

Community Board #4 Regular Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, February 19, 2014
Hope Gardens Multi Service Center
195 Linden Street (corner of Wilson Avenue)
Brooklyn, New York 11221
6:00PM

The Chairperson, Ms. Julie Dent, welcome all in attendance to the Community Board #4's Wednesday, February 19, 2014 monthly board meeting at 6:30PM.

Public Hearing Items:

- 1) BSA-Cal No. 103-13BZ – 81 Jefferson Street, Brooklyn, filed at the Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA) to permit development of a cellar and four –story eight –family residential building located in a M1-1 zoning district, contrary to the applicable use regulations: Rothkug, Rothrug & Spector, LLP application.

A representative from Rothkug, Rothrug & Spector did not appear before the board.

- 2) BSA – Calendar No. 297-13-BZ – 308 Cooper Street, Brooklyn, NY. This application seeks the waiver of the Zoning Resolution to permit the construction of a 3-story residential building with cellar at the premises. The premise is located within an M1-1 zoning district, where Use Group 2 residential use is not permissible as of right: Sheldon Lobel, PC

Richard Lobel: Showed a map of where the property is located on the corner of Irving Avenue and Cooper Street. The property is in a M-1 zoning district. The property is adjacent to six (6) residential buildings. They are here before Community Board #4 to put a residential building in that space. The home will be a 3 story building with 6 residential units. The space is not that big 80 ft. long and 25 ft. wide. They looked at properties in the area within 400 feet of the lot and they found a total of 72 lots that was zone M uses. Of those 72 lots this space is the second smallest lot that is available for development. The other smallest space is being used for parking. Because the site is not that big and not that deep, it does not lend itself to a productive manufacturing use. Across the street there is a 45 ft. tall building, this building will have a base height of about 31 ft. tall and a maximum of 36ft.

Questions were entertained:

Ms. Whitted: What will the rents be?

Mr. Lobel: The BSA did not required that information from them, however the building will be a modest building with 2 bedroom apartments, walk up, so whatever the market rate for an apartment like that is what the apartment will go for.

Mr. Lobel stated that he also went to some of the neighbors in the area and he received a signed approval from residents at 297-298 Cooper Street and he submitted it to the board.

Ms. M. McClellan: Is the building designed for seniors?

Mr. Lobel: Because they are building in pursuant to the new code they will have to build to building code standards. The fact that it is a walkup does not allow it to be for seniors. There is no room for an elevator.

They are asking for a waiver of zoning. We do not get a waiver on the building code, we do not get a waiver on the ADA, and we do not get a waiver on any regulation that governs this building. We have to be code compliant. So anything that is required as far as the ADA is concerned we would have to provide, however, the truth is since the building is so small we are not held to the same standards as a large multi-family building that would have more units an elevator, etc., stated Mr. Lobel.

Mr. R. Camacho expressed his thoughts on how we need residents for the people in the community. The community does not need to pay \$3,000-4,000 for rent. We need affordable rents so that the ones who grew up in the neighborhood can stay in the neighborhood. Mr. Camacho stated that if you want something from us you have to give us something in return.

Mr. Lobel: Said that he appreciates Mr. Camacho's opinion and if he does not want to vote in favor of the project he has the right to do so. The site is a manufacturing site a M-1 site, should they want to they can put in a store, a truck parking lot, they can put in a concrete rendering facility that could be used for anything they chose all of these would be a legal use for the site, the point is they thought a residence would be better so that the residents that live in the 6 adjacent

buildings would prefer; instead of having trucks going in and out of the area causing traffic concerns. If this was a large project with more units available then you might have a better chance to do more, but with a building that will have basically six residences covering 700-730 square feet there is not much you can do and there and there is not much more that they can offer. The whole site is basically taken up by this building and we need these waivers to build. Mr. Lobel feels that the people that live in the area would prefer to see a residential building instead of a manufacturing building.

