

Community Board #4 Regular Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, June 19, 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 welcome all in attendance to the Community Board #4's Wednesday, June 19, 2013 monthly board meeting at 6:35PM. She asked the 1st Vice Chairperson, Ms. Martha Brown to read the Public Hearing Items on the Agenda. Ms. Brown is the Chairperson for the Housing and Land use Committee.

- Public Hearing Items –

Uniform Land Use review Procedure Application (ULURP)

1) Application # 130126 PJK and Application # 130162 PJK in the matter of an application submitted by the Administration for Children's Services (ACS) pursuant to Section 197-c of the NYC Charter for:

- Acquisition of property located at 200 Central Avenue (Block 3228, Lot 20) for continued use as a child care center.
- Acquisition of property located at 600 Hart Street (Block 3227 Lot 10) for continued use as a child care center.

Mr. Robinson representing the Administration for Children Services (ACS): Requested

- A) That the ULURP be board approved
- B) To negotiate a new lease for the owner of the property

Mr. Robinson explained that in ULURP language the term acquisition also means leasing. ACS is seeking a new lease for the 2 properties. Both properties are running as child care/early development centers under Early Learn. Both properties have been used as a child care center for approximately 40 years since the 70's. The programs have serviced the children in the community, allowing parents to either work and/or go to school. There will be a rooftop playground at the 200 Central Avenue Center.

Questions were entertained:

District Manager, Ms. Nadine Whitted: When the application was given to the Community Board during the Housing and Land Use Committee and the Youth & Education Committee meeting the board asked the ACS agency what will take place. At the end of the presentation the board's concern was that there was no representation from the operators of the center present at the meeting. It was very important to the community that we have either a letter or a representative from the Bushwick United Early Learn NYC indicating their concern with the property.

The meeting was held on June 11, 2013. On June 12, 2013 a letter was received from the Bushwick United Housing Development Fund Corp., which operates the Bushwick United Early Learn, NYC.

The District Manager read the letter. A copy of the letter was included in the board members package.

In part the letter states:

1. As of June 12th the Bushwick United Housing Development Fund Corporation commenced operations at 200 Central Avenue and 600 Hart Street as of October 1, 2012 through the ACS funded Early Learn NYC Program.
2. Both sites have been operating at full capacity.
3. The landlords at both sites have been cooperative and have assisted them in improving the sites.
4. They are requesting the board's support to approve these centers so that they can continue to operate the Early Learn Programs.

The letter was signed by Mr. Jose R. Gonzalez, the Administrative Director of the Bushwick United Housing Development Fund, Corp.

Irma Varner, Chairperson for the Bushwick Improvement Society Inc. Org: The Organization began in 1968 and she had been a member of it since its beginning. The daycare center was operated for over 43 years with no problems. ACS has deemed it necessary to remove her and others of the Bushwick Improvement Society Inc. the center that they have operated successfully for over 43 years and gave it to Bushwick United, she stated.

Ms. Varner asked what is ACS looking for, what is Bushwick United going to do that is different and more positive from how Bushwick Improvement Society, Inc. ran the daycare center?

Mr. Robinson stated that this is not the reason from why they are here before the board, however when a lease has expired new leases have to be negotiated.

Ms. Varner stated that their contract was not over until October 2013 which was taken away from them without a reason.

Rev. Matthew Rae & Mr. Robert Camacho expressed their disapproval of the administration on how this was handled.

Mr. Camacho suggested that:

- a) The new board at the daycare center reflect the community
- b) Family members should be on the board (Board Members are volunteers)

Mr. Camacho stated that Mr. Gonzalez (Administrative Director of the Bushwick United Housing Development Fund, Corp.) has not shown the Community Board respect because of his failing to show up at tonight's meeting.

Ms. Cruz: How long is this lease?

Mr. Robinson: The current lease is for 5 years.

Ms. Cruz: Will the Board Members continue to be the same board members, who are familiar with the program and the community?

Mr. Robinson: Yes, however, I am not here about the contract for the sponsor which was won on a bid. This is about the lease and having the lease for 5 years so that the property could be used as a child care under the management of ACS.

Chairperson, Ms. Julie Dent: Addressing Mr. Robinson she stated, that she understands Mr. Robinson's position as to why he is present before the board, however she feels that the people of the community have a right to voice their opinion any time they have the opportunity to do so. She understands that Mr. Robinson personally had nothing to do with the Early Learn however, these are community people and they are committed to their community and their children and this is the kind of forum where we come to express how we feel. We are the eyes, ears and the gatekeepers of the community. Mr. Gonzalez has been in this community for a long time and he has run excellent programs as did the Bushwick Improvement Society. The community at large is asking that when we come together in a forum that if we have any questions, they should be answered. It would have been nice if Mr. Jose R. Gonzalez, the Administrative Director of the Bushwick United Housing Development Fund, Corp. have been here to answer those questions.

