarding sanitation complaints.

The guest speaker, Mr. Iggy Terranova from DOS, informed the Committee that DOS is in the final process of updating its Digest of Codes booklet due to several new laws, time changes, and increased fines. He promised that the new Digest of Codes booklet will be out and sent to each Community Board in two months.

Some of the changes to the codes are:

- 1) In the past, if you illegally dumped in a corner litter basket, Sanitation had to collect at least 3 pieces of paper with a dumper's name and address on them before issuing a violation. The law was changed to finding only one piece of paper.
- 2) As of October 2007, if there is a clothing bin on a City sidewalk, Sanitation will give notice to the owner to remove the container by 30 days. If the owner fails to remove the container, Sanitation will remove the contents and donate it to Goodwill, and remove the container.
- 3) A property owner is responsible for making sure his sidewalk is clean and 18 inches out into the street. Up to 2004, Sanitation could inspect for violations during a 24-hour period. The law was changed in 2004 to limit Sanitation's inspection from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.. As of December 26, 2007, the afternoon routing time was changed from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m..

In conjunction with this law, there's a dirty area summons which includes the back yard, front yard and rear yard. If the yards are visible from the street and it's dirty, Sanitation could write a summons 24-hours a day until the law was changed to correspond to the 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. routing times.

- 4) As of January 2007, you cannot throw out rechargeable batteries. They must be returned to the store where you purchased them or another store that sells a similar battery. You are allowed to return a maximum of 10 batteries per visit.
- 5) If you're doing your own lawn work, you must dispose of your clippings in brown paper bags.

Every fall, there's a volunteer recycling program for disposing of leaves. You must use a brown paper bag or an unlined garbage can to dispose of leaves.

- 6) Any 6-family or more residential housing or commercial establishment must remove graffiti. Sanitation will issue a Notice of Violation giving the owner of the property 45 days to remove the graffiti. If it is not removed in 45 days, Sanitation will issue a summons until it's removed. If the owner signs up for the Mayor's Anti-Graffiti Program, the City of New York will either paint or power wash your property free of charge. By signing a waiver for this, it makes the violation null and void.

If you own a 1 to 5 family unit, Sanitation cannot force you to remove the graffiti: however, you can sign the anti-graffiti waiver to allow the City to remove the graffiti free of charge.

- 7) In the past, Sanitation could not violate persons who leave fliers on your property. A law passed in October 2007 gives Sanitation the authority to issue a summons to the person who's responsible for fliers left on your property if there's a sign posted on your property that warns against fliers being left. Also, fliers should not be left on City property, including building and trees. There are other restrictions delineated in the law.
- 8) The Pooper Scooper law has increased the fine from \$50 to \$100 for dog owners who don't clean up after their dogs. There's a State law that raises the fine to \$250.

Mr. Terranova's presentation was enlightening and addressed most of the Committee's complaints. He also promised to speak at our general Community Board meeting in September or October 2008.

Please report any complaints or concerns to District Manager Greene-Walker at (718) 385-0323. Also, remember that it is our responsibility to take care of our community and protect the environment.

Anyone who is interested in sanitation and environmental issues is welcome to join the Committee.

Someone asked if the rule concerning the placement of fliers on government property applied to postings that advertise a block party or a missing pet?

Rev. Ukaegbu stated that such advertisements may not be placed on governmental property, a property owner may place them on their property if they so desire.

Someone asked if the new rules are currently being enforced or will the Department of Sanitation wait until they publish their new Digest of Codes?

Rev. Ukaegbu stated the rules are on the books as of the dates she stated respective of the particular rule and are enforceable.

Someone asked with respect to the Pooper-Scooper law, how can we get Sanitation to enforce the law?

Rev. Ukaegbu stated that she was informed that dog owners have a tendency to walk their pets on a schedule of sorts. If you have a complaint concerning a violation of the law, you should contact the Community Board office or 3-1-1 with information that includes the time and place of the violation, and a description of the dog. Sanitation Enforcement will then monitor the area in an attempt to observe the violation first-hand.

A motion was made by Ms. Yolanda Matthews, seconded by Rev. Joseph Norton to accept the report of the Sanitation and Environmental Protection Committee.

Mr. Henry Hill, member of the Senior Citizens Affairs Committee, reported that the Committee met on May 21, 2008 with representatives from Neighborhood Health Providers who shared information about Medicare Part D-Prescription Drug Plan.

In offering the Part D-Prescription Drug Plan, Neighborhood Health Providers give it to you based upon your doctor and medication that you take. The benefits package includes additional medical, dental, vision, unlimited services to the doctor, out of state coverage, durable medical equipment, home health aide services, private doctor visits, transportation, and other services.

