



**MINUTES OF THE
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018
COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
OUR LADY OF VICTORY CHURCH
MCGUINNESS HALL
163 MACDONOUGH STREET
BROOKLYN, NY 11216**

Attendance:

Members Present: Babatunde Akowe, Felicia Alexander, Tywan Anthony, Anthony Buissereth, Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Pastor Gwendolyn Dingle, Richard Flateau, Keith Forest, Shia Greenfeld, Mary Jemison-Head, Oma Holloway, Everett Hughes, Tarris Iriarte, Dr. Kerliene Johnson, Marion Little, Dionicio Liz, Hardy "Joe" Long, Kenneth Mbonu, Melissa Plowden-Norman, C. Doris Pinn, Simone Pratt, Stacey Ruffin, Suzette Sheppard, Lydia Temples, Omar Walker, Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman, Douglas Williams, T. J. Wilson

Members Absent: Dr. Kim Best, Evelyn Collier, Taina Evans, Marc Abou-Faissal, Sharon Forbes, Gregory Glasgow, Kimberly Hill, Danelle Johnson, Edna Johnson, Dr. Debra Lamb, Dovie Matthews, Paulette Moorehead, Eldica Murray, Kwaku Payton, Santana Payton, Karen Rhau, Shekera Shehid, Jamella Swift, Chinyelu Udoh, Shanita Wells

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Father Alonzo Cox.

Fr. Cox announced that the church is celebrating its 50th Anniversary.

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON – Richard Flateau

Mr. Flateau thanked Father Cox for allowing the Board to use the McGuinness Hall for the meeting on such a short notice. He expressed his condolences to Mrs. Pinn for the loss of her husband.

He read the agenda into the record.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS & COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Carlos Ortiz – Department of Consumers Affairs

Mr. Ortiz announced that the Department of Consumer Affairs will be offering free tax preparation to individuals who earn \$66,000 or less at various locations. Flyers were available. For more information, please contact him at 212-436-0345 or at cortiz@dca.nyc.gov

Danielle Randa & Maria Luna – Safe Horizon Crime Victim's Assistance Program

The ladies introduced themselves and notified the residents of the program. They operate out of the 81st Precinct.

Candice Julien – Hon. Eric Adams

Ms. Julien reminded board members that it is time for re-appointments. She also informed that there will be an Open Data Training for members at Borough Hall on Tuesday, January 9th, beginning at 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

In addition, she stated that the Capital Budget applications are now open. For more information and any other issues, Ms. Julien can be reached at 718-802-3981.

Shakti Robbins – Hon. Velmanette Montgomery

Ms. Robbins provided 2018 parking calendars and community reports

Amanda Robinson – Hon. Tremaine Wright

Assembly Member Robinson will be offering assistance with the NYS Tax Relief Program (STAR) every Wednesday in her office.

Darrell Oliver – Hon. Laurie Cumbo

Mr. Oliver can be reached at 718-260-9191.

Shelton Jones – Brooklyn District Attorney

Mr. Jones stated that on December 20th, a conviction was overturned for a man who was imprisoned since 1988 for a crime he did not commit. He added, as of date there have been 24 overturned convictions.

He reminded everyone to call the Action Center at 718-250-2340 or call him at 718-250-3146 with any issues.

Olanike Alabi – 57th Assembly District Leader

Ms. Alabi offered her condolences to Mrs. Pinn on the loss of her husband.

Det. Tanesha Facey & P.O. Trinesha Alford – 81st Precinct

Det. Facey introduced her new partner. They are the NCO officers for “Sector C” which covers Monroe Street to Atlantic Avenue and Marcus Garvey Blvd to Malcolm X Blvd.

Timothy Harrell – Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB)

Mr. Harrell informed the residents that the CCRB holds public monthly meetings at 100 Church Street, 10th floor. On January 10th, they will be hosting a Town Hall at the Queens Library, in Long Island City on Police and Community Relations. It will begin at 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. For more information, please call 212-912-7280.

Emily Mateo – Hon. Walter Mosley

Assembly Member Mosley will host his 5th Annual Job Fair on January 26th, at 55 Hanson Place, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

LaMeane Isaac – Brooklyn Public Library/Macon Branch

Ms. Isaac stated that the library is also offering free tax preparation beginning on January 22nd through April 15th.

On January 13th, the Macon Branch will host a Martin Luther King program at 1:00 p.m. There will be a screening of “Selma”.

Oma Holloway – Bridge Street Development Corp.

Ms. Holloway announced that on January 11th, Free Legal Clinic will be offered from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m., at 456D Nostrand Avenue.

On January 13th, the Bed Stuy Alliance will hold their meeting at 10:30 a.m.

MyBase is currently accepting applications for a paid internship for young adults between the ages of 16-24 years who are out of school and work. The program begins on March 6th. The minimum wage is now \$13.00. an hour.

She added that there will a Small Business Boot Camp for businesses in Bedford Stuyvesant and Brownsville. The deadline to apply is January 17th. It will provide consulting services, assistance with business plan, etc.

