

Community Board #4 Regular Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, September 16, 2015
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, September 16, 2015 monthly board meeting at 6:20pm.

Chairperson's Report, Ms. Julie Dent, 6:50PM:

The Chairperson, Ms. Dent welcomed all in attendance to the Community Board #4 Public Hearing and monthly meeting.

Ms. Julie Dent asked for the acceptance of the agenda with any necessary corrections. Ms. Mary McClellan moved to accept the agenda a written. It was second by Ms. Elvena Davis. All members present were in favor.

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

- 1) Jacklyn Reyes Representing Assemblyman Eric Martin Dilan, 366 Cornelia Street, Brooklyn, NY 11237, 718-386-4576
- 2) Yanuski Rodriquez Representing the Brooklyn District Attorney Ken Thompson, 718-250-2565
- 3) Jennifer Gutierrez Kevin Worthington Representing NYC 34th Councilmember Antonio Reynoso, 244 Union Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206, 718-963-3141
- 4) Celeste Leon Representing Councilmember Rafael Espinal, 786 Knickerbocker Avenue, 718-642-8664
- 5) Jason Pagan Representing Senator Martin Malave Dilan, 718 Knickerbocker Avenue, 718-573-1726
- 6) Yamilky Crisostomo Representing the Borough President Eric Adams, 209 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201
- 7) Oswaldo Pereira Representing Public Advocate Letitia James, 1 Centre Street, New York, NY 10007, 212-669-7200

City, State or Federal Agency representatives introduced themselves and stated their respective address and telephone numbers.

- 1) Deputy Inspector Max Tolentino, 83rd Pct. 480 Knickerbocker Avenue
- 2) PO Natalie Robinson, 83rd Pct., 480 Knickerbocker Avenue, 718-574-1697

The Chairperson invited Deputy Inspector Max Tolentino the Commanding Officer of the 83rd Precinct to give a synopsis as to the trends and stats of our local 83rd Precinct. This is a brief overview. Anyone interested in a more detailed report or have specific questions for the Deputy Inspector, were encouraged to attend the monthly 83rd Precinct Community Council Meetings held on the third Tuesday, monthly at the precinct located at 480 Knickerbocker Avenue at 6:30pm. During those meeting you'll have an opportunity to speak directly to the commander as well as the various specialty officers who are present to hear directly from you but more importantly- answer and resolve any problems/issues.

Deputy Inspector Max Tolentino, 83rd Pct. 480 Knickerbocker Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

The Deputy Inspector gave an update on the occurrences in the community.

The issues he discussed:

- a) K2 drug crisis creating a health crisis. The criminalization of marijuana pushing people to dangerous K2
- b) Arrest at Bushwick Avenue between Melrose and Jefferson Streets
- c) Two Police Officers involved in a shooting at Madison Street and Knickerbocker Avenue.
- d) Block parties held during the summer were held without any problems.

After his report the Chair continued with her report by noting:

Each year Committee Chairpersons are chosen to conduct the various committee meetings throughout the year. These meetings are open to the public and the public's input and concerns are taken into consideration, however only members assigned to the board can vote at these meetings. The District Office staff under the leadership of the District Manager, Ms. Nadine Whitted will ensure that meeting notices are sent out via email and USPS where indicated. The public is encouraged to attend these meetings which will be posted on the board's website at www.nyc.gov/brooklyncb4

The following list are the names of the committees and the committee chairperson:

Housing and Land Use (HLU) – Martha Brown
Health, Hospital & Human Services (HHH) – Mary McClellan
Civic and Religious (CRC) – Elvena Davis
Environmental Protection & Transportation (EPT) – Eliseo Ruiz
Public Safety (PSC) – Barbara Smith
Arts and Culture (ACC) – Zulma Novoa
Youth and Education (YEC) – Virgie Jones
Sanitation (SAN) – Raul Rubio
Parks and Recreation (PRC) – Robert Camacho
Senior Citizens (SCC) – Luisa Jose

Committee Chairperson were asked to start hosting meetings as soon as possible.

The City of New York Office of the Mayor: Mayor De Blasio highlights his fiscal year 2016 City Budget. Copies of the budget were attached to the chairperson's report and extra copies were made available to the public.

New York – Mayor Bill de Blasio, Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito and members of the City Council announced an early agreement for an on-time and balanced City budget for Fiscal Year 2016. The agreement on an approximately \$78.5 billion budget moves forward key initiatives to tackle income inequality and lift up families across the five boroughs, while protecting and strengthening the City's long-term fiscal health. The budget is a reflection of the responsible, progressive, and honest process that built over the last year and a half.

