

Community Board #4 Regular Monthly Meeting  
Wednesday, February 20, 2013  
Hope Gardens Multi Service Center  
195 Linden Street (corner of Wilson Avenue)  
Brooklyn, New York 11221  
6:00PM

The Chairperson, Ms. Julie Dent introduced herself and welcomed all in attendance to the Community Board #4's Wednesday, February 20, 2013 monthly board meeting at 6:45PM.

- Public Hearing Items -

DEP's – Water and Sewer Line Protection Program – Optional Program will shield homeowners from unexpected cost of Repairs to Private Water and Sewer Lines- presentation by Ms. Karen Ellis, who gave her telephone number 718-595-3496

New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Commissioner Carter Strickland and American Water Resources (AWR) President Malcolm D. Conner announced on January 10<sup>th</sup> 2013 the launch of the water and sewer service line protection programs for residential properties throughout the five boroughs. Property owners in New York City are responsible for maintaining their water and sewer service lines, which are buried underground and run from a building to the city-owned mains under the street. On average, it costs property owners between \$3000 - \$5,000 to repair a water line break and between \$10,000– \$15,000 to repair a sewer line break in New York City. Homeowners may enroll in the program and pay a monthly fee to cover potential service line issues.

DEP believes that the service line protection programs are a key component in their ongoing effort to provide the best possible customer service protection to customers. Customers may participate in the service line protection programs at the present rate of \$3.99 per month for water line protection and \$7.99 per month for sewer line protection. Customers who choose to join the programs may elect to protect both their water and sewer lines or one or the other. Protection or coverage will start 30 days after the applicant's application has been processed. Customers may also discontinue their enrollment with the program protection at any time if they no longer wish to participate.

Information about the programs and how to join was mailed out to eligible property owners beginning January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Information is also available online at [www.AWRUSA.com/NYC](http://www.AWRUSA.com/NYC) or by calling 1-888-300-3570. For the convenience of those who choose to participate, there are no claim forms to submit and no deductibles, and the protection programs fee will be itemized and included on each participating customer's regular DEP water and sewer bill.

At no cost to the City and an affordable cost to the customer, AWR will fully manage the protection programs - from educating homeowners about their responsibility to maintain their water and sewer lines, to establishing a local contractor network and providing 24 hour customer service. AWR's local contractor network is comprised of NYC-Licensed Master Plumbers, including their affiliated staff of over 200 local workers, who will be on-call to respond to the service line issues of participating customers.

AWR provides water line protection, sewer line protection and In-Home Plumbing Emergency Programs to homeowners in 35 states and AWR currently service nearly one million contracts. A subsidiary of American Water, AWR has been providing service line programs to homeowners for more than ten years and has an A+ rating with the Better Business Bureau.

For more information, visit [www.nyc.gov/dep](http://www.nyc.gov/dep) or Facebook at [www.facebook.com/nycwater](http://www.facebook.com/nycwater), or follow them on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/nycwater](http://www.twitter.com/nycwater).

Questions were entertained:

Mr. Martinez: Felt that the program does not cover much, what does it cover?

Ms. Ellis: DEP will fix lines in the street and not on your property.

Mr. Rubio: If the property owner's sidewalk is broke due to the repairs of the sewer lines or water lines does AWR repair them.

Ms. Ellis: If the sidewalk needs to be repaired after work is done, the sidewalk will only be repaired to what is graded by the Department of Transportation (DOT).

Ms. Dent thanked Ms. Ellis for the information provided during the public hearing.

The Chairperson, Ms. Julie Dent asked the District Manager, Ms. Nadine Whitted to call the first roll call.

**Roll Call:** 30 members present constituting a quorum.

### **Chairperson's Report: 7:25PM**

The Chairperson, Ms. Julie Dent introduced herself and welcomed everyone in attendance to the February 20<sup>th</sup> 2013 meeting.

