

Community Board #4 Regular Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, October 15, 2014
Hope Gardens Multi Service Center
195 Linden Street (corner of Wilson Avenue)
Brooklyn, New York 11221
6:00PM

The District Manager, Ms. Nadine Whitted, welcome all in attendance to the Community Board #4's Wednesday, October 15, 2014 monthly board meeting at 6:25PM.

-Public Hearing Items-

MTA-NYC Transit Authority: Presents Wilson Avenue L Train Station Improvement
Slide Presentation by Andy Inglesby, Assistant Director of Government and Community Relations & Staff

The project is a component project.

The actual contract has not been awarded as of yet. The contract is looking to be awarded at the end of this year.

The physical work will start at the later part of March or the early part of April 2015. The MTA will notify the Elected Officials and the Community Board of any service interruptions that will occur.

The Wilson Avenue L Line Train Station is a Historic Station.

These are the changes that are scheduled to be made at the Wilson Avenue L Line Station:

Mezzanine Area will be updated in appearance:

- 1) Water Proofing the ceiling
- 2) Cleaning and replacing existing drainage
- 3) Painting all structural steel beams at the ceiling
- 4) Repairing and replacing missing damage tiles
- 5) Bring lighting up to current standards
- 6) Replace the concrete floor
- 7) Remove existing drip pans
- 8) Restore Mosaic tile per Historic Standards

Lower level track to Manhattan

- 1) Replacing the rubbing board and replacing it with photo illuminated textile strips
- 2) Painting steel beams and columns

Upstairs Level to Canarsie

- 1) Repairing the corroded steel columns
- 2) Replacing the rubbing board and replacing it with photo illuminated textile strips
- 3) Repairing and replacing existing drainage system on the upper level track

Station House

- 1) Replacing the entire front façade
- 2) Replace the current entrance stairs
- 3) Replace the entrance light fixtures
- 4) Replace the metal holding at the parapet wall
- 5) Replacing both entrance doors
- 6) Replacing the sidewalks at the entrance
- 7) Reopening the two blocked windows and replacing it with clear glass
- 8) Constructing a new ADA ramp

The Wilson Avenue Train Station will not be one of the 100 key stations. The 100 key stations involve having elevators and escalators.

The ADA ramp will allow customers to get into the station with access to the Manhattan bound trains only.

Illuminating hand rails will be installed in the stairways. The Wilson Avenue Station will be one of the first stations to receive these illuminated hand rails. This is a pilot program and if it goes well the MTA will be extended it to their other projects.

The project will start late March or early April in 2015 and the work is scheduled to be finished by February 2016. The contract is for 13 months but the actual work that you will see will be about 9 months.

For 4 weekends during the project bus service will be required, from Myrtle Avenue to Canarsie. Probably in July or August when ridership is at its lowest. The station will be closed completely for 16 days due to the work that will need to be done on the station's façade and staircase. The station will be closed during this time for safety reason and there will be shuttle bus service from the Halsey Street station to Broadway Junction. The L train will bypass the Wilson Avenue Station during this time period.

The community board will be updated when the project starts and if there are any changes.

Question were entertained:

Ms. B. Smith: Why is the station not fully ADA accessible?

Mr. Inglesby: This is a component project and we looked at the elements that were really needed. This is not a full station renewal and even if it were a full station renewal that would not necessarily mean that the station would have to be a full ADA station. A full elevator station is at the Myrtle and Wyckoff Station.

Making this project a full ADA station would put the project way over its budget. This project will cost approximately \$3-4 million and to make the station fully ADA it will add many more millions to the budget.

Ms. A. Spellen: Will the contractors working on the project will be required to hire local residents to work on the project?

Mr. Inglesby: No

Ms. G. Puglla: Why has it taken so long to fix this station?

Mr. Inglesby: MTA has 468 stations and a lot of the stations look like this one or even worse so we had to go through the system. This is a component job and what that means is we really pick the elements that have a bad rating. We rate from 1 to 5 and a rating of 4-5 means that the conditions are really poor. We took a lot of the stations with a ratings of 4 & 5 and decided to put them into the Capital Plan. We know it is a long time coming and we know that something like the station house speaks volumes that is why we are trying to get the stations to look the way that they use to look. So we have a lot of stations to do with a limited amount of money.