Michael Olmeda Representing Senator Martin M. Dilan: Regarding Mr. Lobel's comment on truck traffic: there is an ice factory right behind the intended project - and tractor trailers goes through Irving Avenue every morning. Across the street from the project there is a store and also two auto body repair shops. So yes, there is a lot of commercial traffic. You too will impact that area and the residents are not going to be happy because your construction will require commercial vehicles as is the case on Knickerbocker Ave. Albeit, small you will require construction vehicles too. You are going to create a lot of congestion in that area especially in the mornings when kids are going to school and a lot of parents are dropping off their children, traffic will become an issue. The senator's office is on Knickerbocker Ave., the construction that is going on, on Knickerbocker Avenue is outrageous and the streets are larger on Knickerbocker than they are on Irving Avenue so I think that you need to be a little more truthful as far as how this is going to impact the residents and businesses in the area because it will create a lot of traffic congestion and as of right now people are already double parking their cars on both side of the street.

Mr. Olmeda asked Mr. Lobel to at least present how this project will impact the area whether the project happens or not. Mr. Lobel: Mr. Lobel does not know if they will get the variance in order for the building to be built. They will gladly take measures to alleviate traffic during the construction, he said that they would be happy to engage in a dialogue, he would also be happy to talk with Julie and Nadine to figure out what will work out best for the area. Right now there is just an empty lot and whatever is built there will have a construction impacted. Once the project has been forwarded to the BSA the board can offer resolutions regarding the project. Mr. Lobel stated that they do want to work with the community and they will do whatever they can.

Ms. Nadine Whitted called the first roll call.

Roll Call: 6:31PM 18 members present - does not constitute a quorum.

The Chairperson, Ms. Dent stated that we do not have a quorum as of yet therefore, voting cannot take place until a quorum has been met. The meeting will proceed in hopes that other members will attend.

Chairperson's Report, Ms. Julie Dent:

The Chairperson welcomed all in attendance to the Community Board #4 February 19th monthly board meeting.

Ms. Dent asked for a moment of silence for Mr. Leroy "Roy" Sawyer who lost his life on February 6, 2014. Roy was a long time community representative for both Congressman Ed Towns and former Assemblyman Darryl Towns while they both held elected official offices.

More recently he worked with NYC Councilmember Darlene Mealy. Roy was a true community advocate who was also an Executive Officer of the Five Towns YMCA on Jamaica Avenue. Many Bushwick residents might also remember Roy from the John & Al Army and Navy store which was located on Broadway many years ago.

New York State Senator Martin Malave Dilan lost his sister who once resided in Bushwick. Her services are scheduled to take place on Friday, February 21st in Long Island.

Condolences are being sent out in behalf of Community Board #4 and the staff.

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

- 1) Michael Olmeda Representing Senator Martin M. Dilan, 718 Knickerbocker Avenue (corner of Jefferson Avenue) 718-573-1726
- 2) Kevin Worthington Representing Antonio Reynoso, 244 Union Avenue, 718-963-3141
- 3) Yanuski Rodriguez Representing District Attorney Kenneth P. Thompson, 350 Jay Street, Brooklyn, NY , 718-250-2565
- 4) Lacey Tauber Representing Councilmember Antonio Reynoso, 244 Union Avenue, 718-963-3141

Representative from City, State or Federal Agencies:

- 1) Deputy Inspector Tasso, Commanding Officer of the 83rd Precinct, 480 Knickerbocker Avenue 718-574-1632
- 2) Maggie Mangual – Wyckoff Heights Medical Center -Positive Health Management Program, 342 Stanhope Street, Prevention Health Manager, 718-508-4669
- 3) Mr. Robert Solano –CUFF (Churches United for Fair Housing)1080 Willoughby Avenue, 718-360-2906
- 4) Emilio Llopiz – NYC Dept. of Parks and Recreation, 718-257-1636
- 5) Hector Cruzado, Chief of Staff at Wyckoff Heights Hospital
- 6) Daniella Fairbairn, Manager of the New Wyckoff Cancer Center, Opening in April 2014, the center will be open Monday – Friday 8am -8pm, 95 Wyckoff Avenue. Cancer Care Coordinator phone No. 347-952-2148

Due to the extremely harsh winter season with plenty of snow storms the Community Board's office have unfortunately experienced the collapses of their office ceiling. Damage was done to the ceiling, flooring and other ancillary office furnishing. Currently the office is opened, however the staff is working under some extraordinarily uncomfortable circumstances.

The building operators and management are responsive and any losses and or damages will be dealt with through insurance claims.

Ms. Dent thanked Nadine and her staff for continuing to offer the excellent service that they have been known to offer to the community.