Listed are a variety of initiatives that the agreement includes:

- \$170 million to add new uniformed officers to the NYPD, coupled with vital reforms in overtime and civilianization that will generate over \$70 million in saving when fully phased-in. The new officers will be dedicated to counter-terror efforts and neighborhood policing – central to Commissioner Bratton's reengineering of the Department to bring police and community closer together while keeping crime low.
- \$39 million for universal six-day library service, extended hours, and other improvements
- Significant new investments in Renewal Schools, including \$12.7 million for extending learning time, and \$2.2 million for school-based health centers in FY17.

- \$17.9 million to phrase in breakfast in the classroom at 530 elementary schools, serving 339,000 students by FY18.
- \$6.6 million for the Department of Education to hire 50 additional physical education teachers and conduct a comprehensive needs assessment to address barriers and move schools toward full physical education compliance.
- \$1.8 million to expand the Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP) to serve New Yorkers in need.
- \$1.5 million in new staff and resources to meet the Mayor's goal of ending veteran homelessness and \$335,000 to fund a team of Veterans Service Officers that will be deployed in communities throughout the five boroughs.
- \$4.3 million to eliminate waitlists for the Department for the Aging's homecare program and \$2 million to expand elder abuse prevention.
- \$750,000 growing in the out years- to fund support services through the seniors in Affordable Rental Apartment (SARA) Program; 30 percent of those units are set aside for homeless seniors.
- \$1.14 million to fund 80 additional school crossing guards
- \$687,000 to fund an extension of beach season for one week past Labor Day.
- \$5 million to dedicate additional resources to inspection and remediation of substandard conditions at boarding homes (known as "Three-*quarter Houses") and to relocate tenants.
- \$2.4 million – growing in the out years – to expand CUNY's Accelerated Study in Associate Programs (ASAP), with a goal of increasing the community college three-year associated degree graduation rate from 12% to 34%.
- \$1.3 million to expand resources for the Special Narcotics Prosecutor to address drug-related violence.

Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams is looking for members of the board to serve as a Brooklyn Borough President appointee to the Department of Youth and Community Development's (DYCD) Neighborhood Advisory Board. Brooklyn has 17 Neighborhood Advisory Boards (NAB) that are designed to identify program priorities and make recommendations to the commissioner of DYCD regarding those programs that are determined to be most effective and responsive to the needs of community residents. Those who are interested are required to submit their application to the Borough President's Office no later than Monday, September 30, 2015. Applications was also made available to the public in case they were interested in becoming a member of the board.

MESA School: MESA School have part time afterschool opportunities available. They are looking for great people to join their after-school programming: A soccer coach, a flag football coach, a robotic coach, and an art club instructor. Anyone interested should contact Mr. Arthur Samuels, Executive Director of MESA Charter High School, 231 Palmetto Street, Brooklyn, NY 11221. Telephone #: 718-282-7426 x 201; Fax #: 718-919-257-6876.

Brooklyn Public Library – DeKalb Branch, 790 Bushwick Avenue: Hosting a concert on Wednesday, September 30, 2015 from 6:15 to 7:15PM. L.A. Blacksmith and Wayne Holmes share some of the hits of legendary artists Ray Charles, Stevie Wonder and Marvin Gaye. This is a free event that is open to the public.

First Roll Call, 7:25PM: 27 Members Present this constitute a quorum.

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

Ms. Dent asked for the acceptance of the June Minutes with any necessary corrections. Ms. Mary McClellan moved to accept the June 2015 minutes. It was second by Ms. Sharline Moore. All members present were in favor.

Election of Officers:

Nomination Committee: 7:30PM

Nomination Committee Members: Mary McClellan, Barbara Smith, Anne Guiney and Annette Spellan

Assisting Nomination Committee: Kurt Barnes

The nominating Committee's function is to establish a slate of members willing and eligible to run executive office position for the year 2015-2016.

The results of the election:

Chairperson – Ms. Julie Dent

1st Vice Chairperson – Ms. Martha Brown

2nd Vice Chairperson – Ms. Victoria Fernandez

Recording Secretary – Mr. Cirilo Nunez

Financial Secretary – Mr. Eliseo Ruiz

Treasurer – Ms. Gladys Puglla

Correspondence Secretary – Ms. Virgie Jones

Parliamentarian – Mr. Robert Camacho

District Manager's Report, 7:55PM:

The District Manager, Ms. Nadine Whitted welcomed all in attendance back from their summer recess. Ms. Whitted and her staff, Mr. Willie Morales and Ms. S. Fludd work from their 1420 Bushwick Avenue office which is located between Moffat Street and Chauncey Street. The office hours are 9am to 5pm. It is the District Managers plan to host most of the committee meetings at that address, however, this can change very easily so she asked that those who are interested in attending to please call the office first to make sure where the meetings will take place. You can reach us at 718-628-8400/Fax # 718-628-8619, Email: BK04@cb.nyc.gov. The board's website address is www.nyc.gov/brooklyn4. All meetings will be posted on the website in the future.