Ms. Dent explains to the board members and the audience so that they all can understand:

ACS along with the Mayor and others decided it was time to change the face of daycare centers/head starts and other child care programs. They decided to combine either boards or to combine funding. ACS at one time would only get monies from the City, however they saw other monies. They saw Federal dollars. The Federal dollars were under head start. In order to combine they came up with the Early Learn. ACS has been talking about Early Learn for 3 or 4 years before it went into effect. People were going to meetings and there have been big discussions back and forth regarding this. We were fighting, we went to City Hall, and we were writing to our Elected Officials, and we picketed because we did not want the Early Learn for our programs here in Bushwick. Not just in Bushwick but citywide, within all of the 5 boroughs. We knew that when Early Learn came into play that a lot of boards that was in this community for years representing daycares were going to lose some of their programs. Now the City would like to get out of the business of daycare. So they feel that the new boards that they have under the Early Learn will sponsor about 6% of the budget. A lot of people are not happy. There were 10 to 15 different people that could bid for your program; it was an open bid RFT (Request for Proposal).

Ms. Dent stated that her learning center the "Audrey Johnson Day Care Center" was affected also. Her day care center has a new sponsor called "Labor Industries for Education". Ms. Dent has been at her day care center for over 16 years and she mentioned that everything has changed. She has lost some of her employees and some are still there. Everything is now under Early Learn. Some centers are day care centers some are both day care and head start and others are just head start programs.

Ms. Dent stated that there were so many agencies that band together but they just lost the fight and that there was nothing that they could do to stop the Early Learn. So a lot of the gradual programs and the boards that gave their blood sweat and tears and help these programs for so many years and made them into what they are today actually lost their program.

A big day program that was called Martin de Porres located on Halsey Street and Knickerbocker Avenue, which the Grand Street Settlement took over, is now EMPTY under the Early Learn Program. There are a lot of changes coming.

Money was not only cut from the early child education programs but money was also taken from senior citizen programs. Health aides have been cut, hospitals that have been open and that have been offering services for many years are closing.

Election time is coming. Vote for the right person, find the issues that they are standing on and when you cast your vote, vote for the people who are going to represent you and the needs that you have in the community. The elected officials that you elect are there to work for you and you have to make sure that that is being done.

When there are meetings people in the community must come out to support them otherwise we will have no say so. We cannot reverse what has already been done, however we can request that Bushwick United come before the board. The Community Board will ask the board of Bushwick United to come out to another meeting so that our questions can be answered.

District Manager: Although a lot of people are upset and feel hurt because of the changes the purpose of this public hearing item is so that the two centers can remain centers for the children of the community.

Mr. Cyril Joseph: (Mr. Gonzalez is the director for the Bushwick United Housing Development Fund, Corp.) If Mr. Gonzalez knew that he could not be here to answer questions he should have sent a representative to do so. When the board met with Mr. Gonzalez last week the board stated that they would like for him to be here to answer questions. Mr. Joseph recommended that a letter be sent to Mr. Gonzalez stating that he not being present at tonight's meeting is unacceptable.

Michael Picard – Assistant Architect: Stated that he had requested a representative from ACS to be present at tonight's meeting.

Ms. Dent: The board will request Mr. Gonzalez the director of Bushwick United Housing Development Fund, Corp. to attend another meeting so that questions can be answered.

- 2) Rheingold Rezoning Application # C 070250 MMK In the matter of an application submitted by Forrest Lots LLC. Pursuant to Sections 197-c and 199 of the NYC Charter for an amendment to the City Map involving:
- a) The establishment of Stanwix Street bet. Montieth Street and Forrest Street
 - b) The establishment of Noll Street bet. Stanwix Street and Evergreen Avenue
 - c) The extinguishment and adjustment to block dimensions and grades

Jennifer Dickson from Herrick, Feinstein LLP joined by Christina Michaelian and Philip Habib (Environmental Consultants) from Philip Habib & Associates

Jennifer Dickson is representing the applicant: Read Property Group, LLC
A visional presentation was presented

Rheingold Rezoning Application:

This is an application for three (3) things:

1. Rezoning
 2. Inclusionary Housing Text Amendment
 3. Street Mapping
- Requesting approvals to facilitate a mixed-income, mid-rise residential project with ground floor retail.
 - Rezoning 5 full blocks and 1 partial block – bounded by Flushing Avenue, Bushwick Avenue Melrose Street and Evergreen Avenue.
 - The properties are currently zoned M1-1 and M3-1; these are manufacturing districts that do not permit residential use.
 - Proposing to rezone to R6A and R7A districts, which are medium density, residential contextual districts. These mandate height limits of 70 feet (7 stories) and 80 feet (8 stories). It will not be possible to build towers or anything taller than 70 or 80 feet.
 - Proposing a C2-4 commercial overlay which will allow ground floor commercial retail use along Flushing Avenue, Evergreen Avenue and Bushwick Avenue
 - Rezoning property that is not owned by Read Property Group located on the west side of Bushwick Avenue. At present there is a car wash, supermarket and a residential building located there.

