

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD #16 – May 28, 2013

Attendance

David Alexander (E)	John McCadney, Jr.
Carolyn A. Benjamin-Smith	Leslie McCalla
Margaret Brewer	Andrea McCullough
Lamont Carolina (A)	Sadie McNamara (E)
Adrainer Coleman	Genese Morgan
Christopher Durosinni	Terry Norfleet (A)
Essie Duggan	Rev. Joseph Norton
Norman Frazier (E)	Blanche L. Peltonbusch (E)
Shirley Gonsalves	Marie Pierre
Daniel Goodine	Rev. Devon Ponds (E)
Chanel Haliburton	Mattie Pusey (E)
Sarah Hall	Linda Rivera
Jessie Hilliard (A)	Melaine Rochford (A)
Michael Howard	Wendy Rutherford
Allene Ingram (A)	Beatrice Saunds
Min. Prince Issachar (A)	Evang. Hellen Thomas-Purdie
Daisy Jackson	Ernestine Turner
Minyarn Johnson (A)	Rev. Dr. Miran Ukaegbu (E)
Carl Joseph	Yvette Williams-Lawson
Derrick Joseph (A)	Patricia Winston
Pamela Junior (E)	Viola D. Greene-Walker, District Manager
Eula Key	E. Jane Coleman, Assistant District Manager
Bettie Kollock-Wallace	Jimmi Brevil, Community Assistant
Charles Ladson, Sr. (A)	Christopher Lundy for Hon. Hakeem Jeffries
Quardean Lewis-Allen	Maurice Phillips for Hon. John Sampson
Deborah Mack (E)	Wanda Mercado for Hon. Darlene Mealy
James Mack	Kevin Parris for Hon. Marty Markowitz
Yolanda Matthews	

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

Chairperson Bettie Kollock-Wallace called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and an invocation was given by Rev. Joseph Norton.

District Manager Greene-Walker highlighted the following articles found in her report:

- **Request for Proposals** - The New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) is seeking one or more consultants to design and operate temporary activation programs to bring economic activity, retail diversification, and worker support services to City-owned vacant lots in Brownsville and East New York through the Vacant Lot Temporary Activation Program. Fifteen (15) lots will be available through the Program.

Detailed submission guidelines and requirements are outlined in this RFP which can be downloaded at <http://www.nycedc.com/opportunity/vacant-lot-temporary-activation-program-consultant-services-rfp>. In addition to being able to download the document, the RFP is available for in-person pick-up between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, from NYCEDC, 110 William Street, 6th floor, New York, New York (between Fulton & John Streets). Responses are due no later than July 1, 2013. Please submit Seven (7) copies of your proposal to: NYCEDC, 110 William Street, 6th Floor, New York, New York 10038, Attention: Maryann Catalano, Senior Vice President of Contracts.

- **Brownsville Community Justice Center** - The Brownsville Community Justice Center, located at 444 Thomas S. Boyland Street, offers programs for young people between the ages of 13 and 24. They are currently recruiting participants for the following programs:
 - **Brownsville Youth Court** - Teenagers are trained to serve as jurors, judges and advocates, handling real-life cases involving their peers. The goal of the

Brownsville Youth Court is to use positive peer pressure to ensure that young people who have committed minor offenses restore harm done to the community. Contact Sharese Crouther at (347) 404-9582 or scrouter@courts.state.ny.us for more information.