NYC Department of Sanitation issued the following statement:

Snow operations are continuous; all spreaders are loaded and ready for the first sign of snow. Plows are prepared and will be deployed when needed.

Temporary snow laborers will be deployed to clear priority bus stops and crosswalks along major streets.

Limited residential collection service will be continuing. Residents should leave their materials out according to their regular collection schedule; however there will be delays due to snow operations.

Snow should be cleared from around materials so that it is visible and accessible to the sanitation worker.

Notices of violation for property packaged trash and recyclables will not be issued while there are collection service delays.

NYC Department of Environmental Protection - DEP strongly urges homeowner's, merchants and commercial property managers to please keep catch basins grates clear of snow and debris in order to maintain proper drainage. They also ask that if there is a fire hydrant in front of your property that you please keep it visible for emergency crews in case of an emergency.

Social Security Office Changes – Beginning August 2014 the Social Security Office will no longer issue social security printouts in field offices. Individuals in need of proof of their social security number and cannot find their card will need to apply for a replacement card.

Beginning October 2014 field offices will stop providing benefit verification letters (except in emergency situations). Benefit verification is available online and can be obtain anytime by registering for my Social Security account located at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount or through their national toll free number: 1-800-772-1213.

Arts in Bushwick (AIB) – Community Board #4 members are invited to participate on a panel concerning the following:

Discussions 2014: housing, worker's rights and other concerns of the community.

As a prospective panelist your thoughts, beliefs, ideas, passions and expertise are welcomed to bring to the table to share with the community.

- Affordable Housing Today – Collision of Art and real Estate Interests
- Unpaid Labor in the Arts – Art Workers Rights and Wages

There will be a third panel to promote awareness of these issues to the Bushwick community and the audience under the working title "The Role of Art and Funding Progress – "Art and Comers".

The invitation to speak will be on March 30th at 5pm. Bring your expertise and experience to a larger public eager to and discuss this topic. It is our hope that all will join us in these discussions and help strengthen bonds, promote community awareness and communal empowerment to all of us who call Bushwick home.

Volunteer Opportunity - a medical student doing clinical rotations at Wyckoff Heights Hospital is interested in clinical health care related volunteer opportunities within the community. Events like health fairs, medical walks, community clinics etc., for more information contact mridugandhi@gmail.com

L.I.F.E. (Labor and Industry for Education) Audrey Johnson Learning Center, 272 Moffat Street (between Knickerbocker and Wilson Avenues) and the John Coker Early Learn Center, 1375 Bushwick Avenue (corner of Decatur Street) are enrolling children 3 to 5 years of age. Free HEADSTART and U.P.K., Creative Curriculum, Nutritious Meals, Family Services and Certified Teachers, etc. Audrey Johnson Learning Center: 718-5740130; John Coker Early Learn Center: 718-452-1414

District Manager's Report, Ms. Nadine Whitted: 7:17PM

NYC Department of Design and Construction – DDC

This is an ongoing project dealing with mostly multi buildings.

Project No. Red-369 is replacing existing 20" water mains on Knickerbocker Avenue from Cooper Street to Grove Street. To facilitate the work main water service may need to be shut down. Notices are being posted 24 hours in advance of the shutdown to affected residents. IF A NOTICE IS POSTED ON YOUR BUILDING PLEASE SHARE INFORMATION WITH THE TENANTS SO THAT APPROPRIATE MEASURES CAN BE TAKEN BY EVERYONE. Apartment buildings notices will only be placed on the main door of the building. Individual notices will not be given. Please make sure that the information is relayed to all tenants so that they can take the appropriate preparation in advance.

FDNY: Activity

This is the time of the year when residential fires rates are highest! Please be aware of heaters near curtains, oven use for heating purposes and broken electrical cords. The following four fires took place since the January 2014 Community Board Meeting:

- 11 Locust Street – 4 story occupied multiple dwelling building – structural fire located on the 4th floor
- 1580 Bushwick Avenue – 1 story occupied commercial building – structural fire located on the 1st floor
- 247 Himrod Street – 3 story occupied multiple dwelling building – structural fire was located on the 1st floor
- 1231 Hancock Street – 3 story occupied multiple dwelling building – structural fire was located on the 2nd floor

NYC-Department of Transportation:

At the request of CB#4 – several recommendations and suggestions were offered in responses to the Bushwick Avenue pedestrian Safety Proposal set forth by the DOT. Currently the DOT is still evaluating the "Don't Block the Box request for Bushwick Avenue at Myrtle Avenue, Troutman Street and Flushing Avenue. Unfortunately, the Borough Engineering reported that they only regulate on street traffic thus they cannot post a turn restriction sign for vehicles leaving the gas station. It was suggested that Community Board #4 talk to the gas station owner.

