

Community Board #4 Regular Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, September 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, September 18, 2013 monthly board meeting.

- Public Hearing Items -

Mr. Ramon Rodriguez – Chief Executive Officer and President of Wyckoff Heights Medical Center
Mr. Rodriguez briefed the Community Board on some of the activities that are taking place at Wyckoff Heights Medical Center.
Wyckoff Heights Hospital has been serving the community for over 120 years since 1889.

Mr. Rodriguez thanked Ms. Julie Dent, Ms. Nadine Whitted and Ms. Mary McClellan for inviting him to the board's meeting. He mentioned an experience that he had previously with Ms. McClellan regarding a bottle of water on a very hot day and stated that it is with respect, hard work and recognition that we (Wyckoff Hospital) cannot serve as a hospital without the kind of work that the Community Board does every day and that everyone on the board shows that they are ready to do.

Mr. Rodriguez introduced three people one of them was Dr. Gustavo Del Toro the Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Doctor of Wyckoff Heights Hospital. Dr. Toro is an oncologist /hematologist. He received his training from the University of Michigan and the University of Miami. He did fellowship work at Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and for 20 years was the Head of Stem Cell Transplants research at NY Presbyterian Hospital and then transferred to Mt. Sinai Hospital.

Dr. Toro is a man of integrity who is not afraid to tell the CEO or anyone else that what we are doing is not good for the community or its patients, stated Mr. Rodriguez.

For the last year and a half he has, along with his staff have been trying to make the hospital a place of integrity and respect for their patients.

Wyckoff Heights Hospital for a number of years had forgotten that it was a community.
There have been a lot of changes within the hospital.

All of the people who are leaders have been replaced. The entire executive team except for one person is new.
Mr. Rodriguez introduced Ms. Beryl Williams, leader of their community division. Ms. Beryl is now doing 4-5 different jobs and is presently working on collecting feedback from the community regarding the service plan that they are putting together. He asks that everyone fill out the Community Health Needs Assessment Survey and mail it to her at the hospital. (The survey can found on the Community Board's website under "News & Events")

The Hospital has a new chair of emergency medicine, new chair of surgery and a new chair of anesthesiology.
The hospital has 75 new doctors.

The hospital is interested in opening a center on Central Avenue, between Linden Street/Grove Street or somewhere else in the Bushwick area or with Woodhull Hospital.

The hospital feels that the more that they can create opportunities for people to go the doctor without having to go to a hospital the better the community and the system at hand would be.

There will be 90,000 people who will come to the emergency room this year and over 115,000 people will visit the clinic.
They have a dental program with a residency program that is open from 9am to 8pm and it is open on weekends.

They have a pediatric center that still needs some work due to the long waiting time at 1114 Myrtle Avenue, near Knickerbocker Avenue. The number of children that come to that site has gone up 50% since they have started there six months ago.

The hospital has had 35-40 hospice patients at the hospital. They are working to make life more comfortable for all that come there.

Mr. Rodriguez would like to come back to the Community Board every three months to give updates on their work and progress in the community.

Questions were entertained:

Assemblywoman Elect Maritza Davila: Suggested that they be someone in the emergency area to check on the patients in order to make sure that they are not there for a long period and that they can know how their place in the line and to make sure that while they are waiting that they are OK.

Mr. Rodriguez: The hospital is working on that, his goal is to have the patient to wait no more than 30 minutes from door to the doctor.

Mr. Robert Camacho: Will there continue to be a Community Advisory Board and if so can you bring some applications for others to join?

Answer: Every two weeks he meets with his staff at town hall meetings at 6AM, 10AM and 4PM. He meets so that he does not forget who really does all the work. His next meeting will be on October 3, 2013 and letters and notices will go out regarding that matter will go out then.

Mr. Angelino Rodriguez: Felt that he was missed diagnosed as having high blood pressure. He suggested that the hospital get new blood pressure machines.

Answer: More than half of the people that they talk to and work with have hypertension. There is a reason why they call it the "silent killer". He doubts that the hospital is making that kind of a mistake but if they are they will take care of it.

Dr. Toro said that Angelo should call him and that he will personally take his blood pressure at his office. Dr. Toro gave Angelo his phone number.