Mr. E. Korman: I was a private contractor and as a contractor I was mandated by the City to hire minorities and people from the neighborhood, why doesn't the City of New York have the same standards?

Mr. Samson Abraham: Even under this contract the general contractor is supposed to hire minority workers.

Mr. Inglesby: Just for the record we are a NY State Authority not a City Authority, not that that makes a difference.

Mr. C. Joseph: On the right side of the station there is vacant lot where people have thrown garbage inside of it and it has a broken fence. What is going to be done with it?

Mr. Inglesby: There is nothing within this project that includes the lot; but he has been talking to people on maintaining the lot to make it look better.

Mr. R. Camacho: What about the rodents that will come out due to the project?

Mr. Inglesby: We will make sure that the contractor bate and have a very aggressive abatement process. We will follow it very closely.

Ms. Y. Gaffney: What is going to be done to the black wall on the Manhattan side of the station?

Mr. Inglesby: It is not part of the project.

Ms. Y. Gaffney: So it is going to stay black like that?

Mr. Inglesby: Yes, it is not part of this project.

District Manager, Ms. Whitted: The project that was presented was heard by the committee and we made sure that the NYPD was present at the meeting. The need for cameras and lighting at this station is necessary. The Community Board will address our State Elected Officials that correspond with the MTA NYC Transit to talk about the need for cameras and additional lighting at that site.

In 1980 there was a police office that was killed at that site. More importantly for our safety today this is needed especially on the Canarsie bound platform which is very dark at certain times.

We will speak to our State representative Martin M. Dilan. Assembly woman Maritza Davila is present with us tonight.

Assemblywomen Maritza Davila: Everyone can see the changes in Bushwick. We have seen it go down and we see it going up. We have brought it up so much that it is being taken away.

There is no problem with people coming in and building new business and putting in nice restaurants, however there is a problem with 65 year old senior citizens being displaced illegally. I do not like to see families that I have known be displaced illegally.

We will be working together and the elected officials will be working together.

There have been a number of request for liquor licenses. We do have good business and good people, however to continue to live here it will be a fight to maintain the common cause: a) the diversity b) the beauty c) the affordability

In five years a lot of us will have to move including herself because assembly persons do not make a lot of money. She does not want to see that happen.

Assemblywoman Davila stated that we have a good group of elected officials so she asked that all look out for any meetings that come up.

The 54th District which is the Assemblyman Eric Dilan does not take office until November and she is sure that he will beg to differ how these plans are. Why? Because it is disturbing to her that the ADA accessibility is only for those going to Manhattan and not for those going to Canarsie. That is unacceptable. When the decision was made there should have been some community input.

Ms. Inglesby: The Manhattan bound station platform is physically on the first floor. If the Canarsie station were on the first floor then that would have been the one that would be ADA assessable. We only have a certain amount of money available and to make the whole station ADA accessible would cost millions of more money.

Assemblywoman Davila: To make it ADA assessable one way and not the other way does not seem right to her. This is not her district but the upcoming assemblyman will have to look into it.

As for the lot next door to the Wilson Avenue train station there are people who would love to do something with the empty lot.

Mr. Inglesby: By the year 2020 the MTA is federally mandated to have 100 stations ADA assessable out of the 468 stations that they have within the subway system. They are going to meet that goal. The decision was clearly stated many years ago. Thank you.

Ms. Whitted thanked Assemblywoman Davila. The MTA's presentation was heard by the Environmental/Transportation Committee on October 8th and we felt that the board and the public needed to hear it at the Community Board Meeting as a public hearing agenda item.

Ms. Whitted thanked the MTA's Mr. Andy Inglesby and his staff for coming before the board with their presentation and all those who were in attendance.

Ms. Whitted closed the public hearing.

Ms. Dent thanked the District Manager for conducting the first part of the meeting while she was at another meeting in Manhattan at CUNY College.

Roll Call: 7:26PM 32 members present constituting a quorum

The Chairperson, Ms. Julie Dent welcomed all to the October 15th, 2014 Brooklyn Community Board #4 Meeting.

Ms. Dent asked for the acceptance of the agenda with any necessary corrections. Ms. Miriam Cruz moved to accept the agenda as written. It was second by Ms. Elvena Davis. All board members present were in favor.

The acceptance for the previous month's minutes with any necessary corrections was accepted by Ms. Sheila Jackson and second by Mr. Cyril Joseph. All members present were in favor.