If you have Medicaid and Medicare and you age into Medicare, a plan is automatically chosen for you until you can select a plan that's best suited for you. If you have Medicare alone, you must select a plan yourself. If you don't select a prescription drug plan, you're penalized 1% of your social security benefit.

There are 3 different enrollment periods:

- 1) Special Enrollment from March 31 to November 15
- 2) Open Enrollment (Medicare only) from November 15 to December 31
- 3) Annual Election Period from January 1 to March 31.

For more information about Neighborhood Health Providers, call (888) 815-9822 or (866) 345-0013.

A motion was made by Elder Devon Ponds, seconded by Ms. Sadie McNamara and carried to accept the report of the Senior Citizens Affairs Committee.

District Manager Viola Greene-Walker, in behalf of Ms. Daisy Jackson, Chairperson of the Youth Services Planning Committee, reported that the Youth Services Planning Committee met on May 5<sup>th</sup> and May 20<sup>th</sup> to continue discussing and finalizing plans for its 2008 Teen Conference schedule for Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. at CAMBA Beacon /I.S 271 School, located at 1137 Herkimer Street.

Even though this is a teen conference for children between the ages of 13 and 19, the Committee wants to encourage the attendance of everyone, especially parents who might benefit from some

of the workshops such as gang violence. They are aware that there is gang activity in our community but oftentimes parents are unaware of the identifying signs of gang membership such as color of clothing, speech pattern, etc..

Other workshop topics are: 1) Maintaining Your Power in the Midst of Controversy, 2) Surviving College Life (and Peer Pressure), 3) Health and HIV/AIDS, 4) Your Voice Matters (The Power of Voting), 5) Entrepreneurship, and 6) Coping with Domestic Violence.

Attendance by members of the Board is especially encouraged. We must all be involved in order to ensure that our youth are provided with the tools that will help them succeed in today's society.

Please contact the Board's Office at (718) 385-0323 if you have questions or need additional information about the conference.

The next Youth Conference Planning Committee meeting will be held on Monday, June 2, 2008, 6:00p.m..

A motion was made by Elder Devon Ponds, seconded by Rev. Miran Ukaegbu and carried to accept the report of the Youth Services Planning Committee.

Chairperson Younger recognized Ms. Deborah Mack, Chairperson of the Transportation Committee.

Ms. Mack stated that a few months ago the Committee distributed contact information for our local elected officials in order to have the community perform an email and telephone blitz to address the transportation issues affecting Community District #16. The Committee has not received any feedback from the community with regard to any response that may have been made by the officials. The Committee encourages everyone to continue to contact the elected officials concerning these issues and inform the Board of any feedback that they may receive.

She also encourages the community to reach out to the Community Board and voice their concerns and comments on issues that affect us.

Chairperson Younger reminded the audience of the actions of Mr. Erick Fischer who saw problems with the Post Office on Bristol Street and called them to the attention of the Board. A meeting was arranged with officials from the Postal Service wherein commitments were made for a number of improvements. She urges the audience to let the Board know whether or not the Postal Service is following through on their promises.

It is this type of interaction, between the community and the Board that will allow us to obtain what we need in the community.

Chairperson Younger acknowledged the presence of Ms. Corrine Turner and Mr. Dimitrius Bartholomew of the Municipal Arts Society.

She recognized Councilmember Darlene Mealy.

Councilmember Mealy stated that her Jobs to Build On program has placed about 75 people in full-benefit union jobs thus far. There are still about 50 positions available and she encourages anyone who is seeking work to reach out to her office at 1757 Union Street. Her Office worked for nearly a year in order to make these positions available to ex-felons, parolees, and probationers. We need to remember that many of these individuals are nephews and brothers, nieces and sisters who are sleeping on our sofas. These jobs can help them get back on their feet.

Someone asked what type of jobs are available?

Councilmember Mealy stated that there are construction, culinary arts, nurse's aide, administration, and driving positions available.

Chairperson Younger asked if the positions were only open to felons.

Councilmember Mealy stated that the positions are open to anyone who is at least 16 years old (with appropriate working papers) and has earned either a high school or a general equivalency diploma.

She reminds block and tenant associations to place their request for funds for their summer block parties.

Chairperson Younger recognized Ms. Latrice Walker from the Office of Congresswoman Yvette Clarke.

Ms. Walker stated that the Congresswoman's Office will host the second of a series of forums on immigration and naturalization on Saturday May, 31, 2008 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the lecture hall of SUNY Downstate Medical Center, located at 395 Lenox Road between New York Avenue and East 32<sup>nd</sup> Street.