- Rezoning a warehouse presently used by the Office of Emergency Management for storing emergency vehicles which has a M3 (heavy Industrial uses) zoning. Requesting to change it to a M1 District zoning.
- 24% of the units (242 units) in the project will be affordable to families making at most 60% AMI, with a portion set aside for senior housing. These units will be permanently affordable.
- The project will include on-site open space and open space upgrades to the adjacent park.

The property will be divided into four development sites with each site having residential building with ground floor retail. Each of the four sites will have its own parking garage located inside of the building. Parking will be available for at least 50% of the residence in each development site.

The development as a whole will contain 977 units. Each development site will contain approximately 130 to 320 units each.

Some of these affordable units will be set aside for seniors available at a 50% AMI or lower; however this will depend on what funding source is available for the units.

Open Space:

- 1) In addition to the private open space for the use of the residence of the building
- 2) They are seeking to have publicly acceptable open space for the use of the public

There is a landscaping team and they are working with the Parks Dept. to build adult fitness equipment outdoors.

The Parks Dept. looked at a number of open spaces in the community to see what area can have a potential upgrade and they suggested Noll Street near the bottom of the park and Flushing Avenue near the top of the park.

At the June 11, 2013 meeting, the Community Board expressed concern that the park does not interfere with the Bushwick Green Park's Ball Field that is already there.

Street Mapping – Mapping two streets that do not exist today

- Stanwix Street between Montieth Street and Forrest Street
- Noll Street between Stanwix Street and Evergreen Avenue

Ms. Dickson said that she wanted to address some of the questions from the June 11th meeting with the Community Board. She asked Ms. Christina Michaelian to address this:

The Land Use Committee expressed an issue with how the project will impact the schools in the area?

At a project at a site located in sub district 2, school district 32 they found that crowding has been an issue in the area.

The applicant is in discussion with the school construction authorities to explore what options are available to alleviate some of the problem with crowding. There are two proposals that are currently being discussed with the applicant, DOE and the principal at PS 145:

1: Include the reconfiguration of underutilized administrative space at PS 145 which is located across the street from the project's site: converted into additional class room space.

2: Provide additional class room space with in the applicants proposed building which would be adjacent to PS 145

Questions were entertained:

Priority will be given to those who already live in the local community board, 50%

Apartment for seniors are included in the 24% affordable apartment amount

The affordable apartments will be available for those families making 60 AMI (Area Median Income)

Mr. Sean Fleming: If you build affordable housing based on the present AMI, and you move a lot of people into the area that make a lot more money than the average person that lives in the area now, that will cause the AMI to be driven upwards. So when you bring in wealthier people, the AMI goes up and then the people who are applying for affordable housing are going to have to make more and more money.

Will there be space included for community gardens where people could not only look at the trees but also engage with the natural environment and learn from them?

Answer: Ms. Michaelian stated that she believes that it is a good idea and she will take that suggestion back to her client.

Mr. Bob Murray: 60% of the AMI, who provides those numbers, who publish or provide the numbers?

Answer: The AMI is set by the government. The AMI for the area is based on an income between \$36-45,000 depending on the size of the family; a family can pay no more than 30% of their income for rent:

Rents for 242 affordable units:

Studio Apartment: \$830-900

1 Bedroom Apartment: \$890-\$967

2 Bedroom Apartment: \$1085 -\$1160

3 Bedroom Apartment: \$1245 -\$1345

The other apartments will be priced at the market rate.

Mr. Jeremy Wells: Are there any plans to allocate the retail space to local businesses?

Ms. Dickson: Yes. I cannot tell you what businesses will be there, but they will definitely look for local businesses. The developer will also be creating more space for the existing school, like an annex to the public school.

Ms. Sharline Moore: At the June 11th meeting the board spoke about an increase to the 24% amount of affordable housing. Has the increase been considered?

Ms. Dickson: In terms of providing more than the 24%, if there are programs with funding available, they will increase the 24% of the units; however she cannot say for sure if there will be programs available right now.

The 242 affordable units will continue to be affordable even when the units are rented to someone else. The renter will have to meet the income guidelines in order to get the rate.

Ms. Zulma Novoa: How will the tall building affect the residents that live in the area and how long will the construction take?

Ms. Dickson: There will be an open space between the two buildings. The developer intends to be sensitive to the needs of the residents in the area and will keep in contact with them so that they know what is going on with the project. Construction will take approximately 4-5 years to be completed.

