

Brooklyn Community Board #4 Regular Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, October 18, 2017
Hope Gardens Multi Service Center
195 Linden Street, Corner of Wilson Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11221
6:00PM

The Brooklyn Community Board #4 Chairperson, Ms. Julie Dent opened the Public Agenda portion of the meeting at 6:22PM.

- Public Hearing Item -

1) Luz Ramos-Sealy, Specialist - Get Covered NYC, Public Engagement Unit: Presenting on the Get Covered NYC Initiative

Get Covered NYC is a new initiative that started November 2016 to help New Yorkers get health insurance. This November 1st is the opening enrollment period. They help people get enrolled. Throughout the year they help people get with Medicaid, Medicare.

If you can't find coverage through a job or family member, you may be able to find a lower-cost option through the NY State of Health, the Official Health Plan Marketplace.

- Apply online, over the phone, or in person.
- Fill out one application to find out if you can get financial help, and to enroll in any health plan in the marketplace for which you are eligible.
- Individuals and families, including same-sex spouses, can receive a tax credit if they are income eligible. Married couples must file their taxes jointly to qualify.

For more information: Visit the NY State of Health at www.nystateofhealth.ny.gov, call 311 Or 1-855-355-5777

Questions:

Martha Brown: What hospitals are covered under the program?

Answer: HHH Facilities – Woodhull Hospital, Kings County Hospital, and Coney Island Hospital
They work with Dept. of Health sites: Locations in Crown Heights, East NY, Fort Green and Coney Island.

Metro Plus help them with enrollments applications. The cost is based on your income.

2) Henry Hewes and Evan Stern, Occam Suy LLC (Owner of the Property) and Covert Supermarket II LLC (Supermarket Operator): Presenting on the proposed 605 Hart Street FRESH Supermarket

Mr. Henry Hewes: Have been on the Broadway corridor since 1994. He has built a supermarket on the corner of Broadway and Covert Street (Super Pioneer). He has built a building for school for artistic children at 1441 Broadway and he has built a school for a head start program for develop disadvantage children at 1419 Broadway. Mr. Hewes just built a health clinic at 1427 Broadway that is scheduled to open next month November 2017.

They hope to build a Fresh Supermarket at 605 Hart Street, which is adjacent to the Central Avenue train station on Myrtle Avenue.

Fresh Supermarket is a program that the city has that gives businesses certain tax advantages and allows them to build a little bigger store, in return they agree to have more fresh food and more services for the people in the community. One tax advantage that they will receive is the amount of their real estates will be reduced for 20 years from the date that they start operation. If they obey NYC rules in reference to the percentage of the square feet of the supermarket the City will extend that benefit and give them an extra 10 years tax reduction. So they will pay lower real estate tax than they would normally pay for obeying the city's rules for a FRESH

Supermarket, which will then allow them to offer consumers food at lower prices. Mr. Hewes is hoping to save approximately \$40,000 to \$50,000 in taxes per year, which would be similar to the amount that he saves at the Supermarket that he has on Covert Street and Broadway. The supermarket that they hope to build will be similar to Super Pioneer that is located on Covert and Broadway. He hope to open 605 Hart Street store in one year or a year and a half. Mr. Hewes stated that they want to be involved with the community and will work with the community board in hiring youths. In the summertime they participate in the summer youth program and help sponsor the little league. They send out vans to pick up seniors citizens so that they can do their shopping and they take them home when they are finished. They have free delivery. They serve hot dogs on holidays.

As part of the complex there will be a church built on Suydam Street as well as quality housing complex. Housing will be built over the supermarket and also in a building on Suydam Street behind the supermarket.

Ms. Dent: How many people from the community have you employed at the Covert Street Supermarket?

Mr. Hewes: I don't have that information because I do not manage it on a daily basis. I do not answer questions that I do not know the answer to, I can check for you and let you know.

Ms. Dent: Thank you we would appreciate it.

How many units will there be and how many will be affordable?

Mr. Hewes: There will be 56 units and 12 will be affordable at 60% of the area median income.

Mr. Cirilo Nunez: Will there be parking?

Mr. Hewes: Yes, there will be an underground garage with 22 parking spaces.

Mr. D. Monroe: Do you have an internal marketing strategy to make sure that the people in the community can actually take advantage of the affordable housing complex?