Street Activity:

Play Street Applications for 2014 must be submitted to the community board by April 1st, 2014 deadline. The review process can take up to 2 months so applications must be submitted soon. The earlier you submit, the earlier you may receive a response and avoid or resolve any potential problems. Please note that you will need to obtain signatures from your local Community Board and police precinct.

Designated street shall be closed during specified hours only for the purpose of conducting a recreation program organized and sponsored by the organization named on the application. The organization shall be responsible for physically closing the said street, ensuring that barriers remain in place during the Play Street hours and opening the street to regular traffic use at times as well as for the welfare and safety of its participants.

Street Activity Permits:

- Must apply 12 weeks in advance (3 Months)
- Must have a petition signed by adult block residents, consisting of name, address and telephone
- No rain dates

- Application fee: \$25.75
- All events must end by 8pm and sound permits end at 7pm
- Must apply online after petition has been submitted to Community Board

Street Activity Blocked Off Dates - 2014

January 1, 2014 - New Year's Day	August 8, 9, 10, 2014 – Dominican Day Parade
March 17, 2014 – St. Patrick's Day	Weekend
April 13, 2014 – Palm Sunday	September 1, 2014 – Labor Day
April 18, 2014 – Good Friday	September 11 th , 2014 -
April 20, 2014 – Easter Sunday	October 31, 2014 – Halloween
May 26, 2014 – Memorial Day	November 4, 2014 – Election Day
June 5, 2014 – Bushwick Parade	November 27, 2014 – Thanksgiving
June 6, 7, 8 2014 – Puerto Rican Weekend	December 25, 2014 – Christmas
July 4, 2014 – 4 th of July	December 31, 2014 – New Year's Eve
August 5, 2014 National Night Out Against Crime	

Due to quality of life complaints, shootings, homicides, stabbings, etc., the following blocks must contact the 83rd Pct. Community Affairs Unit to start a block association and work to improve the quality of life on their block and attend the 83 Pct. Community Council Monthly Meetings

1. Aberdeen Street between Bushwick Avenue and the Dead End
2. Bleecker Street between Central / Wilson Avenues
3. Cornelia Street between Bushwick / Evergreen Avenues
4. Cornelia Street between Wilson / Knickerbocker Avenues
5. Cornelia Street between Knickerbocker / Irving Avenues
6. Decatur Street between Wilson / Knickerbocker Avenues
7. DeKalb Avenue between Knickerbocker / Irving Avenues
8. DeKalb Avenue between Irving / Wyckoff Avenues
9. DeSales Place between Bushwick Avenue and the Dead End
10. Eldert Street between Broadway / Bushwick Avenue
11. Eldert Street between Bushwick / Evergreen Avenues
12. Fayette Street between Broadway / Beaver Street
13. Gates Avenue between Evergreen / Central Avenues
14. George Street between Wilson / Knickerbocker Avenues
15. Halsey Street between Broadway / Bushwick Avenue
16. Halsey Street between Knickerbocker / Irving Avenues
17. Hancock between Central / Wilson Avenues
18. Harman Street between Central / Wilson Avenues
19. Himrod Street between Evergreen / Central Avenues
20. Jefferson Avenue between Bushwick / Evergreen Avenues
21. Jefferson Avenue between Irving / Wyckoff Avenues
22. Linden Street between Broadway / Bushwick Avenue
23. Linden Street between Knickerbocker / Irving Avenue
24. Menahan Street between Wilson / Knickerbocker Avenue
25. Moffat Street between Broadway / Bushwick Avenue
26. Moffat Street between Evergreen / Central Avenues
27. Moffat Street between Central / Wilson Avenues
28. Park Street between Broadway / Beaver Street
29. Pilling Street between Bushwick / Evergreen Avenues
30. Pilling Street between Evergreen / Central Avenues
31. Putnam Avenue between Irving Avenue / Ridgewood Place
32. Putnam Avenue between Wilson / Knickerbocker Avenues
33. Putnam Avenue between Knickerbocker / Irving Avenues