Ms. Dent asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Pastor Rebecca Williams who made her transition on Tuesday, February 12, 2013. Pastor Williams presided at the Christ Temple of Love Church located at Chauncey Street and Evergreen Avenue for many years. Many young people and adults alike referred to her as "My Pastor". Her funeral service will be held on Saturday, February 23, 2013 at the Rugged Cross Church located at Lafayette and Patchen Avenues at 2:00PM.

Ms. Dent asked for the acceptance of the agenda with any necessary corrections. The agenda was accepted by Ms. Lucy Belardo and second by Ms. JoAnne Grant. All board members present were in favor.

Ms. Dent asked for the acceptance of the previous meeting's minutes with any necessary corrections. The previous meeting's minutes was accepted by Ms. Maria Gomez and second by Ms. Elvena Davis. All board members present were in favor.

### **Chairperson's Report**

Ms. Dent asked that the Elected Officials and /or their representatives introduce themselves and state their respective address and telephone numbers.

- 1) Michael Olmeda Representing Senator Martin M. Dilan, 786 Knickerbocker Avenue, 718-573-1726
- 2) Debra Dilan Representing NYS Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli, 59 Main Street, 212-383-2665
- 3) Yanuski Rodriquez Representing District Attorney Charles Hynes, 350 Jay Street, 718-250-2565
- 4) Celeste Leon Representing Assemblyman Rafael Espinal, 840 Jamaica Avenue, 718-235-5627

### **Representatives from City, State or Federal Agencies:**

- 1) PO Damarys Franco, 83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct - Community Affairs Unit, 480 Knickerbocker Avenue, 718-574-1697
- 2) PO Natalie Robinson, 83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct - Community Affairs Unit, 480 Knickerbocker Avenue, 718-574-1697
- 3) Judy Kamilhor, Brooklyn Public Library, 10 Grand Army Plaza, 718-230-2014
- 4) William Fitchett, FDNY Battalion Chief – Battalion 28, 392 Himrod Street, 718-965-8328
- 5) Karen Ellis – DEP, 5917 Junction Blvd., 718-595-3496
- 6) Maggie Mangual – Wyckoff Heights Hospital, 342 Stanhope Street, 718-508-4669
- 7) Zulma Novoa – NYC Department of Mental Health & Hygiene, 485 Throop Avenue, 646-253-5855
- 8) Beryl Williams – TBHC, 121 Dekalb Avenue, 718-250-8344
- 9) Barbara Michalska – CAMBA, 885 Flatbush Avenue, 718-287-0010

Brooklyn Borough President Markowitz hosts and chairs monthly meeting entitled: Brooklyn Borough Board-where Chairpersons' representing the 18 Community Districts in Brooklyn are present to discuss and learn of items impacting the borough. The items discuss may be new initiatives and or programs. The February Borough Board meeting discussed these items:

- FEMA – document which discussed the benefits of FLOOD INSURANCE verses DISASTER ASSISTANCE.
- COMPETITION THRIVE – A unique competition seeking original, innovative strategies and programs that help immigrant entrepreneurs succeed in business. Competition Thrive should be groundbreaking concepts enabling immigrant entrepreneurs to start, operate and expand their businesses in New York City. Round 1 - \$25,000 awarded to five semi-finalists to pilot their program and create a business plan

Round 2 - \$100,000 awarded to the one grand prize winner plus promotional services to further scale the program

- Department of environmental Protection and American water Resources – Homeowner Service Line Protection Programs – Optional Programs that will shield homeowner's from the unexpected cost of repairs to private water and sewer lines. This program has been identified by Community Board #4's Executive Committee as being important enough to be present at the next meeting as a public hearing item.

On Monday, February 10, 2013 the Transit Authority held a ceremony to re-open the Knickerbocker Avenue M Train Station. The project took six months to be completed. The work involved station repair which included rebuilding the station and mezzanine level, refurbished street as well as the platform, staircase and additional lighting. The renovated platform includes, as part of the MTA's Arts for Transit program, 28 steel structural displays designed by a Brooklyn based artist, Cal Lane. Local Elected Officials attended the re-opening: Senator Dilan, who is the Chair of the State's Transportation Committee, Council Member Reyna and Assemblyman Espinal. The Chairperson thanked Martha Brown, Robert Camacho members of Community Board #4 for attending the ceremony.