Mr. Hewes: The city has a lottery process so that people can take advantage of the affordable housing. What we will do and what we have done in past projects since 1980, we will work with the Community Board so that we will give you advance notice of when application are going out. That way you can make an intensive effort in the community to make people aware.

The planned supermarket will be 11,000 square feet with 8,500 square ft. dedicated to the FRESH Supermarket Program which is good fresh food, good deals, and good prices.

- 3) Alice Friedman, Senior Project manager and Craig Baerwald, Project Manager, NYC Department of Transportation: Presenting on the Bushwick Neighborhood Bicycle Network – fall 2017 Update.

Alice Friedman: Phrase I is already in progress.

Phrase II Proposals:

- Street Ambassador Post-implementation Outreach at Irving Square Park
- Bicycle Safety Study
- Develop Knickerbocker Avenue loading zone proposal
- Present Phase II proposed projects to CB4

Community District 4 – Priority Bicycle District

- High number of cyclists killed or severely injured
- 3 cyclists killed (2010-2014)

- 48 cyclists severely injured (2010-2014)
- Medium density bicycle network coverage
- Most cyclist fatalities occur on streets without bike facilities (89%)

DOT has committed to creating or enhancing 75 lanes miles of bike facilities in priority bicycle districts by 2022.

2017 Cycling Safety Study – Educational Programs and Enforcement

Action Plan:

- DOT, NYPD and NYC DOHMH developed a comprehensive set of enforcement and education initiatives to continue to improve bicycle safety
- Focus and deploy enforcement resource to intersections with high rates of cyclist
- Tailor enforcement to address the most dangerous driver and cyclist behaviors

NYPD: Bicycle Moving Violations –

2011 – 14,660

2012 – 12,845

2013 – 19,073

2014 – 27,356

2015 – 30,282

2016 – 28,592

Safety – NYC DOT Initiatives

Street Ambassadors

- Education through bike lights, bell giveaways, bike maps and Bike Smart guide
- Outreach initiatives and workshops

April 2017 – Earth Day at Irving Square Park

June 2017 – Shape Up Bushwick at Irving Square Park

Summary - Benefits of Design Elements:

Roadway marking Vehicles

- Organize the roadway
- Improves safety
- Improve alignment and visibility
- Establish standard width; discourage speeding

Cyclists

- Dedicated space for cyclists
- Increase predictability of cyclists location
- Direct connections to existing network
- Provide wayfinding

Craig Bearwald:

85% of the cyclist are traveling the way of the traffic and are using the bike lanes.

Biking on sidewalks decreased 5%.

DOT would like to extend bike lane on Central Avenue to Flushing Avenue (the lanes stop at Myrtle Avenue)

Questions:

Martha Brown: On Hancock Street she noticed that cars are parked in the middle of the block during alternate street parking days. This is dangerous.

Craig Bearwald: Double parking is illegal. During alternate street parking cars can cover the bike lanes, and not park in the middle of the street.

Alice: You should sit in the car during alternate street parking. Cars should cover the bike lane and not be in the middle of the street.

Cirilo Nunez: I do not notice the same results as you do. 90% of the cyclist that I see do not obey traffic laws. Drivers do not obey traffic laws. More work need to be done in outreach and education.

Earnest Estime: Evergreen Avenue roads are bad, will they be fixed? Will there be bike lanes on Bushwick Avenue?

Alice: No, that would be a problem with making Bushwick Avenue safe.

Craig: Yes, Evergreen Avenue will be repaved.

Robert Camacho: Just because you see my face on their brochure does not mean that I approved of the project.

We need bicyclist to have license plates on their bikes and they also need to get insurance.

83rd Precinct: Bike riders are supposed to go the same direction as cars. They too need to follow the rules and regulations that cars are supposed to follow.

Electric bikes and mopeds are illegal.

In view of the young lady that was killed by a truck on Evergreen Avenue.

Abby: DOT is taking a truck survey and they are planning to release the data next year.

Chairperson Ms. Julie closed the public hearing item. She asked the District Manager, Celestina Leon to call the first roll call.