Chairperson's Report, Ms. Julie Dent: 7:30PM

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 State Senator Martin Malave Dilan, 718 Knickerbocker Avenue, 917-975-4222, 718-573-1726
- 2) Kevin Worthington Representing NYC 34th Councilmember Antonio Reynoso, 244 Union Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206, 718-963-3141
- 3) Celeste Leon Representing NYC 37th Council Member Rafael L. Espinal, 786 Knickerbocker Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207, 718-642-8664
- 4) Yanuski Rodriquez Representing Kings County District Attorney Kenneth P. Thompson, 350 Jay Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, 718-250-2565; Action Center # 718-250-2340
- 5) Kevin Wolfe Representing Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams, 209 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, 718-802-3700

Representative from City, State or Federal Agencies:

- 1) Captain Max Tolentino, 83rd Pct. Commanding Officer, 480 Knickerbocker Avenue, 718-574-1697
- 2) Det. D. Franco, 83rd Community Affairs Unit, 480 Knickerbocker Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237, 718-574-1697
- 3) Maggie Mangual – Wyckoff Heights Medical Center -Positive Health Management Program, 342 Stanhope Street, Prevention Health Manager, 718-508-4669, mmangual@wyckoffhospital.org
- 4) Mr. Cyril Joseph – General Consultant for Family Services of NY, 718-940-9040 ext. 14

The Chairperson, Ms. Dent invited Captain Tolentino, 83rd Pct. Commanding Officer to say a few words.

Captain Tolentino: We have done things well and there are things that we have to work on.

For the 28th day period we are down in crime from 165 down to 145, which is 12.1%. That means that 20 people less was victimized compared from last year in the same 28 day period.

What they have to work more on is the amount of burglaries in the area.

50% of the burglaries occur in this zone: Flushing Avenue to Suydam Street, Broadway to Cypress Avenue and from Flushing Avenue to Stockholm Street.

The 83rd Pct. is re-deploying a lot of services into that area, because that is the area where burglaries are high however, they will not lose sight of what happens in the other part of the Precinct.

In the beginning of the summer a lot of the cases was due to people leaving their windows open however, now the problem is due to false entry. During the last 28 day period arrest are down from 340 arrest to 331 arrests.

They have been working closely with the District Attorney's Office, in making sure that the career burglars or career criminals do not get out of jail so quickly.

If you see a suspicious person (s) on your neighbors roof or fire escape get a good description of the individuals (s) and report it to 911 immediately!!! The NYPD is offering FREE security assessments of your home or apartment. Doors, locks, and windows will be examined and recommendations will be made to help you maintain a high level of security. For more information call 718-574-1688

Captain Tolentino stated that there have been a couple of attacks on residents in Bushwick. His message is:

An attack on our community, on our streets is an attack on Bushwick. Anybody who has information related to crimes that occur in Bushwick are encouraged to contact 1-800-777-TIPS.

In the upcoming future our officers will be receiving updated training.

Graffiti: Since August the 83rd Pct. has cleaned up 16 separate locations of graffiti. The 83rd Pct. has visited the Laundromat at Gates Avenue and Evergreen Avenue and they have asked the owner to clean their location themselves. The Elected Officials are approving funding for the cleanup and if anyone would like to help please contact Det. Franco at the 83rd Pct. 718-574-1697. The Chairperson thanked Captain Tolentino for speaking and attending the Community Board #4 meeting.

NYC Department of Health (DOH) Questions Frequently Asked about Ebola

The NYC Department of Health has provided a fact sheet on frequently asked questions on Ebola. Copies were made available for distribution to those in attendance.

The Department of Health is asking to hear from community based and faith based groups so that they can respond to the needs and concerns of NYC communities, specifically the West African Communities. To help them gather information, DOH is requesting that the following questions be answered via email to enapier@health.nyc.gov or you can reach them via phone at 347-396-4009 or 646-973-2823.

The questions are:

Are there specific questions and concerns that you are hearing from others in the West African Community Regarding Ebola?

Within your West African community / neighborhood who are the key leaders or organizations in which people listen to or follow? Please provide the specific names of the organizations or people if possible so that the DOH can have a conversation with them as well.

What are the most effective ways in which people communicate and receive information within the West African community? (For example: local newspaper, radio, television, community access cable channel, text messaging, etc.) Please name the specific stations.