Ms. Gladys Puglla: Stated an issue she had with her appointment. It took her three months to get it corrected.

Answer: The hospital now has "E Clinical Works", It is a software package, this package allows them to make an appointment right there in the emergency room for a patient before they leave the hospital.

Ms. Martha Brown: Many people have to go to the city to get an orthopedic doctor, what is the hospital doing so that people will not have to travel into Manhattan to receive service and will you have any type of rehabilitation regarding post-surgery?

Answer: The hospital has a very active physical therapy department. They have 3 new doctors in the area, however they need 6. However we are already doing those types of surgeries now, stated Mr. Ramon Rodriguez. There are certain orthopedic procedures that we will not do and that we shouldn't do, but if you break your hip we can take care of that. All those kind of procedures, that are basic community hospital procedures, we will do.

Mr. Rodriguez: In 2011 the hospital lost about 14 million dollars. In 2012 since he became the CEO the hospital has made \$3.8 million and today although it is very hard they are still in the black.

7:28PM:

Ms. Dent thanked Mr. Ramon Rodriguez for his presentation to the Community Board and the community and stating that we need our hospitals and we must support them. The Community Board and the community will look forward in working with Wyckoff Heights Hospital and we look forward in having Mr. Rodriguez come back and reporting the hospital's progress every three months.

The Chairperson announced the end of the Public Hearing Item.

Ms. Julie Dent introduced herself as the Chairperson of Community Board #4 for the 2013-2014.

Ms. Dent introduced Assemblyman Rafael L. Espinal of the 54th Assembly District. Assembly Espinal has been elected for the 37th Council District.

As an Assemblyman Mr. Espinal has helped in:

- a) Making the streets safer
- b) Increasing the minimal wage from \$7 to \$9, this will become affected in a year or two.

c) Making tougher gun laws since Sandy Hook.

As an Assemblyman he had to be in Albany from January to June, as a Councilman he will be here every day in the community empowering people to get together to make the City and State a better place.

He thanked all for their continued support.

Ms. Dent thanked Assemblyman Espinal for coming to the meeting. She stated that our council people need to attend the community board meetings in its entirety so that they can hear some of the issues and concerns of their community. She wished him the best.

Maritza Davila the Assemblywoman Elected for the 53rd Assembly District: Ms. Davila is a long time resident of Bushwick. She was here when it burned down and was here to bring it back she stated. She has been a community activist for 25 years. As Assemblywoman Elect she has become the 1st Latino Assemblywoman in Brooklyn. She stated that there is a lot of work to do and as a community we must come together. She will be in Albany bringing state funding as Espinal is here. She thanked all who voted for her as well as those who did not.

Council Person Elect Mr. Antonio Reynoso for the 34th Council District: Ran for Education and Housing. He will continue to fight for the public schools.

While Mr. Reynoso was speaking he was interrupted by a few residents that reside at the Rheingold Development area. They were upset about the Rheingold rezoning. Ms. Bridget Blood took the lead by reading a letter that the residents in the area wrote. Below are a few words from it:

“Bushwick Community Against Rheingold Rezoning”

“It is our firm belief that Community Board 4 violated open meeting law when holding the private July 29th vote in favor of Rheingold development rezoning. - Residents of Bushwick have come together in opposition to this Rheingold development re-zoning and the undemocratic process by which it was privately approved. As individual and as a community, we neither felt heard nor represented in regards to the major rezoning proposal underway in our neighborhood.... We demand a sincere attempt to engage expressed community needs and opinions in this process of change. Residents of Bushwick were given two days' notice of the July 29th vote. This is not sufficient time for our largely working class neighborhood to arrange attendance....Sufficient voices were not heard to gauge the true community feeling & needs....We have major concerns about this drastic plan to build a massive residential compound on functional industrial and open land. A quiet, proud neighborhood of homeowners will be dwarfed and shadowed by this proposal and the promise of industry forever pushed out of our side of Bushwick. This project will have a tremendously negative impact on the immediate community with overcrowding the nearest public schools, drastically reducing available parking, and creating a hazardous and potentially toxic environment from the demolition and construction process. Most importantly, we feel the approval and process to date has been a lost opportunity on behalf of Rheingold, Community Board 4 and our City Council representative to reinvent from within the visions and standards of those who live, work and live here in Bushwick. “

The letter stated what they are against and what they require should the development go forth. They ended the letter by saying that “The Rheingold rezoning development fails Bushwick’s current needs and fails to work toward building a healthy, just and inclusionary Bushwick.”