First Roll Call: 7:42PM – 27 members present constituting a quorum

Ms. Dent asked for the acceptance of the agenda with any necessary corrections. Mr. Joshua Brown motioned to accept the agenda as presented. It was second by Ms. Barbara Jackson. Motion moved.

Ms. Dent asked for the acceptance of the previous meeting minutes with any necessary corrections. Ms. Elvena Davis motioned to accept the previous meeting minutes as presented. The motion was second by Mr. Joshua Brown and Ms. Annette Spellen. Motion Moved.

Chairperson's Report: 7:58PM

Ms. Julie Dent welcomed all to the Community Board #4 Wednesday, October 18, 2017 monthly meeting.

There will be a NCO (Housing) Monday, November 6th, Hope Gardens Community Center, 422 Central Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11221 at 6:30PM.

A light snack & refreshments will be served at the meeting while you mingle with fellow community members.

These NCO meeting will be held every 3 months.

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

- 1) Boris Santos Representing Councilmember Antonio Reynoso, 244 Union Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11221, 718-963-3141 & 212-788-7095: He represents the section West of Hart Street and South of Central Avenue up to Cornelia Street.

- 2) Paula Melendez Representing Assemblywoman Maritza Davila, 249 Wilson Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237, 718-443-1205
- 3) Jonathan Pomboza Representing Acting District Attorney Eric Gonzalez, 350 Jay Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, 718-250-2817
- 4) Armando Fuentes Representing Councilmember Rafael Espinal, 786 Knickerbocker Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207, 718-642-8664
- 5) Jackelynn Reyes representing Assembly member Erik M. Dilan, Brooklyn, NY 11237, 718-386-4576

Ms. Dent asked those from Federal, State or City Agencies to introduce themselves and state their respective contact information with their address and phone numbers.

- 1) Boniface WeWe, Brooklyn Public Library Irving Branch, 260 Irving Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 718-628-8378
- 2) Ellen Mehling, Brooklyn Public Library, 10 Grand Army Plaza, Brooklyn, NY 11201, emehling@bklynlibrary.org
- 3) PO Ezequias Gomez, 83rd Pct., 480 Knickerbocker Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11237, 718-574-1697
- 4) PO Oscar Lopez, 83rd Pct., 480 Knickerbocker Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237, 718-574-1697
- 5) Deputy Inspector Sergio Centa, 480 Knickerbocker Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237, 718-574-1697
- 6) Magdalena Mangual, Wyckoff Heights Medical Center, 374 Stockholm Street, Brooklyn, NY 11237
- 7) Ms. Giselle Ramos, Community Outreach Coordinator, St. Nicks Alliance, 790 Broadway, Brooklyn, NY, 718-302-2057 ext. 435.

Tuesday, October 3, 2017, 6PM

Brooklyn Borough Board Meeting: Community Board #4, Community Associate, Ms. Sharon Fludd attended the Brooklyn Borough Board meeting for Chairperson Julie Dent. Ms. Dent hosted the 83rd Precinct Neighborhood Safety Meeting at her Learning Center.

Ms. Dent thanked Ms. Fludd for her attending the meeting in her behalf, and for the comprehensive report that she wrote. She read some of what was discussed at the meeting but asked all to read it.

- Presentation by United War Veterans Council in establishing a Veterans Committee for each Community Board. The committee would enhance civic engagement to a population of New Yorkers with great potential to improve their local communities – our veterans. The committee would be formed to improve mutual communication and understanding, while stimulating neighborhood involvement by these local patriots.
- Presentation by the Prospect Park Alliance: A vote was needed for the new designs for the new entrances on Flatbush Avenue and multi – site recreational amenities (Drinking fountains, BBQ site, and running lane pilot) at Prospect Park.
- Presentation by the Department of City Planning on the environmental review related to the citywide Hotel Special Permit in Industrial Business zones. NYC is growing more and more with over 8 million New Yorkers. The DCP need to ensure that there is space to support industrial, housing and more. There has been an increase of persons visiting New York City. More space is needed for those visiting the city.
- Presentation by Justfix.NYC a nonprofit organization that helps low income tenants facing wrongful evictions.
- Presentation by the School Construction Authority on new schools opened an under construction in Brooklyn. The schools Construction Authority'(SCA) mission is to design

and construct safe, attractive and environmental sound public schools for children throughout the many communities of New York City. They are dedicated to building and modernizing schools in a responsible, cost-effective manner while achieving the highest standards of excellence in safety, quality and integrity. The school that is being renovated/worked on in Bushwick is The Brooklyn School for Social Justice.