Do you know of any upcoming community events where we can reach out to your community?

How can the DOH involve more members of the West African Community in the organizing of Ebola health education efforts and activities?

US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Super Fund Symposium

The US EPA will host a Symposium on Superfund Cleanups on Thursday, November 20, 2014 at Brooklyn Borough Hall. Location: 209 Joralemon Street, Community Room, 2nd Floor, from 6PM to 9PM.

The main focus: Roadmap to clean up the hazardous waste at "Superfund" sites – Wolff Alportt, Newtown Creek and the Gowanus Canal. Admission is free and open to the public. Ms. Cecilia Echols is available to answer questions concerning this at 212-637-3678

New York State Office of Alcohol and substance abuse service (NYC OASAS)

Bridge Back to Life is a network of NYS OSASAS licensed outpatient chemical dependency treatment program with five offices throughout the boroughs and Long Island. Bridge Back to Life is in the application process to open an additional site within Community District #4 at 16 Sumner Place between Flushing Avenue and Broadway.

The space being considered is already zoned as medical and is currently being used as an Article 28 Medical facility. Bridge Back to Life Inc. is interested in meeting with CB#4 to discuss this proposed project in detail.

Mayor de Blasio in Partnership with the NYC Council Launched Community Parks Initiative

This huge step will target 35 small neighborhood parks through a \$130 million capital investment. Long Neglected neighborhood parks around the five boroughs will receive monies for upgrade and renovations. (Our Thomas Boyland Park was mentioned as one of the parks that will be renovated)

Our Parks and Recreation Committee will be meeting with the Brooklyn Office of the Department of Parks and Recreation to learn more about this exciting funding.

Borough President Eric Adams

Will host the 2014 Dine-In Brooklyn which has proven to be a boost to the local restaurant industry and is Always well received by Brooklynites, NYC residents and tourist from all over the globe. Dine in Brooklyn

Takes place from Monday, October 20th to Thursday, October 23rd, and Monday, October 27th through Thursday, October 30th. The dinner menu will be \$25.00 and lunch menu for two will be for \$15.00.

Housing Lottery Seminar

Are you looking for Affordable Housing in Brooklyn? October 28, 2014 at 6:30PM, Location: Grace Baptist Church of Christ, 233 New Jersey Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207 (between Liberty and Glenmore Avenues) Call 718-246-8080 ext. 207 to RSVP and for more information

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: 718-574-0130; John Coker Early Learn Center: 718-452-1414

District Manager's Report, Ms. Nadine Whitted: 7:58PM

September 21, 2014

Ms. Whitted attended the Centennial Birthday for Rev. Dr. Hattie Downer. Rev. Downer is the Pastor Emeritus of the Cathedral of Joy Church of God located at 43 George Street. The celebration was for Rev. Downer's 100th birthday as well as the celebration of the church's 40th anniversary. In June of 1974 the Building was given to her. The building is where the church worships today and as an extension of her Humanitarian outreach the building is also utilized to house, feed and clothe children and the homeless.

September 22, 2014

Met with representatives of NYC Council Member Reynoso's Office regarding the Bushwick Rezoning Efforts. In order to move forward both council members Reynoso and Espinal offices came together with the Executive Steering Members who are in continuous communication with the Department of City Planning. Community leaders who are both organization and or residents volunteered to be on the (The Steering Committee). The Steering committee's role is to serve as liaison and advisor to the community, Elected officials and city agencies involved in the community based rezoning process. It ensures the most equitable and fair representation of the Bushwick community interests in it and diversity. The Steering committee functions: Education, outreach, and communication and advisory role.

September 25, 2014

The PRC committee met to review permits submitted by organizations who submitted applications to utilize the districts parks.

Chairperson-Julie Dent, Public Safety Chairperson- Barbara Smith and the District Manager, Nadine Whitted attend the Grand Opening of Lot 45 located at 411 Troutman Street between Wyckoff and St Nicolas Avenues. It is a very nice massive 60 by 100 space that has been converted to recreational space with a stage for live performances, kitchen and bar.

September 27, 2014

The Bleecker Street Block Association honored representatives of the board: Julie Dent, Martha Brown and Nadine Whitted. Also acknowledgement was given to the NYPD 83rd Precinct, Community Affairs Unit and the Community Council President at their annual block event.

September 29, 2014

Met with Chief of Staff of Assembly Member Davila's office.