Ms. Whitted, the District Manager commented on the letter.

She stated that she was wondering why there was a full house tonight. She said that she wanted to be as open and honest as she could be with respect to Community Board #4.

- 1) Community Board #4 did host a public hearing on this matter at the June 2013 monthly community board meeting.
- 2) Rheingold was at that time brought before the board and the community. The developers were also present at the meeting.
- 3) The concerns that were stated in the letter that was read were addressed at the meeting.
- 4) Community Board #4 at that meeting did not take a vote; however, the board felt that more information was necessary in order for a vote to be taken.
- 5) Community Board #4 did take that vote on July 29th, 2013.

“I am the District Manager of Community Board #4 and I will take the weight for not inviting you and whomever else to that meeting. However at the at meeting we did invite the

- a) Department of City Planning
- b) The Developers

c) The land Use Specialist of the Brooklyn Borough President's Office

At that meeting the board went over many of the concerns that were raised in the letter. Did the board vote on that issue at that time the answer is yes. Did the board do anything to hurt the Bushwick Community? In our opinion the answer is NO.

The District Manager acknowledge that they felt left out of the process, however she stated that she is happy that they are present at tonight's meeting. She let the residents know that if they signed the attendance book they will be made aware of future meetings.

As the Chairperson, Ms. Dent indicated there were at least two (2) other hearings that have previously taken place:

- 1) The hearing that Councilmember Diana Reyna had. Ms. Whitted was present at that meeting; however there were not a lot of people present at the meeting.
- 2) The Brooklyn Borough President hosted a meeting. The District Manager did not know if anyone in the room attended that meeting. (No one in attendance said that they were present)
- 3) On September 11th the Department of City Planning hosted a meeting. The District Manager did not know if anyone in the room attended that meeting. (One or two persons at the meeting said that they were there)

If you were not able to be heard, there is a next level and another level that take place. There will be another opportunity to be heard at the New York City Council Meeting where they will take a vote on this project.

The Community Board #4 recommendation did go through. Ms. Whitted stated that for the past 20 years Community Board #4 priority has been housing.

Bushwick has changed and it is still changing. Ms. Whitted stated that where they live (near Flushing Avenue) it was this board that voted for those houses. Some people were upset about those houses. Community Board #4 along with the Elected Officials worked to get those houses built.

Low income housing definition as changed, what was low income years ago is not the same as low income housing is today. We all must work together Ms. Whitted said and not just come together when there is a problem on that end of Bushwick, we must come together for anything that impacts Bushwick whether it is on the west side of Bushwick or the east side of Bushwick.

There will come a time when we who represents this community have to make some decisions that is better for all of us. As we move forward with that we implore you to work with us, we implore you to stay a united group with us and I need you to recognize that the decisions that is made at this Community Board is not going to be accepted 100% by everybody. But is our job to do the very best that we can ;as we look forward to what is going to happen in the Bushwick Community.

Ms. Bridget Blood: Why was the vote postponed to July 29th and why was the press told that the meeting was not public?

District Manager: I do not know from whom from the press you are getting your information from, however the board did not vote on June 18th at the board meeting because the Community Board wanted to have more information. At the previous meeting to mention a few of our concerns were:

School overcrowding, parking for all and not just for those who might pay for them, more affordable housing, private park space, etc.

They wanted to make sure that their thoughts were clear so that when this issue went to the next level of government that our concerns were addressed.

Community Board #4 held a Public Hearing on June 18, 2013 and you (Ms. Blood) was not there.

The Chairperson, Ms. Dent stated that this is not the first time that this developer appear before the board, the first time was three (3) years ago. This has been an issue for this developer since 10 years ago.

Ms. Verna Wise: This is not a personal attack on Community Board 4, we are saying that if we had known of the meetings that we would have been there, at least she would have. She apologized for the attacked, however she was told to come to the meeting and express their thoughts.