Ms. Brown: Will the parking spaces be free to the residence or will they have to pay for them?

Ms. Dickson: They are not sure yet if the parking spaces will be free or paid parking.

Rev. Rae asked the District Manager if the board was going to vote on this public hearing item tonight.

Ms. Whitted in speaking for herself and not for the board stated that the information that they have is ground floor information and somewhat complicated. The Community Board does not have to vote tonight and should hold off and invite a planner from the city to help the board with some of the questions that they are asking.

Ms. Dickson: Suggested that a task force be set up or have a meeting with the community board and the residents that live in the area of the construction in order to inform them of what is going on.

Ms. Anne Guiney: The large site operated by the Office of Management located on the corner of Evergreen and Flushing Avenues is included in the rezoning. Is this building a potential development site and is it owned by your client?

Ms. Dickson: It is owned by our client, however it is not a potential development site, we are keeping the zoning manufacturing, which is going from manufacturing district to another manufacturing district. The lease with the Office of Management is in effect for another two years and then they have the option to renew.

Ms. Guiney: The residential building located down Flushing Avenue towards Broadway are listed for re-zoning, are these buildings also owned by your client and are they part of some future development also?

Ms. Dickson: The buildings on the other side of Bushwick Avenue are not owned by my client however we are rezoning them to a R6 district because City Planning ask us to do so.

Ms. M. Brown: When will the project be finished?

Ms. Dickson: The projected completion is 2016.

PO Franco: Her concern is the parking conditions in the area.

Have you reached out to DOT to join you and consider perhaps parallel parking for the people who are not going to have parking spaces since you are adding two additional streets to the area that are now closed. This will give the residence that are already there and the ones that are coming in an opportunity to have more parking.

Also would your client consider besides adding a parking lot for the residents that will live there an additional parking lot for the residence that live there now?

Ms. Michaelian: With the mapping on Noll Street and Stanwix Street it will create additional outside parking which will be available to the public.

Ms. Michaelian will also address this with her client and they will address the issue to DOT and see if that is something they could consider.

- 3) Ms. Martha Brown announced: The New York City Landmark Preservation Commission has designated four (4) Historic Buildings in Bushwick to received landmark status.
- a) Ridgewood Lodge No. 710, Free and Accepted Masons located at 1054 Bushwick Avenue (Corner of Gates Avenue), Brooklyn, NY. Built: 1919-20
 - b) Catherina Lipsius House (AKA - Dr. Frederick A. Cook House) 670 Bushwick Avenue (aka 670-674 Bushwick Avenue, 676 Bushwick Avenue, 931 Willoughby Avenue), Brooklyn, NY. Built: 1889
 - c) Peter P. Huberty House, 1019 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. (located between Linden and Grove Streets) Built:1900
 - d) John and Hannah M. De Coudres House, 1090 Greene Avenue (AKA 1 Goodwin Place), Brooklyn, NY. Built: C.1857-60/Altered C. 1876; C. 1882-84, C. 1905

Bushwick Avenue was once called the 5th Avenue of Brooklyn. These houses and other houses on Bushwick were once owned by the brewery owners, bankers, doctors, etc.

Ms. Brown asked that the board approve the proposal to recommend landmark status for these houses.

The Chairperson announced the end of the Public Hearing Items and these items will be discussed under the recommendation portion of the meeting.

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

Roll Call: 8:17PM 35 members present constituting a quorum.

Ms. Dent asked for the acceptance of the agenda with any necessary corrections. Ms. Martha Brown moved to accept the agenda as written. It was second by Mr. Victor Villamar. All board members present were in favor.

The previous month's minutes will be tabled until the September's board meeting.

Chairperson's Report: 8:22PM

Ms. Dent welcomed all to the June 19, 2013 meeting of Community Board #4. She stated that it is a pleasure to see all in attendance.

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

- 1) Italia Granshaw Representing Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz, 209 Joralemon Street, 718-802-4032

Representatives from City, State or Federal Agencies:

- 1) Maggie Mangual – Wyckoff Heights Medical Center -Positive Health Management, 342 Stanhope Street, 718-508-4669
- 2) Zulma Novoa – NYC Department of Mental Health & Hygiene, 485 Throop Avenue, 646-253-5855
- 3) Boniface WeWe, NYC Public Library, Washington Avenue Branch, 360 Irving Avenue, 718-628-8378
- 4) PO D. Franco & PO N. Robinson – 83rd Pct. Community Affairs Unit, 480 Knickerbocker Avenue, 718-574-1697

Community Board #4's Civic and Religious Committee and the Health, Hospitals & Human Services Committee hosted the 8th Annual Brooklyn Queens Day parade and Festivities. What a fabulous, fabulous event, where the entire community took advantage of the healthy foods and literature.