October 1, 2014

Executive Committee Meeting: Members expressed interest in ascertaining information on the following: Housing lotteries – how do we ensure that the quoted amount of housing goes to Bushwick residents. Who will be there to make sure? Should we or do we take part in the lottery drawing?

MTA-TA closing of J/Z train stations at: Chauncey Street, Gates Avenue, Kosciusko Street, etc. will re-open. When these stations were closed we were told that it was doing so for both safety as well as lack of

ridership.

October 2, 2014

Attended the Bushwick Film Festival's opening night along with Chairperson Dent.

October 6, 2014

Attended the (PSC) Public Safety Committee's SLA application review

October 7, 2014

Attended the (EPT) Environmental Protection / Transportation Committee Meeting

The NYPD both the 83rd and the Transit District #33 echoed the need for lighting and cameras for the L Train Station at Wilson Avenue. We will address the elected officials as an added request is this request is not a part of the original project.

The next EPT Meeting is scheduled for November 18th, 2014. We will have a meeting at the board's office involving the DOT, NYPD, NYC Council Members (or their representatives) to discuss establishing a Local Bushwick Wide Bicycle Network. The focus will be fostering communications and recommendations for Safety for cyclists and residents.

The meeting place is forthcoming.

October 8, 2014

Chaired the District Service Cabinet Meeting

FDNY

Captain Timothy Smith and Chief Endall reported to the cabinet on the request to respond to what seems to be an extremely high number of fires in Bushwick during the July through September months.

Ms. Whitted's immediate thoughts and concerns was suspicious fires, perhaps arson. If not, perhaps fire safety education is needed.

Chief Endall stated that the number of structural fires are in fact down from previous years. When the responding Chief is not able to attribute the cause of a fire to the obvious cigarettes, wires, candles, electrical appliance, etc. It is then reported as suspicious. (This does not necessarily mean arson) Fire Marshalls are then dispatched to complete a more comprehensive investigation.

The FDNY will report back to Ms. Whitted regarding the details of the Fire Marshall's investigation.

We have scheduled a Fire Safety Event for November 17, 2014. At that time smoke detectors and batteries will be given out. This will be opened to the community.

Also planning to have Chest Compression (CPR) classes in the near future. The location will be determined.

DOT/NYPD Vision Zero

DRIVE 25 IT IS THE LAW! Beginning Friday, November 7, 2014 the speed limit will be lowered to 25 MPH.

Drivers who drive 25MPH or slower are better able to avoid crashes. Pedestrians who are struck by vehicles traveling at 25 MPH are half as likely to die as pedestrians who are struck by vehicles at 30 MPH.

For more information go to www.nyc.gov/visionzero

Department of Sanitation

DSNY Superintendent T. Tamburo, BK District #4 and Lt. K. Robinson - Discussed how the district has all types of literature and advertisement along private and public property. We were instructed to fill out a form for residential and multiple dwelling units concerning UNAUTHORIZED DISTRIBUTION OF UNSOLICITED ADVERTISEMENT.

National Grid

Local Law 30 – Service Valve Installation Mandate requires to install a shut off device at the street or curb.

The installation process will begin November 1, 2014 in Brooklyn & Queens. Hallen Contractors hired by

National Grid will notify owners:

By knocking on doors, leaving on doors knobs written material with telephone number to make an appointment and by re-visiting. Each home will take 4 hours to do.

This is a district wide project, impacting each household. I requested that National Grid make a presentation to the board during the November's board meeting.

Community Pet Day

Pet Day at Irving Square Park, Saturday, October 18th at 11AM to 3PM. There will be activities for pets and their owners.

Next Bushwick Rezoning Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 27, 2014.

Location: 1349 Gates Avenue. There will be two sessions one at 11:30AM and the other at 6:30PM.

Committee Meetings

Environmental Protection/Transportation Committee (EPT), Chairperson, Mr. Eliseo Ruiz – 8:23PM

Members Attending: Eliseo Ruiz, Committee Chairperson, Tari Sunkin

Others Attending: Nadine Whitted - District Manager, Kevin Worthington – NNYC Council Member Reynoso's Representative, Captain Ronald Zedalis, Sergeant Ali Cheikhali, PO Stacey Wollack – 83rd Pct., PO L. Longmire - Community Affairs TD#33, MTA NYC Transit Representatives: Andy Inglesby, Nan Ng and Samson Abraham.