The Community Board has been having meetings at the same location for over 20 years. Ms. Whitted mentioned that some people do not know about community board meetings and some do not. People come when there is an issue that impacts them directly. Ms. Whitted apologize that Ms. Wise and others did not know about the meeting, however they try their best to inform the community.

The Community Board sent out over 900 newsletters informing the community about the meeting. Each month the board sends out information informing residents, community board organization and others about the meetings.

Ms. Wise: We do not know anything about any meetings, not just the community board meetings. When they want your vote they knock on your door, however no one knocked on our doors about this.

Ms. Dent said that when you came in to tonight's meeting you signed a book, now we know who you are and you know who we are. You will receive notices to come out to the meetings. Ms. Dent said that we want you to be present at the meetings. We want to work with you. The community comprise of all of us.

The Chairperson has been in Bushwick for over 49 years, her mother served on the Community Board also. She asked that they come to the meetings not only when it is a personal concern. We want everyone to be a part of the meetings. The Community Board sent out 900 letters and the information is on the website, we do not know why you did not know about it. We apologize that you did not get the information, but it is not too late.

The board meets at the same place every third Wednesday of the month. The Board has been fighting a long time for Bushwick, even when people did not want to live in Bushwick and when Bushwick was burning down. Don't read a letter telling us that we do not know, we do know. Addressing Ms. Blood Ms. Dent asked why the board didn't receive a copy of the letter in advance. Ms. Dent asked all to come out to the City Council meeting.

Ms. Maritza Davila: The empty space that is now called Rheingold; she was one of the children who had to walk through that big empty space. She was the only community advocates that were allowed in a room with 6 architects from Germany who developed Rheingold.

There are going to be 900 apartments and we are all struggling to get affordable housing. We cannot do that be fighting, we must work to together.

The new up and coming elected official will make it transparent, this is new to her and she will do the research. She is not sure whether anything can be changed; she will try to bring back the developers to a meeting so you can ask more questions.

The 421a law that was past a few years ago requires any developer to set aside a certain amount of affordable apartments. Ms. Davila said once she is sworn in she will set up another meeting with the developers.

PLEASE NOTE: For the rest of the meeting stood two young men holding up a black and white sign saying "They make plans for our disappearance". Pictured on the sign were skeletons sitting at a table.

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

Roll Call: 8:15PM 29 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 Ms. Barbara Smith. All board members present were in favor.

Ms. Dent asked for the acceptance of the May and June 2013 month's minutes with any necessary corrections. The May and June meeting minutes was accepted by Mr. Cyril Joseph and second by Ms. Elvena Davis. All board members present were in favor.

Chairperson's Report: 8:16PM

Ms. Dent welcomed all to the first meeting of the 2013-2014 session of Community Board #4. The Chairperson, Ms. Dent stated that her role as the chairperson is to chair the meeting ensuring that the agenda is followed and that the meeting is conducted under the Roberts Ruler of Order. We will do our best to conduct the business of the board in a way that is both open and orderly. In doing so we must be mindful that only one person can speak at a time after he /she has been recognized to do so, she stated.

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

1) Deputy Inspector Tasso of the 83rd Pct., 480 Knickerbocker Avenue, Brooklyn, NY, 718-574-1697

- 2) Assemblyman Rafael L. Espinal, 54th Assembly District, 718-235-5627
- 3) Celeste Leon Representing Assemblyman Rafael Espinal, 840 Jamaica Avenue, Brooklyn, NY, 718-235-5627
- 4) Maritza Davila - District Leader- NYS Assembly member elect

Representatives from City, State or Federal Agencies:

- 1) Boniface WeWe, NYC Public Library, Washington Avenue Branch, 360 Irving Avenue, 718-628-8378
- 2) PO N. Robinson – 83rd Pct. Community Affairs Unit, 480 Knickerbocker Avenue, 718-574-1697

Ms. Dent introduced her Executive team:

- Ms. Martha Brown – 1st Vice Chairperson, Housing and Land Use Committee Chair
- Ms. Victoria Fernandez – 2nd Vice Chairperson
- Mr. Cirilo Nunez – Recording Secretary
- Mr. Eliseo Ruiz – Financial Secretary, Environmental Protection/Transportation Committee Chair
- Ms. Avellar Hansley – Treasurer
- Ms. Virgie Jones – Corresponding Secretary, Youth & Education Committee Chair
- Mr. Odolph Wright – Parliamentarian, Economic Development Committee Chair
- Ms. Deborah Brown – Arts and Culture Committee Chair
- Ms. Elvena Davis – Civic and Religious Committee Chair
- Ms. Mary McClellan – Health, Hospitals & Human Services Committee Chair
- Mr. Robert Camacho – Parks and Recreation Committee Chair
- Ms. Barbara Smith – Public Safety Committee Chair
- Mr. Raul Rubio - Sanitation Committee Chair
- Ms. Luisa Olea – Senior Citizens Committee Chair

As each board member reviewed the Committee Structure for the 2013-2014 season, please advise the District Manager if you prefer your time and service on a different committee.

Each committee chairs must establish a standard meeting day and time that are convenient for members assigned to the committee, keeping in mind that the majority must rule. Once a date has been chosen it will become the Standard Meeting Date so that everyone will become accustomed to that specific date / time.

Through this process, members of the public will often times opt to sit in or bring concerns to the committee's attention. Community residents are encouraged to attend committee meetings, although they are not permitted to vote. Their issues can be brought forth for discussion and ultimately the committee when necessary may vote on them. Community members may wish to attend meetings just as an observer to note what is going on; this is allowable and should not present any problems or concerns.

The office will be available to host meeting however the building closes promptly at 8:00pm, therefore all meetings will have to conclude by 7:45PM.

Committee Chairpersons will begin to receive weekly correspondence relative to their committees. In most cases this will be how agenda items are formulated. Committee Chairpersons will also have the option of creating agenda items from other sources i.e.: emails, community meetings, complaints, etc. After there has been the suitable discussion on items presented at the committee meeting a vote is taken. (Keep in mind only assigned board members are allowed to vote). In order to get the full board's recognition or endorsement, a motion or recommendation must be made. Thereafter, the committee Chair must write a report and list the recommendations which are to be presented at the Executive Committee Meeting (EXE). The Executive Committee is comprised of the various Committee Chairperson's along with the Officers of the Board. The meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at the board's office. During that time, the EXE determines when the committee's report will be placed on the board's calendar through public hearing or regular meeting.

Brooklyn Borough President – Recommendation for the Proposed Rheingold Re-Zoning, text and city map amendment. Be it resolved that the Borough President of pursuant to section 197-c of the New York City Charter, recommends that the City Planning Commission and City Council **approve** the zoning map and text amendment proposal subject to the following **conditions**:

- 1) That prior to the City Council review, the applicant provides its intended stipulation to the Council indicating that the development would be pursued according to:

- a) The filing of an affordable housing plan approved by the Department of Housing Preservation and Development;
 - b) The filing for 421-a benefits pursuant to not less than 20% of the floor area not exceeding 60 % AMI; and,
 - c) Establishing a mechanism to provide a percentage of low-income senior housing (without the need to pay rent in excess of 30 percent of household income), and that the City Council have such stipulations implemented prior to granting its approval.
- 2) That the senior housing component be increased so that the number of affordable units is 25 percent of the overall floor area.
 - 3) That the developer adheres to the written commitment to further reduce the percentage of market rate development should discretionary Capital Budget dollars be appropriated to the development site for additional affordable housing above and beyond the inclusionary housing or affordable senior housing commitment.
 - 4) That the Restrictive facilitate open space mitigation options, including those cited by the Borough President, pursued in consultation with Community Board 4 and local elected officials as an alternative to the mitigation described in the EIS regarding Green Central Knoll Park.
 - 5) That the Restrictive Declaration for the 17,850 sq. ft. onsite open space, in addition to binding the developer's several hundred dollar commitment for the privately-held proposed open-space between Stanwix and George Streets, incorporated a public access easement and that such open be completed prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy on the properties controlled by the applicant or successors.
 - 6) That the frontage along Flushing Avenue from Beaver Street to Gardens Street (Block 3138), an area that includes an existing supermarket, retain its existing MI-1 district, in lieu of the proposed R6A/C2-4.
 - 7) That prior to City Council review, the applicant provides its intended stipulation indicating that the required parking triggered by affordable housing units would be indexed to be half the monthly rental of spaces of the marketing rate spaces and that such number of spaces be leased to those residing in the affordable housing units, and that the City Council has stipulation implemented.
 - 8) That the City Council incorporates the applicant's commitment to monitoring the actual automobile ownership of the marketing rate units from the first phase of development and the commitment to provide more than the zoning minimum should statistics demonstrate demand warrants that additional parking should be provided.
 - 9) That, prior to a determination by the City Council, the applicant fund and implement a study, in consultation with the Department of Transportation and Community Board #4 to determine if there is any feasibility to establish angled parking for streets that abut the applicant's property, and to the extent deemed acceptable to DOT, to pay for any costs to implement such parking scheme.
 - 10) That the mapping agreement for the new street segments ensure that they are constructed by the applicant prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for construction on Block 3141 (Stanwix Street) and Block 3152 (Noll Street)