Summer Street Activity: Working with both the Street Activity Permit Office (SAPO) and the NYPD-83rd Pct. The Community Board coordinated approximately 70 street activities permits.

NYC - Department of Environmental: Is currently constructing 846 right of way Bio wales and 5 Storm water Greenstreets in the Bushwick area. The District Manager attached to her report the locations where these Bio wales and Greenstreets will be. The location chosen are final and have undergone a rigorous design and acceptance process by City agencies and Utilities Company to ensure they comply with the City requirements for pedestrian access and safety and that they do not interfere with existing utility lines.

The NCB-015 CSO Tributary Area boundaries represents the 2, 119 gross acres that are tributary (offshoot) to the combined sewer outfall during wet weather. If a rain event exceeds the capacity of the City's wastewater treatment system the outfall may discharge combined sewer overflow (CSO) into Newtown Creek. DEP is building Right-of-Way Bio wales and other types of green infrastructure with the area in order to manage and reduce this storm water runoff before it can enter the combined sewer and could therefore reduce the amount of CSO discharging into Newtown Creek.

Newtown Creek is a 3.5 mile long estuary that forms part of the border between the boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens in New York City.

NYC – Department of Transportation: Installation of crosswalk marking on Bushwick Avenue at the intersection of Stanhope Street.

A speed hump was approved for Moffat Street between Broadway and Bushwick Avenue.

Bike Lane Update: An upward of 700 residents responded to the bike lane survey that was distributed throughout the district earlier this year. Currently the Department of City Planning is crunching the data. There have been more requests for bike lanes on avenues than for north to south streets. The Bike Lane Steering Committee will re-convene by the next full board meeting where and update will be made available.

Fire Department:

Structural Fires: July 29, 2015 – 1037 Hart Street,

August 2, 2015 – 50 Granite Street

August 25, 2015 – 1102 Putnam Avenue

National Grid:

Has provided information on how to quickly navigate the gas service installation process for both new and changeover services for residential, commercial or mixed used buildings.

Committee Reports: 8:05PM

Public Safety Committee Meeting (PSC) – Barbara Smith, Committee Chairperson: Meeting Held, Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 6PM, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207

Members Attending: Barbara Smith, Gladys Puglla, Mary McClellan, Victoria Fernandez, Elvena Davis, John Scheaffer, Linda McKinley

Others Attending: Nadine Whitted-CB4 District Manager, PO Natalie Robinson – 83rd PCT> Community Affairs Office, Serena Dai – DNA Info

Applicants Appearing: Daury Grullon & Ariel Infante – Industry 1332, Seth Prraci- Bar/Restaurant 1446

Applicants Not Appearing: 856 Knickerbocker Avenue, 1006 Flushing Avenue, 251 Wilson Avenue and 143 Troutman Street

- 1) Industry 1332 – 1332 Halsey Street requesting a full liquor wine and beer restaurant license. Hours of Operation: Monday through Saturday 7pm to 4am. Sunday from 12noon to 12 midnight. The owners indicated that they are looking to hire local residents for the positions of busser (a person who clears dishes from a table in a restaurant) and cleaners.
- 2) 1446 Myrtle Avenue – New full liquor wine and beer tavern request with patio deck. This location was placed on hold and will be invited to next committee meeting. The applicant was asked to bring additional documents to the next meeting.

Applicants that did not show up will be re-invited to the October Meeting.

Old Business

Recommendation, 8:10PM:

Public Hearing Items from June 2015 Community Board Meeting

- 1) UNIFORM LAND USE REVIEW PROCEDURE (U.L.U.R.P.) APPLICATION # 150339 PPK.

Disposition of City Owned Property:

Site 1: Block 3186, Lot 144 (93 Starr Street between Knickerbocker & Wilson Avenues) is an irregular interior lot approximately 1135 sq. feet in area, on the east side of Starr Street, Lot abuts two private properties with frontage on Starr Street. The lots is currently leased to an adjacent property owner.

Voting: 23 board members voted against the selling of the property with 4 abstentions, none were in favor. Motion not passed.

Site 2: Block 3438, Lot 63. The City acquired Lot 63 on June 6, 1979 through the in-rem tax foreclosure process. The property was fenced and has remained vacant.

Voted: 19 members voted against the property being sold with 5 abstentions and 3 members in Favor. Motion not passed.