Item Discussed:

MTA – New York Transit Authority Presentation – Wilson Avenue L Station Renovation Station Component Project. The contract will be awarded by the end of the year. Construction to begin early next year. The total cost is (3) three to (5) five million dollars.

Scope of Work:

Replace entire front façade, repair stair entrance, replace entry doors, replace light fixtures, replace metal coiling at parapet wall, repair paving at the bottom of entrance stairway, replace two blackened windows, and construct ADA ramp.

Platform ceiling and wall – repair corroded steel columns. Replace rubbing board, provide photo, add repair existing draining system on upper level track.

Platform columns – replace rubbing board and provide photo-luminescent tactile strip. Replace spoiled damaged concrete at ceilings. Paint steel beams and concrete. Platform edge reconstruction.

Mezzanine at Street Level: Water proofing at roof slab, clean/replace existing drainage. Paint all structural steel beams at ceiling. Replace/replace missing/damaged tiles. Bring lighting to current standards. Paint ceiling and wall above tiles. Remove drip pans. Restore mosaic per historic standards and illuminate handrails.

The façade of the building will be restored to the original historic appearance as the building which was erected in 1928 was deemed a landmark site.

Construction is scheduled for January to April 2015, with completion of work in February 2016. Throughout The project there will be a minimum of four (4) weekend were the Train station will be closed. This will Involve a complete shut down from the Myrtle / Wyckoff Station to the Rockaway Parkway Station. Also for sixteen (16) days during the project the L train will skip the Wilson Avenue Station stop. The MTA Will provide bus service during the disruption of service with ample notification.

Only four (4) lights are a part of the scope. The lights will be situated on the outside of the station. Mr. Inglesby stated that the project scope as presented doesn't include cameras or lighting.

Discussed the opening of train stations on the J line (Chauncey Street, Halsey Street, Gates Avenue, Kosciusko Street, etc.) The NYC MTA Transit President stated that the MTA are in a holding pattern on this

Issue and they are awaiting clarity about recent legal decisions elsewhere about reopening closed stations entrances and exits which will require ADA accessibility.

Discussed establishing a local Bushwick wide bicycle network – for recommendations, safety and the fostering of communication between the city and residents. Community Board #4 will convene a meeting involving NYC Councilmembers, NYPD, DOT and Cyclist to grow this collaboration for recommendations of streets that that we wish to see designated as bike lanes. Tentative meeting date is November 18, 2014.

Committee Recommends:

- 1) To have this issue presented at the public hearing portion of the meeting of October 15, 2014
- 2) To write to our State & Federal Elected Officials to fund the additional cost for cameras, lighting and handicap accessibility on both sides of the Wilson Avenue L train station especially the Canarsie bound side.

Health /Hospital & Human Services (HHH), Chairperson Mary McClellan – 8:39PM

Meeting held on Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 10:00AM-2PM, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207

Members Attending: Mary McClellan, Barbara Smith, Julie Dent, Zulma Novoa, Miriam Cruz

Others Attending: Mary Highsmith- Dorsainvil, John Ngadi and Lula Mae Phillips

The HHH Committee started a series of classes on Community Engaged Research.

The class will be learning how to research

The first class was held on Thursday, October 9th

The second class will be held on Thursday, October 16th

The third class will be held on Thursday, October 23rd

The conductor is Rev. Lula Mae Phillips from Weill Cornell Medical College

Public Safety Committee (PSC), Chairperson, Ms. Barbara Smith – 8:42PM

Meeting held on Monday, October 6, 2014 at 6PM, 83rd Pct., 480 Knickerbocker Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237

Members Attending: Barbara Smith-Committee Chairperson, Mary McClellan, Annette Spellen, Elvena Davis, Anne Guiney and Tari Sunkin

Others Attending: NYPD Representatives: Captain Tolentino, Captain Zedalis, Detective Franco of the 83rd Precinct

Applicants/Representatives: Jose Alatorre-Viannelly Restaurant, Kristen North, Joseph Jorge and John Sita

Items Discussed

New York State Liquor License Requests:

1. Bobbie Trap LLC., 308 Bleecker Street, Ms. North was asked to attend meeting due to the numerous amount of noise complaints received by the 83rd Pct. during the month of August. The meeting resulting in the following agreement:

- a) the sidewalk area where patrons congregate will be monitored by Ms. North.
- b) At 10:00PM the windows and doors will be closed.