Be it further resolved that the Department of Education consulted with the Administration and parent community of PS 145 in all of its stages planning for any reconfiguration of space within PS 145.

The Borough President also saw the same needs that the Community Board expressed.

Wyckoff Heights Medical Center – Community Health Needs Assessment Survey – was distributed at the community board's meeting in English and Spanish. All were ask to complete the survey so that the hospital can better serve the Bushwick's community health needs. Completed surveys can be returned to the Wyckoff Heights Medical Center as written or it can be returned to the Community Board. The survey forms can also be found on Community Board# 4 website.

NYC-DOE will host a public hearing on Wednesday, October 23, 2013 at 6pm at PS 299 - 88 Woodbine Street concerning the proposed opening and co-location at Achievement First North Brooklyn Preparatory Charter School with existing school PS 299 beginning in 2015-2016.

Community School District #32 – CEC: Thursday, September 26, 2013, I.S. 296 (auditorium) located at 125 Covert Street, Brooklyn, NY 11207 at 6pm. All are encouraged to attend.

District Manager's Report: 8:35PM

Ms. Nadine Whitted welcomed all in attendance to the meeting. She stated: As we begin the new session I would like to clarify concerning the board holding close meetings with respect to the Rheingold Rezoning. As you know Community Board #4 held a ULURP Public Hearing at the June 19, 2013 meeting. During that time an ample amount of time was allotted to the presenters to answer questions as well as for the public and board members to ask questions.

Although the board did not take an official vote at that time the overriding sentiment was more affordable units for area residents. (Including senior citizens) Moreover the parking issue for the existing residents was also an issue and was not deemed sufficient, therefore parking for the new development would only comprise what is already in existence. The school over-crowding and development of parkland was not clearly outlined as we all heard at the June community Board meeting. Community Board #4 held another meeting where the official vote was taken in favor of the project modification /conditions. At the meeting representatives of the Forrest Lots LLC., the Department of City Planning and the Borough President's Office were present.

At no time was it the board's intention to represent the community in a way that was unfair or closed.

Agency Updates:

MTA – Transportation Authority Re-opened the Central Avenue – M Station on August 16, 2013.

The work involved:

Reconstruction of the control house, refurbishment of the station agent booth, full replacement of the street and platform stairs, new canopies, installation of new windscreens, structural repairs throughout the station, installation of the new drainage system and repairs of column bases.

L – Line shut down weekend of November 16 and 17, 2013

NYC Department of Transportation

Roadbed repair work has been completed on Bushwick Avenue from Dekalb Avenue to Palmetto Street, Myrtle Avenue between Broadway to Bushwick Avenue

NYC Department of Parks and Recreation

The comfort facility at Bushwick Park near the (Barry Morrow Ball-field) has been completed.

The Rudd Playground (at Aberdeen Street) has been completed.

FDNY/DOB/OEM

1180 Halsey Street vacated by DOB

15 Suydam Street – 2 alarm fire

1238 Hancock Street – DOB requesting demolition due to structural life safety violations

853 Hart Street – a three story bar

NYPD–83rd Pct.