The Transit Authority is preparing for the Central Avenue Station rehabilitation, which will begin in March 2013. A local meeting of interested parties including business operators, school representatives and community leaders will take place on Wednesday, February 27, 2013 at 10AM at the Central Avenue M-Line Train Station. The District Manager and other Board Members will attend.

MESA Charter High School- A New College Prep High School in Bushwick  
Apply NOW for 9<sup>th</sup> grade!!! – Information sessions for parents and students at the Dekalb Library, 790 Bushwick Avenue (corner of Dekalb Avenue) on: Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM and Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12 Noon.  
Apply online at [www.mesacharter.org](http://www.mesacharter.org) , or call 917-257-6876 to learn more

LIFE – Audrey Johnson Day Care Center: Kindergarten Admissions for the 2013-2014 School Year – March 1, 2013 is the deadline to submit application.

Ms. Dent encouraged board members to submit their re-application to the Borough President's Office if they have not already done so.

#### **District Manager's Report: 7:43PM**

The District Manager, Ms. Nadine Whitted apologizes for missing the January 2013 Community Board meeting. She was sick with the FLU. She thank board member Rev. Matthew Rae for bring her fresh ginger root, fruit and tea which she says made the FLU much easier to get over. She asked all to stay home and heal if they should become ill so as to not affect others.

January 24, 2013 –Along with the Chairperson, Ms. Dent met with Captain Giordano, Commanding Officer of Transit District #33 and Commanding Affairs Officer Juanita Owens Johnson. Transit District #33 covers the following trains: J/Z, M, L, and the A.  
Some issues discussed: lighting at local train stations, safety, and the need for an elevator at the Dekalb Avenue L Line Station, adjacent to Wyckoff Heights Hospital  
Captain Giordano made a commitment to attend a future board meeting and public hearing to become more knowledgeable of the needs of the community.

January 25, 2013 – The former commander of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct Deputy Inspector Stephen Capasso was promoted to the rank of Inspector for the NYPD. We wish him and his lovely family all the best.

January 28, 2013

Kings County District Attorney Charles Hynes hosted his quarterly Bushwick meeting where he updated those in attendance on programs & initiatives that are available to residents of the Borough of Brooklyn.

The DA's office with the assistance of FDNY, DEC, NYPD, SAN and others assembled to close a recycling business on Stewart Street between Broadway and Bushwick Avenue. The Community Board had previously had taken pictures of this site and forward the pictures to the KCDA's Office

January 31, 2013 – NYS Liquor Authority held a 500 foot hearing at 1260 Myrtle Avenue. The SLA is required to call a 500 foot hearing where there are three existing full liquor licensed establishment and a fourth is requesting a full license. In this case the fourth request is coming from a known individual who through the public safety committee the NYPD suggested that no future licenses be rendered at this location.

February 1, 2013 – Met with Rev. Mark Hanna a minister in the community

February 4, 2013 – Attended the Health, Hospitals and Human Services Committee Meeting: Community Based Organization responded to a request for proposal (RFP) let by the NYC Department of Homeless Services (DHS) for the operation of two family shelters located in city owned buildings at 99 Stockholm Street and 1675 Broadway. After conferring with the DHS, it was noted that board recommendations are not a requirement. Both shelters have been in operation within the Bushwick Community for the last fifteen years under the current operation. Most probably the board would favor the community based organization of which is better known.

February 5, 2013 – Attended the Public Safety Committee Meeting

February 6, 2013 – Attended the Executive Committee Meeting

February 11, 2013 – Attended the Ceremony regarding the opening of the Knickerbocker Avenue Station on the M line.