It was mutually agreed that a sign which is located inside of the premises, that can be seen by passer byers and viewed as somewhat obscene will be covered until 10:00PM.

2. Vianelly Restaurant Corp., 250 Wyckoff Avenue. Applying for a restaurant wine and beer license. Mr. Alatorre is awaiting for the inspection by the FDNY. Until such time the committee will not support. The inspection is needed by the FDNY and the proper paper work is necessary before support will be given.

3. Cana y Café Bar Restaurant Corp., 856 Knickerbocker Avenue. Request for the renewal of a full liquor license. Hours and Days of Operation: Closed on Tuesday. Open on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:00AM to 11:00PM, Friday and Saturday open from 8:00AM to 4:00AM. No liquor sales on Sunday after 12 Midnight.

COMMITTEE APPROVES

Captain M. Tolentino the Commanding Officer of the 83rd Pct. noted that each establishment serving alcohol will receive one warning before receiving a summons. He also noted that a coordinated effort between the NYPD 81st & 83rd will respond to the Myrtle Broadway corridor.

Detective Franco reported on several locations where the FDNY & the NYPD responded to Chronic Hot Spots and gave out various summons in the month of March.

The Committees recommendations are:

856 Knickerbocker Avenue with noted operational days and times. Community Board #4 hosting a Public Safety Forum on fire safety in conjunction with the FDNY.

Recommendations:

To support the MTA's presentations with the following recommendations:

- 1) Would like to have an elevator for the Canarsie bound station allowing the Wilson Avenue Station to be ADA accessible.
- 2) Cameras for both inside and outside of the stations platforms.
- 3) Ample lighting inside and outside of the station as well as both platforms
- 4) Vacant lot that is owned by the Transit Authority, we would like it to be fenced in and cleaned up.
- 5) Turn the vacant lot over for community use.
- 6) For the several local jobs available how will the Community Board be involved and how will we advertised them to the Community?

The motion was presented by the District Manager and second by Eliseo Ruiz. All board members present were in favor. Motioned moved.

Announcements: 8:58PM

Barbara Smith, 83rd Pct. Council: The 83rd Pct. Council Committee is now collecting monies, can goods and turkeys for the Thanksgiving Holiday Season. Asking for donations. If you know of a family that could benefit please call the 83rd Pct. at 718-574-1697. Please give the name of the family, size of the family and the age of the children.

Sean Fleming, EcoStation,NY: After five years they are now a tax-exempt organization.

Bushwick Farmer's Market and Friends present...!CALABAZAFEST! Sunday, October 26, 2014 from 12 Noon to 5:00PM at Maria Hernandez Park

This is a colorful, cross-cultural mashup of Halloween, Day of the Dead, and Harvest Fair traditions featuring Fantastic live mariachi bands, pumpkin crafts, food demonstrations, etc...

Raul Rubio, Bushwick Community Partnership: Presented by the Office of the Kings County District Attorney Anti-Bullying Workshop. Hosted at PS 291, 231 Palmetto Street, Brooklyn, NY. Tuesday, November 18, 2014 At 10:30AM to 12:30PM.

Kevin Worthington, Representing NYC 34th Councilmember Antonio Reynoso:

You Decide How to Spend \$1 Million, Live in Bushwick, Ridgewood or Williamsburg? You can help decide How to spend \$1 million of taxpayer money for community improvements to parks, schools, libraries, street, And more. Join an upcoming neighborhood assemble to brainstorm ideas with your community. Be part of Participatory Budgeting New York City. Bushwick Neighborhood Assembly, Thursday October, 16, 2014 at 6PM, St. Joseph Patron Church, 185 Suydam Street. What are your ideas? Post it at PBNYC.ORG/34

To RSVP contact the office of Council Member Antonio Reynoso: 718-963-3141 at afarkas@council.nyc.gov

Celeste Leon, Representing NYC 37th Council Member Rafael L. Espinal: Free Immigration Services Fridays from 10:00AM to 5:00PM, New York City Council Member Rafael L. Espinal Jr.'s District Office, 786 Knickerbocker Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207, 718-642-8664

Please call to make an appointment ad get Free Help with your immigration questions related to Naturalization And Deferred Action for Children Arrivals. All services are free and confidential and open to any member of the community. Service will be available through June 30, 2015.