- **Juvenile Offender Intervention Network (JOIN)** - Youth with court or probation involvement receive wraparound services that address family, school, substance abuse and mental health needs. Participants also receive paid internships and after-school opportunities. Contact Viviana Gordon at (347) 404-9940 or vgordon@courts.state.ny.us for more information.
- **Youth Justice Board** - An after-school program that brings together young people to study and propose solutions to the issues that most affect them. Contact Linda Baird at (646) 386-5925 or lbaird@courts.state.ny.us for more information.
- **Brownsville Anti-Violence Project Youth Advisory Board** - Members of the Youth Advisory Board will guide the agenda of the Brownsville Anti-Violence Project's public education campaign. Group 2 applications are due by November 1st. Contact Erica Mateo at (917) 561-9476 emateo@courts.state.ny.us for more information.
- **Brownsville Justice Community** - Youth who have been involved with the criminal justice system in the past year receive GED and college assistance, a paid internship placement, professional development training and participate in community benefit projects with a paid stipend of up to \$1,400 over 6 months. The application deadline is June 15th. Contact Benjamin Smith at (347) 404-9585 or bsmith@courts.state.ny.us for more information.
- **PhotoVoice** - A 6-week participatory photography program in which art is used as a tool for social change and gives young people a platform to represent their community. The application deadline is June 21st. Contact Viviana Gordon at (347) 404-9940 or vgordon@courts.state.ny.us for more information.
- **New York Juvenile Justice Corps** - An AmeriCorps national service program that offers volunteer (age 18 and older) opportunities through a network of local and national non-profit groups to meet our nation's most critical needs. The Juvenile Justice Corps seeks to prevent young people in New York City from becoming immersed in the criminal justice system. There are fifty-eight slots available with paid stipends of \$12,100/year and an education award of \$5,550 which can be used toward tuition or student loans. The application deadline is August 15th. Contact Viviana Gordon at (347) 404-9940 or vgordon@courts.state.ny.us for more information.
- **Community Benefit Projects** - Ongoing opportunities for one-shot stipends for participating in community benefit projects to beautify the neighborhood and create visible change (past projects include mural arts, graffiti removal, gardening, and community clean-ups). The program is open to youth 16 to 24 years and has a stipend of \$25/day. Contact Viviana Gordon at (347) 404-9940 or vgordon@courts.state.ny.us for more information.

There are other time sensitive grants included in her report and she urged that it be read on a timely basis and the instructions followed for programs of interest to the reader.

District Manager Viola Greene-Walker, in behalf of Ms. Genese Morgan, Chairperson of the Economic Development Committee, reported that the Committee held a meeting on Thursday, May 16, 2013.

As a follow-up to the announcement at last month's meeting, the Committee would like to remind the community that the Request for Proposal (RFP) regarding the NYC Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) LINK Initiative – Vacant Lot Activation Program is now available. Interested individuals or groups can download a copy of the RFP from the NYCEDC website: www.nycedc.com/link and select Vacant Lot Activation Program or by pick-up from 110 Williams Street, 6th Floor, New York, New York (between Fulton & John Streets). Respondents may submit questions and/or request clarifications from NYCEDC no later than

12:00 p.m. on May 29, 2013. Questions regarding the subject matter of this RFP should be directed to vacantlots@nycedc.com.

The deadline for submission of proposals related to the RFP is due by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 1, 2013. The LINK Initiative – Vacant Lot Activation Program will use vacant city owned land which is being made available to business owners for approximately 12 months at no cost and is intended to increase access to employment opportunities and foster economic development within the East New York and Brownsville neighborhoods. Business owners will be responsible for the cost associated with setting up and operating the pop-up shop locations. NYCEDC expects to have a limited amount of grants available to assist the businesses that are selected from the RFP process.

If anyone has any questions or comments regarding the contents of this report, please feel free to contact Genese Morgan at genesemor@aol.com.

Ms. Margaret Brewer, Chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee, reported that on Wednesday, May 8, 2013, she attended the Magnolia House Women's Shelter Community Advisory Board meeting. The Director, Ms. Julia DiGiacoma, shared information on upcoming events encompassing neighborhood beautification with flowers and plants.

While there, she took the opportunity to discuss the Committee's concerns regarding the facility's residents, such as the unfavorable visual conditions of the area surrounding the facility located at 1424 Herkimer Street, as well as the matters of trespassing on the private properties and public safety to name a few.