Do not leave spare keys in your vehicle: An experienced thief knows all the hiding places. Store spare keys elsewhere, possibly your wallet or purse.

Other Issues:

As to date the working with local organization, churches, and block associations has caused 79 street closing applications to have been processed successfully for the year. Each year the process becomes more detailed and the time consuming, however planning early will effect a positive change.

Community Board # 4 Meetings -

At this time committee chairperson are developing Standard Meeting Dates (SMD). In some cases these SMD have remained the same as during the previous session.

So far the Housing and Land Use Committee (HLU) Last Tuesday of the Month
Public Safety Committee (PSC) 2nd Tuesday of the Month

In the case of the other committees the Standard Meeting Dates (SMD) must be agreed upon. As soon as the SMD become available the information will be publicized for all.

Should any community member have interest in joining with another committee, please let the District Manger know.

Lower East Side Ecology Center in partnership with Bushwick Eco Action Network (BEAN), EcoStation:NY / Bushwick Campus Farm, BCCP Bushwick Community Partnership Program, and Community Board #4 presents...
Electronic Recycling Event: Saturday, September 28, 2013 in front of the Bushwick Campus located 400 Irving Avenue from 10am to 4pm. Free for residents and non-profit organizations.

Committee Reports: 8:44PM

Public Safety Committee (PSC): Ms. Barbara Smith, Committee Chairperson, Tuesday, September 3, 2013, 6PM, Location: 83rd Pct., 480 Knickerbocker Avenue (Muster Room), Brooklyn, NY
Members Attending: Barbara Smith, Victoria Fernandez, Linda McKinley, Miriam Lamboy, Freddy Fowler, Anne Guiney, Maria Gomez, Mary McClellan, Elvena Davis and Gladys Pullga

Others Attending: PO Damarys Franco, 83rd Precinct, SLA Applicants
SLA Requests:

- 1) Mi Cabana Restaurant Inc., 1006 Flushing Avenue: Applying for a renewal of their expired (5-31-13) Liquor Wine and Beer License. – Denied
Applicant did not attend SLA sessions hosted by CB#4 twice on 5/28/13 & 9/3/13. 311 have received numerous complaint calls. The NYPD has received many complaints from residents regarding loud music. There has been no attempt to resolve the issues and improper signage.
- 2) The New Lempira Corp., 94 Wilson Avenue: Applying for a new Wine /Beer Tavern License. – On Hold until further documentation is received
- 3) AMBAR, 277 Wyckoff Avenue: Applying to renew a Liquor /Wine/Beer Restaurant License. – NO SHOW
- 4) Marithita's Coffee Shop, 1183 Broadway: Applying for a new Liquor/Wine/Beer Restaurant License – Approval with the following operational hours: Monday through Thursday, 6PM to 1PM. On Friday and Saturday 6PM to 3AM and Sunday 8PM to 12 Midnight.
- 5) The Brass Bottle, 201 Central Avenue: Applying for a new Liquor/Wine/Beer Tavern License – Approval –NO ROOF TOP, Monday through Friday 8PM to 2PM, Live music Friday and Saturday from 6PM to 8PM. On Sundays from 12 noon to 12 midnight.
- 6) Starvue, 234 Starr Street, space #1: Applying for a new Wine/Beer Tavern License/DJ. – Approval with the following operational hours: Wednesday and Thursday 8PM to 2AM, Friday and Saturday 8PM to 4AM.

Public Safety Committee (PSC): Ms. Barbara Smith, Committee Chairperson, Tuesday, September 9, 2013, 6PM, Location: 83rd Pct., 480 Knickerbocker Avenue (Muster Room), Brooklyn, NY
Members Attended: Elvena Davis, Maria Gomez, Mary McClellan, Rev. Aytes, Freddy Fowler, Linda McKinley, Victoria Fernandez, and Anne Guiney
Others Attending: Nadine Whitted- District Manager, DI A. Tasso- Commanding Officer, 83rd Pct., PO Damarys Franco and PO Natalie Robinson, Community Affairs Officers

Israel Martinez, Carlos Oyola, Rosa Frias, Shirley Boyce, Bernice Townsend, Carmen Hernandez, Henry Woodson, Barbara Freeman, Tinesha Davis, Caleb Custer, Yislen del Luna, Jara Aquino and Mary Shaw

Items Discussed:

The District manager gave an over-view of the function of the Public Safety Committee and asked the guest if they had any issues/concerns that could be discussed publicly. (Barring any item that the NYPD fills that should be address on a one to one basis) The guest were encouraged to continue attending the meetings and to bring their neighbors.