34. Schaeffer Street between Central / Wilson Avenues
35. Schaeffer Street between Wilson / Knickerbocker Avenues
36. Schaeffer Street between Knickerbocker / Irving Avenues
37. Suydam Street between Wyckoff / St. Nicholas Avenues
38. Stanhope Street between Evergreen / Central Avenues
39. Stanhope Street between Knickerbocker / Irving Avenues
40. Troutman Street between Bushwick / Evergreen Avenues
41. Weirfield Street between Broadway / Bushwick Avenue
42. Woodbine Street between Wilson / Knickerbocker Avenues

Beware of “Buyouts”

A buyout is an offer a landlord makes to a tenant to give them cash to move out of their apartment. The buyout can be a small amount or a substantial amount of money, but over the long run, even a substantial buyout amount can actually be a losing decision when you leave your apartment.

When offered a buyout you do not have to take the offer and you do not have to abandon your apartment. You cannot be forced out of your apartment by a buyout or ejection without going to court. You have the right to appear before a judge! If you have not discussed your case in court, no one can make you move. Only a Marshal or a Sheriff holding a Warrant of Eviction signed by a judge can legally remove you from your apartment.

Buyouts are becoming so common because it is a way for landlords to increase rents. Many of the apartments are rent-regulated meaning that the law limits how much the rent can be raised. However if the landlord can get the tenant to leave, and make physical improvements to an apartment, he or she can raise the rent substantially. Therefore, the buyout is one of the strategies implemented by landlords to remove low-income tenants from their apartments.

Tenants have rights. It is very important to protect your rights by never signing any papers, contacts, or agreements without first having it checked by an attorney. Never ignore court papers, and do not agree to abandon your apartment.

This information provided by: RBSCC Bushwick Housing and Legal Assistance
217 Wyckoff Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11237

Bushwick Notes- January 2014 Updates, by John A. Dereszewski, former CB #4 District Manager provides a postscript to his previous article written in 2007 (Up From Flames) that brings things up to date and projects trends that may occur in the future.

Committee Reports: 7:36PM

Health, Hospital and Human Services Committee (HHH), Chairperson Ms. Mary McClellan
Meeting Held on Monday, January 28, 2014 at 4:00PM, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370

Members Attending: Mary McClellan, Armenta Simuel

Others Attending: Nadine Whitted - District Manager, Heidi Exline – NYC DOHMH, Z. Novoa – NYC-DOHMH, Ramon Rodriguez – CEO Wyckoff Heights Medical Center

Items Discussed:

TAKE CARE NEW YORK 2016 – AN AGENDA FOR A HEALTHIER NEW YORK CITY: Heida Exline presented an agenda that focuses on health problems that causes the greatest burden of disease and that are most preventable. In developing the agenda, the Health Department reviewed data on mortality and morbidity in New York City priorities and measures from the national Healthy people Agenda 2020 and the NYS Prevention Agenda goals. During the spring of 2013 the Health Department convened borough-wide listening sessions on the proposed priorities. Representatives from more than 170 organizations across the city attended these sessions to provide comments on priorities and intervention strategies.

Take Care NY 2016 identifies 10 priorities for intervention:

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| Tobacco-Free Living | Mental Health Promotion |
| Healthy Eating | Alcohol & Substance Reduction |
| Active Living | Cancer Prevention |
| Heart Health | Healthy Indoor & Outdoor Air |
| HIV Prevention | Quality Prevention Care |

In each of the priority areas Key Indicators – will lists the most recent measure and the target for 2016. The initiatives are outlined to reach those targets, grouped in there categories:

- 1) Policies: Government or organizational policy changes that shape the broader environment in ways that affect health
- 2) Prevention, Quality and Access: Initiatives focuses on the delivery of high-quality, coordinated preventive health services or on changing the accessibility of products or facilities that affect health.
- 3) Health Promotion: Initiatives that inform, educate and engage New Yorkers in improving their health.