Ms. DiGiacoma offered many reasons for why the issues exist and stated they had been resolved. In attendance were property owners who stated that these issues have been raised in the past, efforts were made, however, the fix was temporary and the conditions have returned and worsened.

It was suggested that Ms. DiGiacoma place a sanitation complaint with 311, obtain a service request number, and call the Board's office with the number for follow up. She complied.

District Manager Viola Greene-Walker contacted our Sanitation Superintendent and received a commitment to monitor and clean the area regularly.

On May 9, 2013, the Health and Human Services Committee met with Mr. Zoblacki of the Department of Homeless Services (DHS), who came to give the Committee an overview of DHS services and street/shelter statistics.

The Committee had the opportunity to discuss with Mr. Zoblacki the many issues the community is experiencing with the facilities and programs that DHS supports in Community District #16. The Committee provided Mr. Zoblacki with a list of troubled locations along with the complaints. Mr. Zoblacki has committed to arranging a roundtable discussion with the facility directors, NYPD and the DHS to resolve the community's issues as well as bring the attention necessary to help (re) integrate this population into our community as seamlessly as possible.

Each Committee of Community Board #16 is being asked to participate in a "Year End Information Recap" which will be held prior to our September Community Board meeting. Additional information will follow.

Noise Complaints in the 73rd Precinct has been updated to a priority. However, the disturbances in public housing sectors continue. NYCHA will need to be involved in enforcement. The Committee will continue to reach out for support from NYCHA. More public notification is suggested.

The Committee will meet again on June 13, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at 444 Thomas S. Boyland Street - Room 103. All ideas are welcome, if there are any topics or concerns you would like to bring to the Committee's attention, feel free to do so.

The audience was requested to share the information from tonight's meeting with at least one more person.

District Manager Viola Greene-Walker, in behalf of Ms. Bettie Kollock- Wallace, Chairperson of the Land Use, Planning and Zoning Committee, reported that the Committee met on May 14,

2013 with representatives from New York City Habitat for Humanity who gave an update on their proposal to construct 15 two-bedroom condominium units on a vacant, City-owned lot at Mother Gaston Boulevard and Dean Street. Construction is scheduled to begin in July 2013 and be completed in September 2014.

Qualified households must earn between 50% and 80% of the city's area median income, adjusted for household size (\$42,950 to \$68,720 for a family of four). Applicants must be first-time homebuyers. The Units will cost approximately \$183,000. Homebuyers will pay 1% down payment and assume a 2%, 30-year, fixed rate mortgage.

As additional information becomes available to the Committee, they will share it with the community.

Ms. Andrea McCullough, in behalf of Ms. Marie Pierre, Chairperson of the Legislative Committee, reported that the Committee met on Wednesday, May 13, 2013 and discussed the issue of gun control legislation which has yet to be passed by Congress.

The Committee is in the process of creating a petition to be circulated in the community and online which will call upon our Congressional representatives to pass legislation requiring mandatory background checks on all firearms, especially handguns which are prevalent in the community.

Mr. John McCadney, Jr., Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, reported that the Committee met May 17, 2013 and discussed names of Board members to fill Executive Offices for the period from June 2013 to June 2014.

The Committee submitted the following recommendations for consideration by the membership:

Chairperson – Bettie Kollock-Wallace
1st Vice Chairperson – Genese Morgan
2nd Vice Chairperson – Pamela Junior
Secretary – Daisy Jackson
Treasurer – Sarah Hall
Parliamentarian – Daniel Goodine

The floor was opened for further nominations. There were none.

Chairperson Kollock-Wallace expressed appreciation for the work and effort that Mr. Kofi Hormeku has put forth as Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Committee and encouraged him to reapply for membership on the Community Board.

Mr. Hormeku stated that since moving to Brownsville in 1972, he has always been committed to the betterment of the community and learned how to effectively gain the attention of our local elected officials.