February 13, 2013 – Chaired the District Service Cabinet Meeting, issue of concern:

- Play Street definition has been extended – can occur one a week or every day of the week, for half a day or a full day. The schedule can be tailored to the needs and resources of the neighborhood
- Each request must still meet the local requirements of the community board and the local 83<sup>rd</sup> Pct.
- Department of Parks and Recreation – No permits will be granted for local parks for the following dates:
  1. Cinco de Mayo – May 5<sup>th</sup>
  2. Memorial Day Weekend – May 25, 26 and 27
  3. Puerto Rican Parade Day Weekend – June 7, 8 and 9
  4. Independence Day – July 4<sup>th</sup>
  5. Dominican Day Parade Weekend – August 9, 10 and 11

Applications must be submitted online or in person at 95 Prospect Park West only. The Dept. of Parks is currently looking for volunteers for the Dog Run at Maria Hernandez Park and for volunteers for parks in general.

February 14, 2013 – March Operation on 18 Stewart Street – Many agencies: KCDA, NYPD, FDNY, DOB, SAN, DEC and DEP, Traffic – converged at the 83<sup>rd</sup> Pct. then to the site in question. We found that the recycling warehouse was both dangerous and unsightly. No working sprinkler system, illegal construction and the storage of recycling bottles was stored to the roof of the building and more. Ultimately, the FDNY vacated the building based on the danger it posed. The owners/workers were told to leave the property; they were only allowed to get their items.

Attended the Civic and Religious Committee Meeting

February 15, 2013 – Attended the Annual Legislative Forum hosted by Woodhull Hospital  
George Proctor Senior Vice President: Mentioned accomplishment of the health center including Women's Health Pavilion opened to meet the needs of women. He said that the Emergency Room is the gateway to the hospital. They are looking at patient experience through coordination between the ER Department and primary care services.

Current focus is quality, cost containment and health. Current budget cuts are aimed to hit the hospitals very hard. On the Federal level-Woodhull Hospital had absorbed \$30 million over the past five years. The closing of LICH and Interfaith Hospitals presents major challenges to Woodhull. The hospital needs support to protect

communities that utilize the facility. Most of the speakers voiced the same concerns to let our elected officials know that this hospital cannot absorb any additional cuts.

February 19, 2013 – The Bushwick Making Children Important (BMCI) Coordinated by Raul Rubio and his Assistant Cynthia Velez sponsored a very informative Gang Awareness Workshop. The speaker for the event: Ed Carroll, Executive ASA Gang Bureau (KCDA) gave an excellent presentation on what parents, teachers and others should know about gangs.

Attended the 83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct Community Council Meeting – Presentation on Prescription Drugs. The primary objective of the NYPD is to preserve and protect human life. When it comes to the topic of prescription drugs, we need help. Only with your participation can they make measurable progress in reducing the incidence of the potentially harmful behavior that too often leads to terrible consequences, including physical addiction, legal problems and even death. The NYPD suggests talking to teens about this important topic, becoming better informed regarding this public health issue and take an active role in safeguarding all the medicine in one's home. For more information please go to the NYPD's website at [www.nypdcommunityaffairs.org](http://www.nypdcommunityaffairs.org). Proceed to the School Safety Division's dropdown screen, scroll down and click on "Combat Prescription Drugs".

#### Other Issues:

Preparing for the summer season: The following dates will not be granted a street closing as per the 83<sup>rd</sup> Pct.:

- March 17<sup>th</sup>, March 24<sup>th</sup>, March 29<sup>th</sup>, March 31<sup>st</sup>
- June 6<sup>th</sup>, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>
- July 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>
- August 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>
- September 11<sup>th</sup>

A list is being developed for no activity on a specific block.

#### Brooklyn Bike Patrol -

The Brooklyn, Bike Patrol is dedicated in making the women of Brooklyn feel safe as they travel through various Brooklyn neighborhoods in the evening hours 7 days a week. Just call ahead of time and a volunteer will be waiting to meet you and escort you to your destination safely. You can schedule to be met at one of the 58 train stops that are serviced or anywhere in the following Brooklyn neighborhoods including Park Slope, Prospect Heights, Fort Greene, Crown Heights, Sunset Park, Kensington, Red Hook, Windsor Terrace, Clinton Hill, Borough Park, Bushwick, Williamsburg, Bed-Sty and Carroll Gardens.