Since the last Community Board Meeting the Brooklyn Borough President has appointed seven new members. With great pleasure Ms. Dent introduced the new board members of Community Board #4 to fellow members and the public alike. Ms. Dent asked the new board members to stand when the District Manager calls their names:

Katiuska Cabral	Zulma Novoa
Miriam Cruz	Armenta Simuel
Joseph Gabriel	Betsy Yepez
Tari Sunkin	

Note: Ms. Betsy Yepez was not present

On Wednesday, June 26, 2013 a Community Board Orientation Workshop / Swearing in Ceremony will be in held at Brooklyn Borough Hall at 5:30pm. The session will be hosted by Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg and Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz. New member are required to attend.

The chairperson asked the board members to turn in their committee selection form.

There will not be any meetings held in the months of July and August unless an emergency meeting must be called. If a meeting is called please understand that circumstances were beyond her control.

Bushwick Restaurant Week is now underway: From Monday, June 17th through Saturday, June 22nd. Go to www.bushwickrestaurantweek.com for a full list of participating restaurants and bars.

The chairperson thanked Mr. Bob Murray for bringing this wonderful event to the community.

The Brooklyn Borough President Office is accepting nominations for employers who have made a special effort to hire and accommodate Brooklynites with disabilities. An award breakfast will take place on Thursday, October 17, 2013 from 9am to 12pm at Borough Hall in celebration of National Disability Employment Awareness month. For more information, contact Ms. Granshaw at (718)802-4032 or via email at igranshaw@brooklynbp.nyc.gov.

Bushwick Community Action Association Inc., Audrey Johnson Learning Center still has available openings for after-school care. They are accepting all HRA vouchers and private children ages 5 through 12. License teachers with curriculum based on child sound development principles. The center offers a variety of motivating activities, nutritious meals, arts and crafts, dramatic play, computer classes, performing arts, trips, etc.

Hours: Monday through Friday 3pm to 6pm, opening 8am to 5:45pm during the summer months.

Early Learn NYC LIFE Inc., in collaboration with the Audrey Johnson Learning Center offering early childhood education services for children 2 ½ through 4 years of age. Services offered includes: parent volunteers, early literacy support, table games, arts and crafts, cooking, block building, sand and water play, etc. Computers, reading and math readiness is also available. Hours are: Monday – Friday from 8am to 5:45pm. 718-574-0130

The Brooklyn Public Library is offering (The Child's Place for the Children with Special Needs). Imagine It! Build It! Legos in the Library! For teens ages 12 and up with or without disabilities.

Saratoga Library
8 Thomas S. Boyland Street
Third Saturday of the Month
Beginning June 22nd; 11:30am to 1pm

This program is also being held at the Flatlands Library and the Red Hook Library

District Manager's Report: 8:32PM

Ms. Whitted thanked all for coming out to the Community Board meeting. She thanked the board and the leadership who ensured the office move from 315 Wyckoff Avenue to the current address at 1420 Bushwick Avenue. The offices are so much nicer from the old site and she encouraged all to visit if they have not already done so. The board will be on hiatus during the months of July and August however the office will remain open Monday through Friday from 9am to 5pm conducting business for the community; however if the need arises the board will call a special meeting in response to certain deadlines.

The Civic and Religious Committee combined with the Health, Hospital & Human Services Committee hosted our 8th Annual parade and Festivities on Thursday, June 6, 2013. This year the event was called Shape-Up Bushwick. The parade was hosted at the Irving Square Park located on Wilson Avenue and Weirfield Street. The event conducted Aerobics, Yoga, Fitness and Zumba activities where all in attendance was invited to participate. Instead of the regular BBQ of franks and hamburgers being served which has been the tradition for the past seven years, healthy snacks including water, seltzer water, low sugar juice, fruit, baked chips were given out to over 300 participants.

The board collaborated with the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation to secure the park and partnered with us in offering an ongoing healthy activity there. NYC Department of Health has agreed to have Lorena Moreira from Shape-Up New York host walks at the Irving Square Park on Thursday's mornings at 8:00am. All are welcomed to join her.

Our partner sponsor the Bogopá Food Corporation Inc. (Food Bazaar) defrayed the cost of the food by donating many of the food and sundry items. We were also very fortunate to have our very own local hospital – Wyckoff Heights Medical Center donated 150 healthy wrap sandwiches which were given out to the guests. Ms. Ivonne Rodriguez a community resident employed by the Excellent Home Care agency donated 150 additional sandwich wraps, half was donated by Ms. Rodriguez personally and the other half by the agency.

The Cornell University Cooperative Extension prepared non-cooking summertime snacks Pineapple Fizz and salsa. Tandem a local business prepared Kale salad and Corn salad.