There are ongoing issues with the Brownsville Recreation Center and Betsy Head Park. The issues are being addressed and we will soon see the results. Houston Playground was recently renovated and the work came out well. However, he is disappointed that plantings that were placed in the park were removed and no one is coming forward with information regarding who may be the culprit.

While he will no longer chair the Parks and Recreation Committee, he intends to continue submitting a monthly survey of the parks and will be available to the Board if needed. He would like to see projects at the Brownsville Recreation Center, Betsy Head Park, and one other park through to their completion, provided it is acceptable to the Board.

Ms. Patricia Winston, in behalf of Ms. Essie Duggan, Chairperson of the Senior Citizens Affairs Committee, reported that members of the Committee met on Wednesday, May 15, 2013 at the John Walter Edwards Senior Residences, located at 1704 St. John's Place between Howard and Ralph Avenues.

They discussed and planned an agenda for their next meeting that will be held on Wednesday, June 19th, at the Saratoga Square Senior Center, located at 930 Halsey Street between Saratoga Avenue and Broadway. They plan to provide the seniors with information about the proposed changes to Medicaid and other healthcare benefits.

Please call the Board's office at (718) 385-0323 if you would like to receive a meeting notice.

Mr. John McCadney, Jr., Chairperson of the Transportation and Franchises Committee, reported that the Committee held a public meeting on May 9, 2013 with the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) regarding the Highland Park-East New York Transportation Study. The study area is bounded by Sutter Avenue on the south, Mother Gaston Boulevard to Eastern Parkway on the west, Bushwick Avenue to Highland Park on the north, Cleveland Street on the east and encompasses portions of Community Districts 16 and 5.

The purpose of the study is to examine traffic and transportation issues, evaluate traffic network capacity for increased development density, and make recommendations to improve safety and traffic operations.

Data collection will begin this month and DOT expects to issue a final report by June 2014.

The Committee has reviewed a request by Councilmember Charles Barron to co-name Linden Boulevard and Powell Street "Gregory "Jocko" Jackson Boulevard".

The following resolution is being offered to extend the boundary to Thomas S. Boyland Street which encompasses the building where Gregory Jackson lived:

Whereas, Gregory "Jocko" Jackson was born on August 2, 1951 in Brownsville where he spent his formative years, and

Whereas, Gregory "Jocko" Jackson later graduated from college and played professional basketball before returning to his beloved community where he became known as a tireless community advocate and the "unofficial Mayor of Brownsville", and

Whereas, Gregory "Jocko" Jackson was Director of the Brownsville Recreation Center where he played basketball as a youth and in 1997 became Director, and

Whereas, Gregory "Jocko" Jackson worked tirelessly to create a neighborhood hub at the Brownsville Recreation Center where he mentored countless young people and provided a safe haven where they were engaged in constructive activities,

Be It Resolved that Community Board #16 supports legislation to co-name Linden Boulevard between Thomas S. Boyland Street and Van Sinderen Avenue "Gregory "Jocko" Jackson Boulevard".

District Manager Greene-Walker, in behalf of Ms. Pamela M. Junior, Chairperson of the Women's Committee, reported that the Committee met on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 to discuss identifying mental health providers, preferably in the Ocean Hill-Brownsville community, who would be qualified and available to make a presentation to the community at either the September or October community meeting. Discussion was also had as to possible ways to draw the community in to receive the information from the mental health providers. Over the next few weeks, the Committee will research different approaches so that the information will be well received by the community.

The District Attorney's office will make a follow-up presentation on child abuse on behalf of the Committee, at the June 25, 2013 Community Board meeting.

The next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, June 18, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. via conference call.

If you have any issues that you want the Committee to address, please contact Ms. Junior at pjunior2@aol.com.

All are welcome to join the Committee.

Ms. Daisy Jackson, Chairperson of the Youth Services Planning Committee, reported that on May 23, 2013, the Committee met to discuss a new direction. Their new mission is to combine resources of the various youth organizations within the Ocean Hill-Brownsville community for

collaboration.