Child Marketing Campaign – We want to protecting our children from unhealthy food and beverage Marketing – A presentation by Zulma Novoa

The health of the city is threatened by obesity. The majority of NYC adults are overweight or obese, as are 4 in 10 elementary school children. The health consequences are staggering, ranging from hypertension to diabetes – a condition that can lead to blindness, amputations and kidney failure. The obesity epidemic has many causes, but one contributor is the marketing of unhealthy foods and beverages to our youth. The food and beverage industry spends nearly two billion dollars annually marketing to youths. Most of the food and beverages marketed to the youth is unhealthy.

Marketing is an effective tool used to directly influencing children’s and adolescents’ preference and choices. The NYC Department of Health is asking organizations to help in limit marketing of unhealthy products to our youth by:

Sharing information on marketing to youth with staff and clients – In 2009 approximately \$1.79 billion was spent by 48 companies reporting to the FTC. \$1 billion was directed at youth aged 2-11 years of age. \$1 billion was directed at youth aged 12-17 and \$263 million overlapped between the two age groups.

Marketing tactics: include promotional actives via TV, Print, Radio, the Internet, company sponsored websites, social media, video games, in store and in-school advertising, public entertainment events, athletic sponsorship and celebrity endorsements. Youths are exposed to marketing by spending an average of 7.5 hours per day online, watching TV, using mobile devices, listening to music, playing video games and reading printed materials.

Marketing to Hispanic youths seems to be increasing. Hispanic youths saw 49% more ads for sugary drinks and energy drinks, and adolescents saw 99% more ads in 2010 compared to 2008. In 2010 Black children viewed 80% to 90% more TV ads for sugary drinks and energy drinks compared with White children.

Facts for Parents on Marketing to Youth-

- *Children Obesity has more than doubled in children and triples in adolescents in the past 30 years
- * Diets high in calories, fat, sugar and sodium are putting children’s future at risk.
- *Most food and beverages advertised to children are high in fat sugar or sodium
- *Four TV channels are responsible for almost half of food advertising seen by children

Support The Removal of Unhealthy Advertising in your Local Food Store - (What you can do about it?)

- *Remove advisements from the entry doors
- *Remove advertising for unhealthy foods and beverages throughout the inside and outsides of the store
- * Four even greater impact, promote the store’s existing healthy foods and beverages using signage on shelves and refrigerators

Healthy Food and Beverage Alternatives

Cereal-Use the nutrition facts label to choose healthy cereals:

- *Sodium: no more than 215 milligrams
- *Sugar: no more than 10 grams
- *Fiber: at least 2 grams (eat good choices – cereal made with whole wheat, bran or oats)

Ms. McClellan said that we have to look out for the children and ourselves and those who will come behind us.

Housing and Land Use (HLU) Committee. Chairperson Ms. Martha Brown, 7:45PM

Meeting Held on Tuesday, January 28, 2014, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370

Members Present: Martha Brown, Cyril Joseph, Robert Camacho, Zulma Novoa, Robert Murray, Anne Guiney, Miriam Cruz and Julio Salinas

Others Attending: Nadine Whited – District Manager, Todd Dale, Esq. of the firm Rothrug, Rothrug & Spector, LLP representing owners of 81 Jefferson Street; & Eleanor (Nora) Martens, Esq. of the firm of Sheldon Lobel, P.C.,

Representing the owners of 308 Cooper Street and Mr. Isaac Broyn

Note: Report read by the District Manager Ms. M. Brown was out due to illness

Item No. 1. Calendar No. 103-13BZ: In the matter of 81 Jefferson Street

The owner/developer has applied for a variance with the Board of Standards and Appeals (hereinafter "BSA") to permit the development of a cellar and a four story eight family residential building located in a M-1-1 zoning district which is contrary to the applicable use regulations. The property is located in the middle of the block, not suitable for manufacturing and is located between Evergreen Avenue and Stanwix Street. The property owner through its counsel is requesting that the BSA grant their request for the particular variance change from M-1-1 which is contrary to the applicable use regulations. CB #4 approval is also requested. The property is a vacant lot, 25 feet frontage by 100 feet deep for a total of 2500 sq. ft.

HLU inquired as to rental prices, affordability for community residents. CB #4 was advised that the rent will be at the market rate for a 2 bedroom apartment. CB #4 also noted that due to increased market values the apartment in Bushwick have become un-affordable for the average working class family/person in this economy.