- Presentation by the Center for Arts Education regarding a current project related to non-partisan voter engagement and arts education. The discussion focused on arts in schools (visual arts, dance, theater, music) an ideal place to learn about artistic endeavors is in school, through curricular arts.

The first NCO meeting was held on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at the Audrey Johnson Learning Center.

Wednesday, October 4th Ms. Dent attended “Coffee with a Cop”, at 367 Knickerbocker Avenue, 10am to 12pm. Those in attendance had the opportunity to join their Neighbors and Police Officers for coffee and conversation. The event was presented by the 83rd Precinct and sponsored by: Knickerbocker Bagel located at 367 Knickerbocker Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237, 718-709-8888.

On October 21, 2017 the Salvation Army Women’s Ministry Presents “God’s Confident Woman” The gathering will take place at The Salvation Army located at 1151 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11221 from 12pm to 1:30pm. Refreshments will be served and feminine care packages will also be distributed.

On Thursday, October 26, 2017 residents are invited to come out to learn about HUD’s Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) / Permanent Affordability Commitment Together (PACT) program and the future.

RAD/PACT will leverage HUD’s Rental Assistance Program to transition the funding subsidy supporting your building from the Public Housing (Section 9) program to the project based Section 8 Rental Assistance Program, which will:

1. Support much-needed repairs, upgrades and modernizations to your apartment and building
2. Ensure permanent affordability of your apartment
3. Protect your tenancy rights, keeping them in line with public housing resident rights

Meeting location: I.S. 383 Green Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237

Monday, October 23, 2017: Historic Preservation – Come help shape the future (and past) of Bushwick! 1349 Gates Avenue, Brooklyn, NY Time: 6pm - 8pm.

District Manager’s Report: 8:09PM

Greetings to all, from the District Manager, Ms. Celestina Leon and the staff of Brooklyn Community Board #4.

She asked for a moment to think once again to recognize the challenging road ahead for the families in Puerto Rico, Mexico, and the other states impacted by recent natural disasters. The thoughts are with those that have family in those areas.

Ms. Leon thanked the elected officials and the community members for quickly organizing relief drives in order to gather critical resources for those in need.

Meetings Attended:

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

Youth and Education Committee Meeting
Housing and Land Use Committee Meeting

Monday, October 2, 2017

Health/Hospital/Human Service and Senior Citizens Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 4, 2017

Executive Committee Meeting – The district manager shared with the committee a request from the Borough President’s Office to create a space for veterans concerns and issues to be addresses. Upon further discussion, general matters relating to veterans will be included in the updates Health/Hospitals/Human Services/Senior Citizen/Veterans Committee. For specific projects such as housing for veterans, the proposed project will still go through the Housing and Land Use Committee.

Thursday, October 5, 2017

Environmental Protection/Transportation/Sanitation Committee Meeting

Friday, October 6, 2017

Budget Committee Meeting - The meeting was called for board members to weigh in on the Community District Needs for Fiscal Year 2019. Each year the Department of City Planning publishes a report summarizing the district needs submitted by the community boards throughout the city.

Tuesday, October 10, 2017

Public Safety Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 12, 2017

Civic and Religious Committee Meeting

Other Committee Meetings and Events:

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

USPS Brooklyn Postal Customer Advisory Council Meeting at 271 Cadman Plaza East
When a postal worker is out, the worker’s route is given to another work and that worker must complete their route and the complete the route of the worker that is out. This is one reason why some residents receive their mail late in the evening.

Thursday, September 28, 2017

Bushwick Committee Plan Steering Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 4, 2017

Attended the viewing for the mother of Community Board member, Austen Martinez.

Tuesday, October 10, 2017

Borough Service Cabinet Meeting at Brooklyn Borough Hall – The Brooklyn District Managers in attendance listened to presentations from the Dept. of Environmental Protection and the Girl Scouts of America. DEP presented on current and upcoming rain garden installations. The Girl Scouts of America shared a general overview of the program and spoke about recruitment for both girls and adult troop leaders.