The goal is to broaden the scope of possibilities for District 16 youth. It is their hope that exposing and involving our youth to larger playing fields will afford them greater opportunities for success. And while the Committee recognizes youth organizations as powerful standalones, they understand that by linking resources together creates a united front, an unbreakable force, providing a cohesion which produces far greater results. The Committee will serve as the link that binds these organizations together.

Going forward, each Committee member shall adopt a youth organization, learn all there is to know about that organization, spend time with their agenda, and bring back to the table those ideas which can be combined for joint ventures. The Committee's goal is to create up to two joint ventures each year. This initiative shall be called Coop United in the Possibilities for Youth in District-16 (CUPYD-16).

CUPYD-16 is the appropriate acronym to empower and push this agenda forward. This initiative is a foreseeable winner in all directions, providing more exposure to all participants. Committee is excited about this initiative and look forward to the next meeting scheduled for June 18, 2013 at 6:00 p.m..

Someone stated that the youth are unaware of the Board's Youth Services Planning Committee meetings. How are they advertised?

Ms. Jackson stated that at each month's Community Board meeting, the Committee reports on their activities for that month and announce the date and time for the next meeting. She invited anyone who is interested to join the Committee.

Chairperson Kollock-Wallace recognized Mr. Christopher Lundy, representing Congressman Hakeem Jeffries.

Mr. Lundy stated that he has been appointed to be the liaison to Community Board #16 and he looks forward to representing Congressman Jeffries at these meetings. Congressman Jeffries has opened a new office at 55 Hanson Place to supplement his office in Coney Island. He also plans to open an office in Central Brooklyn in the future. He invites the community to visit their offices and express their federal government concerns.

He heard concerns around gun control tonight and stated that Congressman Jeffries sits on the Judiciary Committee which looks at gun control. Community Board #16 should submit their petition to Congressman Jeffries when it is ready so that he can advocate on behalf of the community.

Congressman Jeffries also sits on the Budget Committee where they review finance and foreclosures. Foreclosures continue to be a problem and they will host a forum on May 29th.

Another issue they come across frequently is that of identity theft. Congressman Jeffries advises that you take care when disposing of documents which may contain identifying information about you. Criminals will go through trash to obtain the information and then have credit cards issued and accrue debt in your name. Getting banks to help after the fact is at best, difficult. Congressman Jeffries 55 Hanson Street office can be reached by calling (718) 237-2211.

Mr. M. Morton Hall asked if Congressman Jeffries has plans to open an office in northeast Brooklyn?

Mr. Lundy stated that when sequestration ends he will.

Mr. Kevin Paris, representing Borough President Marty Markowitz, stated that the Borough President has invited Brooklyn high school students to make submissions in the form of a story, poem, essay, spoken word, or rap for the 8th annual "Brooklyn Lit Match" teen writing contest, a competition held in conjunction with the Brooklyn Book Festival. The winning submissions will be published in a collection and the first place winner will receive a laptop computer. All students who are Brooklyn residents or attend high school in Brooklyn are welcome to submit.

New and current Board members are requested to attend a swearing in ceremony and information session at Borough Hall on June 26th, at 6:00 p.m.. They will be providing updated information on land use issues and block association information.

Mr. Maurice Phillips, representing Senator John Sampson, stated that the Senator has assembled a packet for formerly incarcerated persons who are re-entering our communities. The packet can be obtained from his website or at his offices.

Ms. Wanda Mercado, representing Councilmember Darlene Mealy, stated that ever since she was employed by Councilmember Mealy, everything she has done has been about Councilmember Mealy, not about Wanda Mercado. A phone call was made to Councilmember Mealy's office concerning comments that she (Ms. Mercado) made at last month's Community Board meeting. The caller insinuated that she was praising other elected officials. That is not what she did. Are we not all supposed to be on the same page? Did she say something wrong when she said that Mr. Phillips and Latrice who represents Congresswoman Clarke- that our offices can assist you. She felt offended because they all work together.