New York Psychotherapy and Counseling Center located on Pilling Street provided 300 back bags which were distributed.

Health Plus graciously provided tents that were used for shade.

Health First provided tables and chairs.

The day was highlighted by all of the following organizations that provided valuable information to those attending:

NYC Commission of Human Rights	SCO – Flushing Family Residence
Office of Kings County District Attorney	Board of Elections
NYC Agency for Children Services	NYC – Department of Sanitation
Weill Cornell Medical College	Woodhull Medical Center
North Brooklyn Coalition Against Family Violence	Family Services of New York
Wyckoff Heights Medical Center	Excellent Home Care
New York Restoration Project	National Income Life
NYC – DOE Office of Early Childhood	NYS Comptroller Di Napoli
NYC – Dept. of Health & Mental Hygiene	Health Plus
Health First	NYPD – School Safety

Ms. Whitted thanked the NYPD-83rd Precinct for their continued support and cooperation with special emphasis on the Community Affairs Unit. The NYPD School Safety Officers not only marched along with us in the parade but they also stayed and enjoyed the festivities and helped out.

The Artic Glacier Ice Company located on Moffat Street donated the ice for the day!!!

The Times Newsweekly covered the event and we were happy to have made the front page!!!

Ms. Whitted thanked the Silent Barn along with Mr. Bandon Zwagerman for providing the beautiful colorful posters for the event.

Lastly but certainly never least Ms. Whitted thanked NYS Senator Martin Malave Dilan who has supported these events from the very beginning up until now and we are forever grateful for his unwavering support. He has supported us monetary, and whatever we ask the Senator's Office to do they do it for us. We are very thankful.

The District Manager thanked the members of the Civic & Religious Committee and the Health, Hospital & Human Services Committee for their vision and dedication. Thank you to Ms. Mary McClellan for her leadership and loyalty to the cause of good health and to Ms. Elvana Davis who never says no and amid all and any obstacles sees the brighter light

and makes things happen. Thank you to Mr. Cyril Joseph and his crew who are always available to help. Thank you Mr. Raul Rubio who asked what is there to do and gets the job done. Thank you to Mr. Odolph Wright who consistently picks up the banner and much, much more.

Many local residents and others made this event the best and we are challenged to do better next year.

Wyckoff Heights Medical Center – Positive Health Management (PHM) has witnessed within the past 3 years a substantially high rate of newly infected young men with HIV. Subsequently, based on survey PHM applies and was awarded a grant in January 2013 for the amount of \$1.2 million to provide preventive services tailored to this population at the hospital. PHM is requesting support for these services as the grant stated in March 2013 and should be implemented by September 2013. Initially, the leadership at the hospital was very supportive of having this service on the grounds of the hospital. Regrettably the original space is no longer being offered and the grant may be in jeopardy. PHM is asking for support of this grant / program from Community Board #4.

Ms. Whitted asked the board to give her permission to write a letter in support of the program.

NYPD Update – Criminal Impersonation of a Police Officer: Be on the alert for a female Hispanic approximately 5'3" tall and 190lbs impersonating a Police Officer. The female's M.O. to approach males, producing a small police type badge and stating that she is Police Officer. She then demands cash under threat of an arrest. If any individual approaches you and state that they are a Police Officer, and demands money, call 911 and get a good description of the person.

Locations of Occurrences:

- 5/20/13 @ Broadway & Granite Street at 3:50PM
- 5/24/13 @ 250 Wortman Avenue at 5:00PM
- 6/09/13 @ Bushwick Avenue & Woodbine Street at 2:00PM
- 6/13/13 @ Wilson Avenue & Palmetto Street at 5:00PM

Anyone with information regarding this crime is urged to contact crime stoppers. All callers to crime stoppers will remain anonymous. 1-800-577-TIPS

You can also contact the 83rd Precinct Crime Prevention at 718-574-1688 with any information regarding this or any crime. (NOTE: As per the 83rd Precinct Council Meeting held on 6/18/2013, Deputy Inspector Tasso believes that this person has been apprehended)

Other Crime Trends Reported by the Commander:

- Along Wyckoff Avenue patrons going home very late at night have been robbed and beaten up by a group of male Hispanics
- Robbery on trains- victims sitting near doors have been robbed of electronic items such as iPhones, iPads, etc.

FDNY Updates:

The Brooklyn Borough Command has reported on the following department activity occurring in Community Board #4:

- 6/17/13 @ 8:23PM fire occurred at 20 Jefferson Street, a three story occupied multiple dwelling on the 1st floor. Two firefighters injured, fire placed under control at 8:45PM
- 6/15/2013 @ 1:14AM fire occurred at 1318 Bushwick Avenue, a three story occupied multiple dwelling, fire located on 1st floor. Two civilians were injured, fire placed under control at 2:27AM.
- 6/5/2013 @ 12:59PM fire occurred at 20 Jefferson Street, a three story occupied multiple dwelling structural fire located on the third floor. Two civilians were injured, fire placed under control at 2:22AM.