Community Pet Day! Irving Square Park in Bushwick, Brooklyn, Saturday, October 18, 11AM to 3PM. Plus

The first annual Halloween dog costume contest! Please visit www.facebook.com/irvingsquareparkdogrun or email communityrundogrun@gmail.com for more information.

Citizens Committee for New York City: 2015 Grants-Apply Now!!!

2015 Love your block Grants! \$1,000 to beauty your neighborhood! Love your block is a partnership Between NYC service and Citizens Committee for New York City that provides a unique opportunity for Neighborhood groups to improve their communities through local action. Grantees will received \$1,000 As well as City services from the NYC Departments of Parks and Recreation, Transportation and Sanitation to help improve their block.

Applications are due November 7th, 2015.

2015 Neighborhood Grants – Receive up to \$3,000 for community improvement projects. Through our Neighborhood Grants, Citizens Committee awards micro-grants of up to \$3,000 to resident-led groups to work on community and school improvements projects throughout the city.

Applications are due January 26, 2015

For more information call 1-212-822-9568 or 212-989-0909, info@citizensnyc.org, www.citizensnyc.org

Brandon Zwagerman, Silent Barn: Beginner's Spanish Class, Thursdays, 8-9pm, 603 Bushwick Avenue

Come learn the foundations of Spanish! This weekly class is taught by a native speaker with extensive Language instruction experience. The class will meet every Thursday until mid-November. Regular Attendance is key as each class content builds upon the previous week's lesson.

Student's financial contribution is a sliding-scale donation of \$5.00 to \$20.00 per class. For more info please Email Juliet at Juliet.tarantino@gmail.com

Bushwick Vendors Market: Silent Barn, 603 Bushwick Avenue, October 18th from 12-6pm, vintage, crafts,

Jewelry and art. Visit www.bushwickvendorsmarket.weebly.com or email bushwickvendorsmarket@gmail.com

For more information

1st Annual kid's stuff swap! Sunday, October 19, 2014, 1:00 to 4:00pm Bring things that kids can't wear or use and swap them with something else. Silent Barn, 603 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206

www.SilentBarn.org

CAMBA Legal Services: Providing free legal services to low-income and working poor residents of Brooklyn And Staten Island

Consumer law, domestic violence, foreclosure prevention, housing and immigration

CAMBA is a non-profit agency that provides services that connect people with opportunities to enhance their Quality of life. CAMBA started in 1977, and serves more than 45,000 individuals and families, including 9,000 Youth, each year. Learn more at www.CAMBA.org

For housing and foreclosure prevention call 718-287-0010

For consumer law, domestic violence and immigration law call 718-940-6311

Our schools need parents like you to help make NYC schools the best they can be! The Office of Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams invites all parents to: Community and Citywide Education Councils Election Information Meeting. Come learn what community and citywide education councils are, what they can do for Their school districts, and why you should be on one! Tuesday, October 21, 2014, Brooklyn Borough Hall, Community room, 209 Joralemon Street, 6-7:30pm. Sign up to learn more at NYCparentleaders.org or 311

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

When you phone in tip they will not ask your name. But if it leads to the arrest and indictment of a felon, you will received a cash reward of up to \$2,000. And because you pick it up by a code system, you will not even have to give your name to claim it.

Kevin Wolfe, Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams: BP Eric Adams & the Deputy Borough President Diana Reyna in partnership with Brooklyn (Kings County) Hispanic Chamber of Commerce & Ponce De Leon Federal Bank present LATINO Heritage Celebration 2014, Thursday, October, 30th at 8:00pm to 9:00pm at the

Brooklyn Borough Hall Building, 209 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. RSVP: 718-802-3717

Mr. Wolfe will take complaints/concerns regarding the renovation of the Wilson Avenue, L train station.

Men's Health Clinic: Mondays 11AM to 7PM, Tuesday – Friday 9AM to 5PM

Walk-INS accepted (Call to confirm availability) Free!! STD screenings and counseling services. Between: 18-45 years old. With no health insurance. For more information call: 718-509-3140 or visit us at

www.hivtest.org

The Chairperson, Ms. Julie Dent thanked the Hope Gardens Multi Service Center for allowing the Community Board #4 and their guest host their meetings at their facility.

2nd Roll Call: Meeting adjourned 9:16PM