Councilmember Mealy will host her monthly Advisory Board meeting on Saturday, June 1st, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at the Trinity Methodist Church, located at 1148 Eastern Parkway between Utica and Rochester Avenues. On the agenda are legislative updates, a presentation by a representative of the New York State Attorney General's office on identity theft, and representatives from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene will discuss meningitis and its prevention, and the free discount prescription card. Everyone is invited to attend.

Councilmember Mealy, in collaboration with Senator Eric Adams, will host a job fair on Thursday, June 6, 2013, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at P.S. 375, located at 46 McKeever Place. Job seekers should dress in business attire and bring plenty of resumes.

Councilmember Mealy is also sponsoring Brooklyn Arts Council's presentation of Elders Share the Arts performance and workshops entitled Pearls of Wisdom on Wednesday, May 29th, at 10:00 a.m., at P.S. 28, located at 1001 Herkimer Street. The Pearls of Wisdom are a touring ensemble of senior storytellers who bring history to life through their tales. All are invited to this free program.

On Wednesday, June 19th, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at P.S. 323, located at 210 Chester Street, Councilmember Mealy will sponsor her second annual Greg "Jocko" Jackson Brownsville Film Festival. The community is encouraged to attend.

She can be reached by calling Councilmember Mealy's office at (718) 953-3097.

Ms. Essie Duggan, representing Senator Velmanette Montgomery, stated that Meals-on-Wheels is a program that is near and dear to Senator Montgomery and herself. There is no reason why any senior in New York should not be able to have at least one nutritious meal each day. There are those who may feel that they may not qualify for the program because they have income from Social Security and/or a pension. She encourages them to apply anyway if they are struggling to put food on their table.

There are many programs available to our community which are not being accessed by us. She encourages the audience to work cooperatively to help the community prosper.

On behalf of Rev. Acey Pettaway and the 73rd Precinct Clergy Council, she announced that they will be will conducting a "Community Corners" movement from Thursday through Saturday June 6th from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. through August. Volunteers are being sought to provide mentoring services and prayer to the youth of the community. They are not seeking to judge but rather to offer hope and inspiration to youth who may be caught up in gang life and are seeking a way out. Interested persons should provide their contact information to Ms. Margaret Brewer at the end of tonight's meeting.

A young man from the community expressed his concerns about the plight of the youth of Brownsville.

Ms. Duggan encouraged him to join in their efforts to reach out to the youth and be a role model to them.

Chairperson Kollock-Wallace recognized Captain Charles Minch of the 73rd Precinct.

Captain Minch stated that he is the Executive Officer of the 73rd Precinct and also oversees Operation Impact within the Precinct. Brownsville is as safe as it has been in a long while.

Violent crimes are down 187 incidents year to date. Shootings are down 3 year-to-date – last year they had 69 which tied with 2 other years for the lowest number in 20 years. They are on pace to surpass that record low for the past 20 years. The Precinct is down 6 murders/homicides year-to-date and they've removed 21 guns from the streets.

He attended a Grandmothers Against Violence to promote anti-violence in the community. Considering the inclement weather, they had a great turnout.

They will be losing some of the officers who are currently assigned to the Impact Zone but they will be replaced with new officers from the graduating class from the Police Academy. Whenever he speaks at these events he encourages the public to interact with the officers and get to know them. He also encourage his officers to interact with the public as they patrol. They are new to the job and the community and some may be nervous, interacting will help everyone adapt to each other.

Police Officer Keoma Boone stated that she was also at the Grandmothers Against Violence event and was both pleased and saddened by the turnout. She was pleased to see so many elders of the community trying to take our streets back. However, she was saddened that they were the ones who were there when they should be relaxing and enjoying their twilight years. She would like to have seen more people from the younger generation taking part in taking back their community.