The Community Board has received a list of violations issued during the month of May from the Department of Sanitation. Our district has experienced an inordinate number of violations for the following:

R7G: Mixing recycling garbage – when bottles, glass and plastics are mixed with card boards and papers (they must be separated)

S06: Dirty Sidewalks

S18: Failure to store garbage- placing garbage out on non-collections days (Call 311, Sanitation or the Community Board if you do not know your collection days)

S30: Illegal Posting (Example fliers on streetlight pole which is city property)

S6M: Dirty Area: (Example driveways, front yards and back yards when visible by Sanitation Officers)

Others Attending: Nadine Whitted- District Manager, NYPD Police Officer N. Robinson
Applicants/Representatives: Justin Ahiyon, Josef Ohayon (Wah Wah Hut, 970 Flushing Avenue), Julio Villalobos, Gladys Martinez, Carmen Perez and Andres Pichardo (Mi Cabana Restaurant, 1006 Flushing Avenue), Domingo Dominguez (Dominguez Deli Grocery, 1004 Flushing Avenue), Travis Boettcher and Sean Knudeson (TFTP LLC., 89 Wyckoff Avenue), Elizabeth Maher and Michael Ireland (Pearl's Social and Billy Club, 40 St. Nicholas Avenue)

Items Discussed:

NYS Liquor Authority License Requests:

Each applicant was informed of Community Board #4's policy of no alcohol sales beyond midnight on Sundays.

1).89 Wyckoff Avenue between Hart and Suydam Streets – property is a 2 – family with storefront approximately 1100 square feet. Applicant is requesting a new full restaurant LWB license. The applicant is anticipating opening September or October, seven days per week from 4AM to 4PM.

The Committee supports with above stipulations –Monday through Saturday 4PM to 4AM; Sunday alcohol sales cease at 12 midnight.

2).1004 Flushing Avenue corner of Wilson Avenue, Deli grocery requesting renewal of wine and beer only license. Seven days a week from 6:30PM to 12 midnight.

The Committee supports the application.

3).970 Flushing Avenue corner of Forrest Street is a one story approximately 1700 square foot of space. Owners are proposing art performance space, stage music and speeches. Currently the space has no certificate of Occupancy. Inasmuch as the venue is not officially opened, a noise complaint has been received there because a Justin Ahiyon (nephew to the owner has been allowed to practice his music there). According to the owner, appropriate sound proofing has been installed. We will ask the 83rd Precinct to monitor the establishment.

The Committee has placed this location on hold as no certificate of occupancy has been granted.

4).1006 Flushing Avenue between Wilson Avenue and Noll Street, applicant attempting to renew a full restaurant liquor LWB license as the current license expired on May 31, 2013. There are NYPD notices.

The Committee places this location on hold-location has received numerous NYPD complaints; the committee does not support this request at this time.

5).40 St. Nicholas Avenue corner of Starr Street, applicant requesting waiver as license expiration date was May 31, 2013.

The Committee voted to grant waiver.

Recommendations:

The District Manager asked the board to hold off in voting on the ULURP - Rheingold Rezoning application until the board receives more information so that they can make an informed recommendation. Although they have made their presentation before the public, the board has some concerns and issues that were raised during the presentation that need to be clarified. These issues and concerns will be heard before the City Planning Commission, City Council and the Borough President's Office during a future meeting.

The board will host a meeting sometime during the summer break before the ULURP is up.

Mr. Austen Martinez requested that the board's recommendation should be made know to the Elected Officials.

District Manager: To safeguard the board's recommendation going forth the way the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure is: First it comes before the Community Board, once it leaves the Community Board it then goes to the Borough Board, then it goes to the Department of City Planning, then it goes before the New York City Council.

There will be additional opportunities for the public's input; however the clock begins with the Community Board. The others are not going to pass their comments until the Community Board put theirs in. Therefore, the Community Board must host a meeting before they begin their process.

1 - Ms. Martha Brown motioned that the Rheingold Rezoning Application be tabled until the board receives further advisement.

All members present were in agreement.

2 – ULURP application for the continue use as a child care center for application # 130126, Bushwick United Head Start requesting approval of their application submitted by ACS 197-c of the NYC Charter for property located at 200 Central Avenue, and for application # 130162 PQQ for United Early Learn Center for approval of their application submitted by ACS 199 of the New York City Charter located at 600 Hart Street.

Ms. Martha Brown the Chairperson of the Housing and Land Use Committee recommendation is yes.

Roll Call vote:

Mr. Raul Rubio, Ms. Julie Dent and Mr. Robert Camacho abstained from voting. All other board members in attendance voted yes for their approval, motion carried.