These volunteers have submitted their personal information to the 72<sup>nd</sup> Precinct, have background checks and their pictures can be found on Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/brooklynbikepatrol](http://www.facebook.com/brooklynbikepatrol). You can also follow us on [twitter@bkbikepatrol](https://twitter.com/bkbikepatrol)

Hours of operation are: Sunday-Thursday 8:00PM-12:00AM, Friday and Saturday 8:00PM-?AM. If you need an escort please call ahead of time. If you need an escort out of the normal hours call early and they will do their best to accommodate you. The service is totally FREE and the volunteers do not accept tips.

Call at 718-744-7592 or email at [Brooklynbikepatrol@gmail.com](mailto:Brooklynbikepatrol@gmail.com)

#### **Committee Reports: 8:06PM**

**Civic and Religious Committee (CRC):** Ms. Elvena Davis, Committee Chairperson, February 14, 2013, 4PM

Location: 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207

Due to the Super Storm Sandy school will be in session on Brooklyn Queens Day, Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. Rather than to change the date of the parade the committee is hopeful that after reaching out to the district's school this day can be utilized as a field day for the students.

The theme of the parade is: "Shape Up Bushwick!!!"

Location: Irving Square Park

Two Major highlights for this year's event:

1. Cornell Cooperative Extension preparing healthy snacks (requiring no cooking)
2. An exercise program at the park which we are currently investigating for an organization/agency to fund at least two or three days per week for a couple of hours per day

The next CRC meeting will be held on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00PM – 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370

Health, Hospital & Human Services Committee (HHH): Ms. Mary McClellan, Committee Chairperson, February 4, 2013, 4PM

Location: 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207

Items Discussed:

- 1) NYC – Department of Homeless Services (DHS) Request for Proposal (RFP) Transitional Shelters – For Family Shelters at city-owned facilities: 1675 Broadway and 99 Stockholm Street currently operated by the Salvation Army and SCO respectively. The purpose of the proposal is for the DHS to seek vendors to operate the Tier 11 city-owned family residences by providing temporary housing accommodations and social services to homeless families until permanent housing alternatives becomes available.

The following organization addressed letters to the board of their intent to apply for the RFP:

- a) The SCO – Family of Services, the current operator of the 99 Stockholm Street Family Residence. The SCO has operated there for the past 19 years.
- b) The Salvation Army – current operators of the Bushwick Family Residence located at 1675 Broadway since 1995

- 2) Multi-Cultural Initiative, American Heart Association: Ms. Lula Mae Phillips-Weill Cornell Medical College NY Presbyterian Hospital.

Ms. Phillips spoke on the program where the hospital and the American Heart Association are interested in bringing services to area where the American Heart Association has little contact.

Through a linkage at P.S. 274 established through Ms. McClellan the HHH Committee Chairperson, an afterschool program is being developed for exercise for children and parents involving the American Heart Association.

The next meeting of the HHH Committee will be held in conjunction with the CRC Committee in planning the board's annual Brooklyn Queens Day Parade.

SINCE THE MEETING WAS HELD THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS SENT LETTERS STATING THEIR INTENTIONS TO APPLY TO DHS:

ARTC- Addiction Research Treatment Center, Stockholm Residence  
URI- Urban Resource Institute, Letter didn't indicate address  
Samaritan Village – Bushwick family Residence

Parks & Recreation Committee (PRC): Mr. Robert Camacho, Committee Chairperson, Tuesday, February 19, 2013, 3PM

Location: 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207

Due to Mr. Camacho attending three meetings on Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> (10AM, 3PM and 6:30PM) the PRC report will be tabled until next month's meeting.

The District Manager stated that the parks are used not just to play baseball.

A Million Tree Initiative: Trees are available for planting, however you must agree to take care of the tree.

The Community Board is working closely with the Police Department and schools so that the children can utilize the parks.

A representative from Councilwoman Diana Reyna office would like to put together a brochure that will list the recreational services in the community.