Police Officer Franco gave the group information on:

Noise Levels – A Guide to NYC – Noise Code, this publication can be found on the DEP’s website. She informed that most complaints concerning noise is called into the 311 system, then transferred to the precinct. Often these complaints receive low priority. It was suggested that prior to reaching out to the community affairs office, attempt to resolve the problem through conversation. If this is not possible then contact the Community Affairs Office.

Bike Safety, Delivery Safety – Obey traffic signs and signals, never ride against traffic, always wear a helmet.

Business owners who employ commercial bicyclist must: provide helmets, upper body vest with the business name and operator’s identification number, a white headlight with red taillight and a bell or other audible signal (not a whistle)

Vendor – Requirements: NYS Sales Tax Permit, NYS Tax Certificate, General Business License from City County Clerk, Vendors/Peddlers License from City Council Clerk and Food Protection Course for Mobile Vendors

For more information go to: www.nyc.gov/health

NYS Consumers Affairs Office

DCA Licensing Center

42 Broadway, 5th Floor, New York, NY 10004

Criminal Description Sheet – To be used for reporting criminal activity, this can be dropped off at the 83rd Precinct anonymously.

The Community Council Meetings are held every third Tuesday of every month at 6:30PM at the 83rd Pct. All Are Welcome!!! 480 Knickerbocker Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237 – 718-574-1605/718-574-1609

Community Affairs: 718-574-1697, PO Franco & PO Robinson

Crime Prevention: 718-574-1688, PO Iannotti

Recommendations: 8:48PM:

The PSC made six (6) requests regarding liquor licenses.

The Public Safety Committee requests support for their entire report:

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

Old Business: 8:55PM

By Laws has been rectified: Motion by Ms. Martha Brown to accept the by-laws as present, the motion was second by Mr. Freddy Fowler. Motion accepted by all board members that was present.

Announcements: 8:56PM

Bushwick Farmers Market’s Calabazafest! Is back! Save the Date: Sunday October 27th, rain date Sunday November 3rd. For more information contact Sean-Michael at sean@ecostationny.org or call 646-393-9305

Evergreen Lots: let’s make a community Garden at 120 Jefferson Street!

Visit <http://evergreenlots.tumblr.com> or <https://www.facebook.com/evergreenlots> for more information.

Barbara Smith: President of the 83rd Pct. Council – Donations is now being accepted for Thanksgiving Basket. The baskets will be given out on the Monday before thanksgiving to low income Bushwick residents. Names are to given to PO Franco at the 83rd Pct. along with the residents address and the amount of their family members.

Bushwick Film Festival 6th Annual Event: October 3-6, 2013, 1115 Flushing Avenue

Brooklyn Public Library: English as a second language classes for Fall 2013 -

Beginner Class: Washington Irving Branch, 360 Irving Avenue @ Woodbine Street

Wednesday and Friday Morning (10AM -1PM)

Beginning September 25th to December 11th, 2013

Worried about Your Finances? Join a free workshop series to learn how to start taking control of your financial life.

Workshop topics include budgeting, credit and debt. Time and date:

October 1st / Budgeting

October 15th / Credit

October 29th / Debt

November 12th / Budgeting

Washington Irving Library, 360 Irving Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237

To reserve a spot, please sign-up at the front desk or call 646-810-4050 ext. 112.

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.

Wyckoff Heights Medical Center: What would happen if you took the HIV test? You can learn how to take care of Yourself and others! Come in to take a free, confidential rapid HIV testing. Walk in hours: Monday – Friday 9am to 4pm, 342 Stanhope Street, Brooklyn, NY 11237. Call/Text: 347-398-7053

E Waste Recycling Collection Event: Saturday, Sept. 28th from 10AM to 4PM. 400 Irving Avenue, Bushwick Campus

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

2nd Roll Call: Meeting adjourned 9:40PM