- 2) NYC Department of Parks and Recreation Design Team – Comfort Station located at Central/Knoll/ Green Ball Field.

Voted: 27 members in favor of the park, zero members against, zero abstention. Motion passed.

Chairperson's Report

The Ridgewood Bushwick Senior Citizen Council (RBSCC Inc.) is requesting Community Board #4 support to provide 50 additional Assisted Living Program beds (ALP) to low income and fixed income New Yorkers in need of supportive housing and home care services. Currently RBSCC operates a 30 bed facility at Moffat Gardens Senior Housing. RBSCC plans to consolidate the ALP beds with the current beds at a new facility located at the parking lot of the Buena Vida Nursing Home. RBSCC has requested support from Community Board #4 which would be forwarded to the NYS Department of Health.

Voted: 25 members in favor of supporting RBSCC with the need for additional Assisted Living beds, 2 Abstentions because they work for RBSCC. Motion passed.

Housing and Land Use:

- 1) El Garden was created in September 2013 and presently thriving as one of the 17 HPD owned lots across the city with existing community garden agreements now at risk because it has been placed on a list encouraging development for the New Infill Homeownership Opportunities Program (NIHOP) and Neighborhood Construction Program (NCP). Both programs, although well intentioned, are actually in line with Bushwick's local affordability rates and neither program caters to existing resident's housing needs. The El Garden organization is seeking the Community Boards support in requesting that it be removed from the NIHOP/NCP RFQ list and it be given permanent community garden status.

Voted: 21 members in favor of supporting El Garden being removed from the NIHOP/NCP RFQ

Listing and be given permanent community garden status, 6 members are against, 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

- 2) Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Held on Monday, July 6, 2015

Beaver Street Block 3137 Lots 1, 3, 6 and 11 located at Beaver Street at Garden Street

Voted: 26 members in favor, 1 Abstention. Motion passed.

- 3) Public Safety Committee Meeting Held on Tuesday, July 7, 2015 - NYS Liquor License Requests: 1215 Myrtle Avenue, New Tavern LWB; 109 Moffat Street, New Tavern LWB; 274 Wyckoff Avenue, New Restaurant

Voted: 27 members voted in favor of 1215 Myrtle Avenue and the 274 Wyckoff Avenue Liquor Requests; the board voted against 109 Moffat Street at this time. Note: the restaurant is not open to the public at this time.

Motion to agree with the recommendations of the PSC was motioned by Raul Rubio and second By Robert Camacho. All members present were in favor. Motion passed.

Announcements: 8:45PM

Eric L. Adams and Diana Reyna in Partnership with the Brooklyn (Kings County) Hispanic Chamber of Commerce & Ponce De Leon Federal Bank Present: LATINO Heritage Celebration 2015, Tuesday,

September 29th at 5:30Pm to 9:00PM. Brooklyn Borough Hall, 209 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. RSVP: 718-802-3717 or ygrisotomo@brooklynbp.nyc.gov – Website: www.brooklyn-usa.org

New York City Council Participatory Budgeting: Bushwick, What would you do with \$1 Million Dollars? Be a part of a new way of making decisions about public money. Be a part of Participatory Budgeting NYC. There is \$1 million available in our community to invest in our parks, school, streets and more. YOU DECIDE HOW IT WIL BE SPENT!!! Community members can propose projects and vote on which ones you think best serve the 34th District-Bushwick, Ridgewood and Williamsburg. Last cycle, our neighbors voted on improvements to our public schools, upgrades to a playground and a community center in a NYCHA development, and a new passenger van for a senior center! Bring your ideas and join us for an assembly on: Tuesday, September 29th at 6:30PM at 120 Menahan Street & Wednesday, September 30th at 6:30PM at 100 Irving Avenue – PS 123

For more information contact the Office of Council Member Antonio Reynoso at 718-963-3141

St. Nicks Alliance: Are you unemployed and having a hard time finding a job? Are you ready to start a career? St. Nicks Alliance will help you find a job and also provide you with specialized training and career planning.

For additional information and to apply call 718-302-2057 ext. 200

Prepare for a career in environmental industry! We will train you FREE in 6 weeks! Classroom and Hands-on environmental job training and ongoing career coaching.

What is required? A) At least 6 months of construction or related experience required B) High School Diploma or HS Equivalency Diploma C) (CDL B only) Valid NYS Driver's License for a least 3 years with no more than 2 points in your recent driving abstract D) Commitment to finish program and be job placed. READY TO LEARN MORE? Come to the free info session!