Item No. 2. Calendar No. 297-13BZ: 308 Cooper Street, Brooklyn, New York. This application seeks the waiver of Section 42-10 of the Zoning Resolution, to permit the construction of a 3 story residential building with a cellar at the premises. The premises are located within the M1-1 Zoning District, where Use Group 2 Residential use is not permissible as of right. The site is a vacant lot at 308 Cooper Street. The principals are seeking a re-zoning as this particular lot is adjacent to a large R-6 district in the Ridgewood/Bushwick neighborhood. The premise is a corner lot that measures approximately 2,000 sq. ft. on the Cooper Street side and 80 ft. of frontage on the Irving Avenue side. The lot is currently unimproved. The lot formerly measured 25 ft. by 100 ft. but was subdivided to create two lots. The original dwelling was a 3 story residential building with a ground floor commercial use which was demolished sometime around 2007. The lot was purchased by its current owner who is the applicant in March 2013. The applicant seeks to construct a 3 story building with a cellar creating a 6 unity multi-family residential building at the premises. The waiver sought by the applicant under the proposed BSA variance is a use waiver of ZR Sec. 42-10. The proposed building will contain a laundry room, storage space, two accessory spaces and an individual interior staircase with access to the apartment units on the first floor and six three bedroom apartment units (2 units per floor) on the second floor and third floors.

The owner has not determined what the rental projections will be for this residential development and will get back to CB4 with some figures when they are determined at some point in the near future.

Item No. 3. Immediate Emergency Conditions:

- 1) 1353 Myrtle Avenue – recommended remedy:
demolish structure including rear 2 story extension, backfill foundation and grade site
- 2) 1216 Bushwick Avenue – recommended remedy:
demolish entire building. Keep the existing cellar walls and back fill to grade. Provide lateral bracing and weatherproofing to party walls for both adjoining proprieties at exposures 2 and 4.
- 3) 139 Stockholm Street – recommended remedy:
demolish entire building to grade
- 4) 1374 Dekalb Avenue – recommended remedy:
demolish entire building to grade

Item No. 4. Capital One Construction: Notice given at 26 and 28A Troutman Street, Block 3183, Lots 13 and 14 - New Building Construction

Public Safety Committee (PSC): Ms. Barbara Smith, Chairperson

Meeting Held on Wednesday, February 12, 2014 at 6PM, 83rd Pct., 480 Knickerbocker Avenue

Members Attended: Barbara Smith, Elvena Davis, rev. Grace Aytes, Victoria Fernandez

Others Attending: Nadine Whitted – District Manager, Willie Morales – CB4 Community Associate, Det. D. Franco and PO N. Robinson – 83rd Pct.

Applicants: LEP Fu Shum, Stanley Chin, James Wang, Catalino Vargas, Jesus Navarete, Bienvenido Paulino

- 1) 1477 Myrtle Avenue. New Apolo Resaurant, New full liquor license: Sunday – Thursday: 12Noon to 11PM; Friday and Saturday: 1:30PM to 1:00AM

- 2) 201 Wyckoff Avenue. Akaru Sushi Inc. Wine and Beer restaurant license request. Monday – Thursday 11:00AM to 11:00PM. Friday and Saturday: 11:30AM to 11PM: Sunday 12:30PM to 11:00PM
- 3) 1549 Gates Avenue. La Fogata Resturant & Café Corp. Renewal of full liquor license (serial number:11717989) 1:00PM to 4:00AM (seven days a week)
- 4) 1336 Bushwick Avenue. Andalucia Bar and Lounge requesting a Tavern full liquor license. Monday and Tuesday 4:00PM to 1:00AM. Friday and Saturday: 4:00PM to 3:00AM: Sunday 1:00PM to Midnight
- Each establishment was told that there must be no liquor sales on Sunday after midnight.

The committee will be speaking to the State Elected Officials concerning various quality of life issues surrounding the residential areas where many of the SLA request are now coming from.

Announcements: 7:50PM

Brandon Zwagerman, Silent Barn: Multi-functional all-ages art incubation space, it operates a daily all-ages event venue, music, performing arts and other events.