The forums are designed to assist immigrants obtain legal residency and citizenship in the United States.

Representative Clarke will also sponsor a town hall meeting on veterans' affairs on June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Old First Reform Church, located at 729 Carroll Street at the corner of Seventh Avenue in Park Slope, Brooklyn. She invites the veterans of Brownsville to attend this event. There will be representatives from the Department of Veterans Affairs and from the Black Veterans for Social Justice present.

The telephone number to Representative Clarke's office is (718) 287-1142.

Chairperson Younger recognized Ms. Ry-Ann Hermon from the Office of Assemblyman William F. Boyland, Jr..

Ms. Hermon stated that funds have been appropriated for the renovation of the I.R.T. #3 elevated train stations which include the Sutter Avenue-Rutland Road, Saratoga Avenue, Rockaway Avenue, and Junius Street stations.

Efforts are in place to rename/co-name the following streets: Rockaway Avenue in honor of Rev. Joe L. Parker, Pastor of Wayside Baptist Church, and East New York Avenue in honor of Ronald Ward, long-time community activist and President of the Howard Houses Tenants Association.

She reminds block associations to place their request for assistance to the Assemblyman's office as soon as possible for their summer block parties and that the Assemblyman's monthly advisory meetings are held here at 444 Thomas S. Boyland Street on the second Saturday of each month. You may also call his office at (718) 498-8681 with any concerns.

Chairperson Younger recognized Mr. William Whitaker from the Office of Borough President Marty Markowitz.

Mr. Whitaker stated that Brooklyn Summer HEAT (Help Employ Ambitious Teens), the Borough President's summer youth employment program, is accepting summer employment applications from teens between the ages of 16 and 18 for the HEAT program.

He added to the comments of Councilmember Mealy by stating that Brooklyn Community Districts 3, 8, and 16 combined have the largest number of returning prisoners in the State of New York. Borough President Markowitz is a staunch supporter of the Second Chance Act which seeks to address some of the issues facing formerly incarcerated persons. He urges everyone to be supportive of programs that allow this population to become productive members of our society.

Chairperson Younger recognized Ms. Essie Duggan, representing Senator Velmanette Montgomery, who stated that Senator Montgomery has compiled a list of resources for persons who have been affected by the current mortgage crisis. She urges the audience to take advantage of the list and to share the information with others who may not be present.

Chairperson Younger recognized officers of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Precinct led by Deputy Inspector Jeffrey Maddrey, Commanding Officer of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Precinct.

Deputy Inspector Maddrey stated that crime for the year is down overall. The month of May, however, has been harsh particularly as it relates to shooting incidents.

During the past two and a half years, it was said that gangs are prevalent in Brownsville but they are not the primary cause of shooting incidents. This is no longer the case. Recent shootings have shown strong gang ties to either or both the shooters or the victims. This is especially true of the eastern end of the Precinct in the area of Howard, and Glenmore Houses and the schools in that area. Skirmishes involving young men as young as 13 and 14 years old seeking to establish a reputation within a particular gang are common. The Community Affairs Officers, Detective Dean Elmore and Officer Dawn Townsend, are reaching out to some of the parents by visiting them at home (sometimes as late as midnight or 1:00 a.m.) in an attempt to involve the parents. He asked that the community be watchful of the young people and to be mindful of who they hangout with.

He and Lieutenant Stevenson have been working on their strategies to address crime in the coming summer season. He or Lieutenant Stevenson will be there on any given Saturday to facilitate the shutdown of block parties that run over their permitted times. History has shown that when the parties run late, they attract outsiders and oftentimes lead to fights.

Someone asked if the Department is doing anything to dissuade crime near the area train stations?

Deputy Inspector Maddrey stated that they are aware of the problem, specifically young women with cell phones and portable music players are being targeted. The crime usually occurs when the victim is distracted, text messaging or talking on the phone, and is oblivious of his/her surroundings. It is prevalent along the Fulton Street stations and the Broadway Junction Station. Captain Lehr of Transit District #33 is also aware of the problem and together they have been assigning additional resources to the area.

Detective Dean Elmore, Community Affairs Officer, stated that he is a coach for the Mo' Better Jaguars Football Team and they are currently recruiting children ages 5 to 15 years old and weighing up to 145 pounds. The team practices at Betsy Head Park and plays in New Jersey. They are aspiring to make it to the championship game which will be held at Disneyworld in Orlando, Florida. He can be reached by calling (718) 495-5422 or (646) 373-8949.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Dr. Cade Jones, III, seconded by Ms. Eula Key and carried to adjourn the meeting.