3 – Housing and Land Use, Land Mark Status recommendation for:

Ridgewood Lodge No. 710, Free and Accepted Mason, 1054 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn

Catherina Lipsius House, 670 Bushwick Avenue

Peter Huberty House, 1019 Bushwick Avenue

John and Hannah M. DeCoudres House, 1090 Greene Avenue

Ms. Martha Brown motioned the approval, Ms. Julie Dent moved and Ms. Barbara Smith second. All members in attendance agreed, motion carried.

4 – The PSC made five (5) requests for approval regarding liquor licenses. Motion to accept the committee's recommendation was made by Mr. Cyril Joseph and second by Ms. Elvena Davis. All member present were in favor, motion carried.

The Public Safety Committee requests support for their entire report:

Motion to support PSC report was moved by Mr. Cyril Joseph and second by Mr. Robert Camacho. All members present were in favor. Motion moved.

Announcements:

Sean Michael Fleming, EcoStation New York, the Bushwick Farmers' Market: Open for the season on Saturdays' at the Maria Hernandez Park and starting in the month of July they will be open in five more locations. For information go to www.brooklynfarmersmarket.org.

Rewards Up To \$2,000: You don't have to reveal your identity to help solve a violent crime. Crime Stoppers - Call 1-800-577-TIPS

Reward Up To \$500.00 for the arrest and conviction of anyone who commits Graffiti Vandalism. Call 911 for crimes in progress or 311 to provide information.

83rd Pct. Community Affairs & 83rd Pct. Community Outreach Event: Monday, June 24, 2013 at 7:30PM, Latinos Americanos Unidos located at 218 Wyckoff Avenue. For more information call: Community Affairs -718-574-1697 or Crime Prevention 718-574-1688

REWARD up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons possessing or distributing fireworks. Fireworks are illegal!!! The New York City Police Department urges you to celebrate safely on July 4th. If you use fireworks, you or someone else can get seriously hurt. If you have fireworks we can ARREST YOU, your care can be confiscated or your business can be closed. Concerned citizens can anonymously report the delivery, sale or storage of fireworks. Call 911 for crimes in progress or call 311 to provide information

Family Services Network (FSN) and Bushwick Multi-Service Center Annual National HIV Testing Day and Community Health Fair: Friday, June 28, 2013, 10AM to 3PM, 1420 Bushwick Avenue (Parking Lot) between Chauncey and Moffat Streets
HIV Testing, Education, Health Insurance, Foster Care Information, Giveaways, Games, Music, Fun, Food and

much more!!! For more information or to register call Vanessa Davis at 718-455-6010 ext. 146 or Danielle O. Keith at ext. 155

Celebrating the People of Bushwick: The Federico Garcia Lorca Murals- Walking Tour, Thursday, July 18 from 10AM to 12noon. Location: Starr Street between Wyckoff & Irving Avenues

Cost: Free!!

Information: 212-989-3006

Bushwick Farmer's Market is now hiring!! Join EcoStation's fun team of folk dedicated to bringing healthy food options to the area, connecting the neighborhood with fresh produce from local, family-owned farms.

Outreach Manager – 35 hours/week, seasonal (now through mid-November) must be bilingual (Spanish/English)

Paid position

Farmers Market Manager Apprentice & Outreach Manager Apprentice: 10-30 hours/week. This a Volunteer Position

To apply: Email brief cover letter and resume to: What@EcoStationNY.org

For more information or questions please email or call 646-393-9305, www.EcoStationNY.org/opportunities

The Silent Barn & Warper Block Party: Music, Art and Activities on Friday, June 21st on Stanwix Street between Jefferson Street & Melrose Street. Time: 11AM to 7PM

National HIV Testing Day is coming to Wyckoff Heights Medical Center! On Thursday, June 27 from 11AM to 7PM.

Positive Health Management Program will be setting up 'Testing Tents' outside the Emergency Department to encourage people to learn their HIV status. Testing is FREE, Confidential and Quick.

For more information please call 718-302-8483 or 718-907-4946

BUSHWICK Film Festival, 279 Starr Street, Brooklyn, NY 11237: For more information call 347-421-2921, www.bushwickfilmfestival.com

OPEN HOUSE!!! Mentors organized means victory for everyone, (Move Inc.) Invites you to: Meet the staff, learn about the program, free food, drinks available, live band & DJ., Saturday, June 22nd at 12noon to 6pm.

Location: 46 Decatur Street, Brooklyn, NY 11216 between Tompkins and Throop Avenue. For more information, contact us at 347-915-1431

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

Ms. Dent and Ms. Whitted wished everyone a nice and safe summer.

2nd Roll Call: Meeting adjourned 9:40PM