Public Safety Committee (PSC): Ms. Barbara Smith, Committee Chairperson, Tuesday, February 5, 2013, 6PM,  
Location: 83<sup>rd</sup> Pct., 480 Knickerbocker Avenue (Muster Room), Brooklyn, NY

Members Attended: Barbara Smith, Elvena Davis, Mary McClellan, Gladys Puglla, Rev. Grace Aytes, Miriam Lamboy, Linda McKinley, Victoria Fernandez

Others Attending: Nadine Whitted- District Manager, NYPD Police Officers: D. Franco & N. Robinson, NYS License Requesters

Item Discussed:

NYS Liquor Authority License Requests

1. Ben Warren and Gina Leone – 50 Wyckoff Avenue - Approved
2. Leonardo Molina – 234 Starr Street – ON Hold
3. Jonathan Richardson -929 Broadway – On Hold
4. Mahadeo Balkeran – 1525 Myrtle Avenue – Approved
5. Pascual Serrano – 199 Knickerbocker Avenue - Approved with hours 10AM to Midnight
6. Jaime Schmitz & Shana Bellot – 425 Troutman Street – Approved with condition of closing at 12 Midnight on Sundays

Update: NYPD 83<sup>rd</sup> Pct. requested that CB #4 not submit recommendations from January PSC meeting until 83<sup>rd</sup> Pct. performed site visits. The results of the inspections are as follows:

173 Irving Avenue - Approved

603 Bushwick Avenue – Approval without outside garden which is actual another address

1089 Broadway – On Hold

428 Troutman Street – On Hold

Youth and Education Committee (YEC): Ms. Virgie Jones, Committee Chairperson, Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Location: 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207

Members Attending: Virgie Jones, Sharline Moore, Lucy Belardo, Linda McKinley

Others Attending: Nadine Whitted, Lizette Singh-Early LIFE Children's Margery Cooper I.S. 562

- 1) Under the NYC Early Learn Program the Early LIFE Children Center - 1175 Gates Avenue (formerly the Roundtable Child Care Center) is contracted through ACD. Ms. Lizette Singh-Program Director presented the philosophy of the center as a creative curriculum that fosters the development of the whole child through small and large group activities. The center's focus is building on safety, health, stimulating the environment and collaborative relationships between parents and the community at large.

Since taking over the program in October, there are 52 students enrolled. The program's capacity is 125. The current staff includes: 6 certified teachers, 6 assistant teachers, 4 full-time teacher's aide and 2 part-time teacher's aide.

Ms. Singh informed the committee that they are currently looking to fill an administrative position at the center. In terms of the fees charged – ACD determines based on sliding scale. Fees can range from \$0 to \$125 per week. She also noted that parents attending school to obtain GED or trade are eligible.

The committee suggested that Ms. Singh contacts the various programs within the district which offer GED and other skills to parents looking for child care placement. Enclosed with the YEC report was a brochure of the program offered by Early LIFE.

- 2) Margery Cooper – Interim Principle spoke concerning I.S. 562, Evergreen Middle School -125 Covert Street (Anna Gonzalez Complex which currently comprises I.S. 296, I.S. 296, Achievement First and District 75 School) will be the replacement school when I.S. 296 closes the doors. Under the Office of Small Schools I.S. 562 will grow with a maximum enrollment of 160 students. They are currently at 150 students. The Special Education Population at 24% and the ESL- Bi-lingual Population 17%. They will consist of small classes with two teachers per class. They opened with 6<sup>th</sup> graders this year.

**Recommendation: 8:25PM**

Motion to accept the PSC report as presented was moved by Mr. Cyril Joseph and second by Ms. Martha Brown. All members present were in favor. Motion moved.

According to the By Laws any board member that missed 3 or more consecutive meetings throughout the year are to be mailed a certified letter stating their missed board meetings and requesting the member in question to appear at the next scheduled board

meeting. 16 Certified letters were mailed to board members. Anyone not present at the next regular scheduled board meeting as requested are to be removed from the board as per the By Laws.