For information on upcoming event at the Silent Barn, 603 Bushwick Avenue (Jefferson Street), Brooklyn, NY 11206 Visit: <http://www.silentbarn.org> or contact: silentbarnispeople@googlegroups.com

EcoStation:NY – Application are now being accepted for EcoStation’s Community Apprentice Program @ Bushwick Campus Farm and Bushwick Farmers’ Market, full information and online application at:

www.EcoStationNY.org/opportunities

Applications are due by March 5th for the program and March 15th for the Market program.

Gerald Miller: Neighborhood Housing Services of Bedford-Stuyvesant, Inc. and Revelation VITA: Free Tax Prep session Thursday, February 20, Tuesday February 25 and Tuesday March 4 from 11am to 2pm. call to RSVP, seating is limited. 718-919-2100, www.nhsnyc.org

NHS host a home buyers information class every 3rd Saturday

It’s Time to Grow (Gaining Responsibility and Ownership through Willingness) Free and open to teens; 16 – 21 Program begins February 21st.

Job readiness workshops, soccer, arts, dancing and tutoring: Activities from 5pm to 8pm, 1080 Willoughby Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11221

Call or text 917-530-1496 for more information or email: acastro@obtjobs.org

Sponsored by CUFFH, Saint Joseph’s Patron of the Universal Church, OBT (Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow) and Cornell University

New York State Senator Martin Malave Dilan Representing the 18th District: FREE Income Tax Preparation! Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) provide by Senator Dilan in conjunction with LIU-Brooklyn with training by the Internal Revenue Service, February 7th, 2014 to April 11th, 2014, every Friday from 10:00am to 3:00pm.

- ❖ Have an income of \$52,000 or less
- ❖ Reside in the 18th Senate District
- ❖ Bring valid photo ID
- ❖ Bring supporting documentation with your W-2 form
- ❖ Complete the intake form given to you by a staff member

Federal Returns Prepared: 1040EZ, 1040A; State Returns Prepared: IT 200, IT 201, IT 214; NYC Returns Prepared: NYC210

Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams: Community Board membership if interested please call 718-802-4032 or go Online for an application at www.brooklyn-usa.org

Ms. Mangual, Wyckoff Heights Medical Center – Positive Health Management H.I.V. Outreach & Prevention Program

What Would Happen? If you took the HIV Test...You can learn how to take care of yourself & others! “Know Your Status” FREE, confidential rapid HIV Testing

Walk-in hours: Monday-Friday 9AM to 4PM, 342 Stanhope Street (across from the hospital Emergency Room) L train
To Dekalb Avenue; B38 to Dekalb Avenue; B13 to Himrod / Stanhope Streets
For more information: 347-398-7053 or 718-508-7130/718-906-3913

If anyone has HIV or other health problem and they are not receiving care they can go to Wyckoff Heights Hospital.
Ms. Mangual relates an experience of a grandmother with diabetes. She came to the hospital very ill. When she was told that she had HIV she could not understand how she contracted it. Later she found out that her grandson who has AIDS was using her diabetic needles and putting them back in the refrigerator unbeknown to her.

ASCEND: Enroll your child in an Ascend Public Charter School
Visit our schools, learn more about our program and meet our staff
Bushwick Ascend Lower School (K-5) 751 Knickerbocker Avenue: Wednesday, March 5th at 10:30am – 12:00pm
Saturday, March 15th at 11:00am – 12:30pm
Now enrolling K-8th grade! Apply by April 1st at ascendlearning.org/enroll or call 347-464-7600

Darshell Bronson: Nextdoor.com is a private social website for neighbors which they use to find out what is going on in your neighborhood. Nextdoor makes it easy to communicate with your neighbors about the issues that matter most in your community.

You can:

- *Share recommendations about local services for example babysitters, plumbers, dentist, etc.
- *Organize neighborhood events such neighborhood watch, National Night Out, etc.
- *Report suspicious activities, help prevent crime and receive updates from local police
- *Connect with parents, pet owners and other groups
- *Get to know your fellow neighbors so you can finally call them by their name

For more information or to join your New York City neighborhood at: www.nextdoor.com/nyc

Mr. Robert Solano, Churches United Housing:

Mr. Solano stated that there were 100 applications applying for the condo located at 782 Hart Street Shelter Rock – St. Joseph's will host interviews for the 10 three family houses at 1080 Willoughby Avenue so that applicants do not have to travel far to be interviewed for the homes.

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 8:02PM