When: Every Wednesday and Thursday at 2PM

Where: St. Nicks Alliance Workforce, 790 Broadway, 2nd Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11206

Contact Info: 718-302-2057 ext. 231

Have the Skills and Looking for Work? Construction Workers Needed!!! Basic Requirements: Prior construction experience, pass a math and reading test, substance free, must be physically fit and have the ability to lift at least 50 pounds. Please call for additional information and to schedule an appointment: 718-302-2057 ext. 235. St. Nicks Alliance Workforce, 790 Broadway, 2nd Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11206

Brooklyn Public Library: Ready, Set, Kindergarten!!! Have fun at the library and help get your child ready for school. For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers. In this special six session series, families enjoy stories and activities designed to encourage the development of early learning practices.

Exploring literacy, science and math through music, stories, art & play will help you and your child get ready for school!!! Families will received free materials to continue the learning and fun at home.

Saturday, October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 14, 21: DeKalb Library @ 2pm, 790 Bushwick Avenue at DeKalb Avenue.

For more information on Ready, Set, Kindergarten! Programs call 718-230-2428 or visit www.bklynlibrary.org/first-5-years/

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Brooklyn District Attorney Ken Thompson and New York Immigration Coalition (NYIC) invite you to a Brooklyn Immigration Forum on Saturday, September 26th 2015 between the hours of 10am to 2:30pm. Sunset Park Recreation Center, 42nd Street and 7th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11232. Join us as we share important information on fraud prevention. Information and legal resources from partner organizations available to all regardless of immigration status. The event includes: Panel discussions, breakout workshops, and community resource tables.

Light refreshments to be served. For more information contact Trip Yang at yangt@brooklynda.org or call 718-250-2968. www.brooklynda.org

Brooklyn Public Library Adult Learning: High School Equivalency (HSE) Free Pre-HSE (Formerly "Pre-GED") classes for adults 17 and older

Evening, daytime and Saturday classes available. Begin your HSE preparation at Brooklyn Public Library. Practice reading, writing and math skills critical for HSE success. Part-time and full-time schedules available.

Central Library, 10 Grand Army Plaza, Brooklyn, Y 11238, www.bklynlib.org/pre-hse

Art Show: Etchings by Suzanne Frazier, September 16, 6-8pm at 351 Evergreen Avenue. For more information: www.rearstorefront.com

Wyckoff Heights Medical Center – Positive Health HIV Outreach & Prevention Program: Take Pride in Knowing!! Get tested today!!

- Free Rapid HIV Testing with results within 30 minutes
- STD Testing and Treatment
- PEP (Post-exposure Prophylaxis) and PrEP (Pre-exposure Prophylaxis) to prevent HIV
- Linkage to HIV medical care & supportive services

Know your status for yourself. Walk-ins are welcome or you can call to make an appointment. 347-723-2834 or 929-432-3482, 1610 DeKalb Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237

REWARD up to \$500.00 for the arrest and conviction of anyone who commits graffiti vandalism.

Call 911 for crimes in progress, call 31

1 to provide information

If you suspect terrorism call the NYPD at 1-888-NYC-SAFE (1-888-692-7233)

All calls will be kept confidential. The NYPD needs you to be its eyes and ears!!

Cash for Guns \$100.00: No questions Asked. \$100 for each handgun, assault weapon or sawed-off shotgun; up to maximum payment of \$300. Guns accepted at any Police Precinct, PSA or Transit District.

North Brooklyn Coalition: Against Family Violence

The mission of the North Brooklyn Coalition Against Violence (the Coalition) is to decrease the incidence of domestic violence in the community and mitigate its effects on victims and their families.

Free bilingual (English-Spanish) services available at the Coalition. If you or someone you know needs supports or to make an appointment please call 718-302-4073. info@northbrooklyncoalition.org

IDNYC Enrollment Sites/ Brooklyn / by appointment only

IDNYC is newly launched New York City municipal identification program. All NYC residents 14 years and older who reside in New York City's five borough are eligible for the ID, regardless of immigration

status. To make an appointment & for more enrollment sites visit their website at www.nyc.gov/idnyc or call 311

We're here for you. Many survivors of sexual assault may experience severe feelings of anxiety, stress or fear, flashbacks, body memories, depression, inability to work or continue school and other responses as a direct result of the assault. You do not have to deal with this alone. Call 347-533-9102 /646-647-5414

Connect with a free counselor, with a healing circle, with a sister circle, with workshops and webinars, with a writing circle, connect with black women's blueprint.

Email: Counseling@blueprintny.org

Survival is testament to someone's strength. Healing is testament to the community surrounding her. - The Dear Sister Anthology: Letters from survivors of Sexual Assault.

2nd Roll Call: Meeting Adjourned 9:05PM