She receives many calls from the community concerning crimes and conditions. Some people leave their names while other call anonymously. Either way, she does follow-up on the calls and gets the information into the right hands. The telephone number for the Community Affairs Unit at the Precinct is (718) 495-5422.

Ms. Carolyn Benjamin-Smith stated that she is the Parent Coordinator at P.S. 156 (104 Sutter Avenue) and the parents and teachers played a basketball game against the police officers of the 73rd Precinct. She thanked the Precinct for their participation in what turned out to be a great event.

It was noted that a quorum was present and votes were taken as follows:

A motion was made by Ms. Linda Rivera, seconded by Ms. Daisy Jackson and carried to accept the minutes of last month's meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Daisy Jackson seconded by Ms. Linda Rivera, and carried to accept the District Manager's Report.

A motion was made by Ms. Essie Duggan, seconded by Mr. John McCadney, Jr. and carried to accept the report of the Economic Development Committee.

A motion was made by Ms. Daisy Jackson, seconded by Mr. Carl Joseph and carried to accept the report of the Health and Human Services Committee.

A motion was made by Ms. Essie Duggan, seconded by Ms. Daisy Jackson and carried to accept the report of the Land Use, Planning, and Zoning Committee.

A motion was made by Rev. Joseph Norton, seconded by Ms. Linda Rivera and carried to accept the report of the Legislative Committee.

A motion was made by Ms. Linda Rivera, seconded by Ms. Daisy Jackson and carried to accept the report of the Nomination Committee.

A motion was made by Rev. Joseph Norton, seconded by Ms. Daisy Jackson and carried to accept the report of the Parks and Recreation Committee.

A motion was made by Ms. Daisy Jackson, seconded by Ms. Sarah Hall and carried to accept the report of the Senior Citizen Affairs Committee.

A motion was made by Ms. Yvette Williams-Lawson, seconded by Ms. Essie Duggan and carried to accept the report of the Transportation and Franchises Committee.

A motion was made by Ms. Essie Duggan, seconded by Mr. Carl Joseph and carried to accept the

report of the Women's Committee.

A motion was made by Ms. Yvette Williams-Lawson, seconded by Ms. Linda Rivera and carried to accept the report of the Youth Services Planning Committee.

Chairperson Kollock-Wallace recognized Ms. Melanie Lewis, representing Rapha Evangelistic Worship Center, Inc., its members, and their Senior Pastor Michael Turner Lewis, who invited the community to S.M.I.L.E. (So Much Inspiration, Love, and Empowerment. If you have an organization with information to share, they ask you to bring a table to the event and add to this informative, festive, and foundational experience on Saturday, June 29, 2013, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Saratoga Square Park, located on Saratoga Avenue between Halsey and Macon Streets. For more information, visit www.rapha.tv.

Chairperson Kollock-Wallace recognized Mr. Ricky Miller from the Renaissance Men's Shelter.

Mr. Miller stated that he is the Security Manager at the shelter which is located at 599 Ralph Avenue. It is a 200-bed shelter for homeless men with mental illness and chemical addiction. He is here tonight to let the community know that management is there to help the community with issues of loitering and other unlawful activities being committed by residents of the shelter. He works closely with Police Officer Boone of the 73rd Precinct to control these quality of life issues.

The shelter operates around the clock and management can always be reached by calling (718) 363-0814 and asking for the security manager, program manager, or the social service manager. It is their mission to prepare the residents to move out on their own and lead productive lives.

Ms. Essie Duggan asked who sponsors the facility?

Mr. Miller stated that they are sponsored by SCO Family of Services.

Ms. Duggan asked if the residents function independently?

Mr. Tyrone Johnson, Renaissance's Social Service Manager, stated that many of their clients are in recovery and those that have substance abuse issues and are not in recovery are counseled and programs are sought for them. Most of the clients are employed, either at jobs they self-obtained or at locations where counselors have worked with them to obtain. Some work within this community and others work outside the area.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.