Members to be removed are:

- 1)

Laura Braslow

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| 2) | Francheska Howard           |
| 3) | Mary Littlejohn             |
| 4) | Omar Lopez                  |
| 5) | Margaret Nieves             |
| 6) | Lola Robinson               |
| 7) | Saundria Simmons            |
| 8) | Sonia Suarez                |
| 9) | Brenda Lee Tramble -Johnson |

A motion was made by Linda McKinley to remove the above names as members of the board; in accordance with the By Laws. The motion was seconded by Mr. Robert Camacho.  
The following members abstained: Julie Dent, Raul Rubio and Cirilo Nunez. Motion was duly carried.

**Announcements:**

Judy Kamilhor, Brooklyn Public Library: Computer Classes in March at the Washington Irving Branch and the Dekalb Avenue Branch

Washington Irving Branch reopening on March 4, 2013

Learn Computer Basics & Beyond: Tuesdays, 2-3PM -Dekalb Library

Learn Internet and Email Topics: Wednesdays 6-7PM – Dekalb Library

Tuesdays, 3-4PM- Washington Irving Library

Learn Teen Tech Time: Wednesdays, 3:30-5PM – Dekalb Library

Fridays, 4-5PM (No session 3/1)

Arthur Samuels, MESA Charter High School: A New College –Prep High School in Bushwick

Apply now for 9<sup>th</sup> Grade! Information sessions for parents and students at the Dekalb Library, 790 Bushwick Avenue on:

- Wednesday, March 13, 6PM
- Wednesday, March 20, 6PM
- Saturday, March 23, 12NOON

Apply online at [www.mesacharter.org](http://www.mesacharter.org) or call 917-257-6876 to learn more

Travis Trench- EcoStation NY: Current Apprenticeship Opportunities Include:

Compost Apprentice, Greenhouse Apprentice, SIP (Sub-Irrigated Planter) Project Lead Apprentice and Beekeeper

To be considered for an apprenticeship, complete the online application form at:

[www.EcoStationNY.org/opportunities](http://www.EcoStationNY.org/opportunities) and send the application along with your resume (resume is not required if you do not have one)

NYPD Officer D. Franco, 83<sup>rd</sup> Pct. Community Affairs: Openings for School Crossing Guard- applications available at the precinct.

SAFE SURRENDER: Friday, March 29 & Saturday, March 30, 2013, Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, 212 Tompkins Avenue, Brooklyn, NY (Corner of Dekalb Avenue), 9AM-3PM

The Court and Defense Attorneys will be available to resolve any outstanding summons warrants including: Unlawful possession of Marijuana, Unlawful Possession of alcohol under the age of 21, consumption of alcohol in public, Unlawful possession of handcuffs, littering, riding a bicycle on the sidewalk, making unreasonable noise, animal nuisance, failure to have a dog license, unleashed dog, spitting, trespass, disorderly conduct, loitering, in the park after closing, failure to comply with a posted sign in the park, etc...

For more information call: 718-250-3888 or [www.projectsafesurrender.org](http://www.projectsafesurrender.org)

Corbin Carroll, National Association of Letter Carriers Need your Support!!!

Kings County District Attorney’s Office, Charles J. Hynes: Call for Entries! The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Legal Lives Anti-Bullying Video Contest

Brooklyn residents in grades 4-9 are eligible to enter. Create a 90 second video that answers one of the following



questions: 1) What is Bullying? 2) How does bullying make you feel? 3) What does a bully look like? 4) How can you stop a bully? 5) What should you do if you are being bullied?  
For more details go to the Brooklyn DA's YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/kingscountyda](http://www.youtube.com/kingscountyda)  
And click on the announcement video. All entries must be received by 5PM on April 30, 2013. For questions call Ms. Lauren McCormack at 718-250-3446 or email to [mccormal@brooklynda.org](mailto:mccormal@brooklynda.org)

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For more information call; 718-287-0010 – 885 Flatbush Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11226 or

718-940-6311 – 2211 Church Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11226

[www.camba.org](http://www.camba.org)

Ms. Dent thanked the Hope Gardens Multi service Center for allowing Community Board #4 host their meetings at their facility.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Roll Call:** Meeting adjourned 8:40PM