Hon. Alicka Samuel

The newly appointed Council Member introduced three of her staff. Her new office will be at 400 Rockaway Avenue, 2nd floor however, it is not ready. She can be reached at 212-788- 7387 at 250 Broadway, 17th floor.

Council Member Samuel announced that a public meeting will be held to address the issues at the Brooklyn Collegiate High School. It will be held at 2021 Bergen Street.

Stefani Zinerman – Hon. Robert Cornegy, Jr.

Ms. Zinerman informed the audience that there be will be “GetCoveredNYC” event will be held on January 9th, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Daniel Fisher – 81st Precinct Community Council

Mr. Fisher reminded everyone that the 81st Precinct Council meeting will be held on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at 1958 Fulton Street.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

P.O. Shalisa Bland – 81st Precinct; P.O. Christopher Charles – 79th Precinct; P. O. Robin Edwards – PSA3; P. O. Nwajei Keneji – PSA3; Minister. Candace Simpson – Concord Baptist Church; Wilma Cayson – Quincy Street Block Association.

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT – Henry L. Butler

Mr. Butler informed the audience that the new website is scheduled to launch tomorrow.

I. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

A. Transportation, Sanitation & Environment Committee:

NYC Department of Sanitation on the design of Community Board 3 new Sanitation Garage was tabled.

B. Civic & Public Safety Committee:

The organization “Save Our Streets” (S.O.S) discussed the five programs at the Crown Heights Community Mediation Center

Stacey Ruffin, Committee Chair introduced David Grant, Community Engagement Liaison

Mr. Grant explained that S.O.S is one of the many programs at the Crown Heights Mediation Center. Its aim is to eliminate shootings and violence on the streets of Crown Heights and Bedford Stuyvesant. “Make it Happen” and other programs are geared towards youth between the ages of 14 – 24 years. The center is located at 256 Kingston Avenue.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Economic Development Committee:

Alcohol Beverage Control License Application for Franklin Hospitality Group LLC (dba Golda), located at 504 Franklin Avenue between Fulton & Hancock Streets.
Tywan Anthony, Committee Chair introduced Ronny Kaj, Owner

Mr. Kaj stated that the restaurant will provide New American with a Middle Eastern menu. The hours of operation will be 6:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and after they receive the license they will close at 11:30 p.m.

Questions & Answers

Ivy Gamble-Cobb: Do you have experience in operating a restaurant?

Ronny Kaj: Yes, 25 years

Mary Jemison-Head: What is the seating capacity?

Ronny Kaj: It is 17

III. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kenesha Traynham-Cooper – 4 Future Generations, Inc.

Ms. Cooper stated that this is an entrepreneurship program for children in in the 4th – 8th grades. For more information, please call her at 929-304-5000.

Oma Holloway

Ms. Holloway invited everyone to see her if they would like to order Girls Scout Cookies.

Mary Jemison-Head

Ms. Head announced the 63rd Annual William Moss Brotherhood Awards Banquet will be honoring the Board's Chair, Richard Flateau. It will be held on February 23rd, at Concord Baptist Church. Tickets are available.

Dr. Geronimo Williamson

Dr. Williamson spoke about issues at Louis Armstrong Housing.

IV. ROLL CALL

There were 28 members present and 20 absent.

V. COMMITTEE UPDATES & RESOLUTIONS

Stacey Ruffin – Civic & public Safety

The next committee meeting will be held on January 9th, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Member Cornegy's office. Topic of discussion will be the "Safe Stop" Program.

Anthony Buissereth – Landmarks

The next committee meeting will be held on January 9th, in 1368 Fulton Street, 5th floor, Conference Room at 6:30 p.m.

VI. ACTION ON THE PUBLIC HEARING

- A.** Franklin Hospitality Group LLC (DBA "Golda") request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License

Tywan Anthony stated that the committee recommends giving a letter of support. A motion was made to accept the recommendation by Douglas Williams and seconded by Marion Little.

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VII. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT – Richard Flateau

Mr. Flateau reported that he along with the District Manager, Henry Butler met with DOT, DEP and the Parks Department about the situation at the S/E and the N/E corner of Macon and Throop Avenues.

In addition, he mentioned that he was scheduled to have a meeting with the District Superintendent regarding the reduction in enrollment however, the meeting was cancelled due to the snow storm.

Mr. Flateau reminded members to attend the meetings on a regular basis. At the next meeting, the Board will have to vote on the removal of two members for non-attendance.

VIII. ACCEPTANCE OF THE NOVEMBER 6, 2017 and DECEMBER 4, 2017 MINUTES

A motion to accept the November minutes was made by Felicia Alexander and seconded by Simone Pratt. A motion to accept the December Minutes was made by Felicia Alexander and seconded by Ivy Gamble-Cobb.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Pastor Gwendolyn Dingle and seconded by Simone Pratt.

Respectfully submitted by,
Beryl Nyack and Stacey Ruffin
January 28, 2018