Friends of Irving Square Park

Willie attended the meeting to listen in on final preparation for the upcoming Howl-a-ween event in Irving Square Park on Saturday, October 21, 2017 from 11am to 2pm. Updates were also discussed regarding the dog run project and the upcoming Winter Celebration event.

Monday, October 16, 2017

Bushwick Community Plan Executive Committee and Department of City Planning Priorities Discussion Meeting: Follow up meeting from September 28th Steering Committee meeting. Attended with an Executive Committee member, to discuss the guiding principles that have come out of the process thus far. The next Steering Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, October 19th at 6pm at the Gates Garden Senior Residence building located at 1349 Gates Avenue.

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

Bushwick Making Children Important CPP Monthly Meeting at the Brooklyn Public Library on DeKalb Avenue.

Attended a well-organized, well-attended, and informative meeting that included presentations from the various New York City Housing Authority community programs and an interactive workshop put together by the North Brooklyn Coalition Against Family Violence. Those in attendance included, agency representatives, teachers, social service providers, etc. All are encouraged to attend future meetings. The meetings take place on the third Tuesday of the month. At the end of the meeting Community Board 4 Board Member Raul Rubio was honored and recognized for his fourteen years of work with the CPP. It was his last meeting and a testament to his dedication to bringing the community together, as well as connecting those in need to resources.

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

Audrey Johnson Learning Center School Readiness Meeting: Attended my first school readiness team meeting at the Audrey Johnson Learning Center. Those in attendance heard directly from the teachers working with the children enrolled in the Universal Pre-K program. We also had the opportunity to engage in various hands on activities, as a demonstration of the learning tools used in their STEM curriculum.

The Department of City Planning has launched a new community portal. You can find the CD 4 site at <https://communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov/brooklyn/4>. In using the portal, you can find demographic and land use information, as well as, information on active ULURP project and studies. You can also download different maps and data under resources section.

NYC Parks is hosting the following:

The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the recently renovated Thomas Boyland Park on Friday, October 27th at 1:15pm in the park.

A public input session for improvements to Maria Hernandez Park on Monday, October 30th at 5pm within the park at Knickerbocker and Willoughby Avenues.

Committee Reports, 8:22PM

Youth and Education (YEC), Committee Chairperson Ms. Virgie Jones

Meeting Held: Tuesday, September 26, 3:00PM, Community Board #4, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207-1422

Members present: Virgie Jones, Committee Chairperson; Julie Dent, CB4 Chairperson; Sharlene Moore, and Joshua Brown

Others in attendance: Celestina Leon, CB4 District Manager; Jazzy Rivera, Community Education Council 32

The District Manager brought the meeting to order and moved to agenda item #2 after a brief round of introductions. (Presenter of agenda item # 1 was delayed in arriving)

Committee Chairperson, Ms. Virgie Jones, shared that she and Jo-Ena Bennett attended the John Lewis Steptoe Cultural Center's luncheon at Sista's Place located at 456 Nostrand Avenue on Thursday, September 14th at 7:00PM. John Steptoe was an African American award winning author and illustrator of children's books, including *Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters, An African Tale*. The center is being established in his honor. To learn more visit www.johnsteptoe.com

Sunday, September 24th Ms. Jones attended the Association of Black Educators of New York's (ABENY) monthly meeting in Bed-Stuy YMCA. The meeting takes place every third Sunday of the month. In June 2018 they will be a scholarship function. \$10.00 per ticket.

ABENY 2017 Fall Conference is scheduled for November 11, 2017 from 8am to 3pm. The theme is "Education for Advocacy and Social Justice". \$10.00 Fee

The Central Brooklyn Martin Luther King Commission founded by Congressman Major R. Owens (1936-2013) is holding the 33rd Annual Student Contests. Every student that participates will receive a certificate and a free t-shirt. Call 347-599-2061 or email help@cbmlkcommission.org for additional information on how to join and or help this year.

Ms. Jazzy Rivera, Community Education Council (CEC) 32 member presented on the CEC and their function in the Bushwick Community. Ms. Rivera will also share the CEC's 2017-2018 calendar.

The CEC also hosts public hearings on the Capital Needs of neighborhood schools. The superintendent attends these meetings.

The CEC president meets with the District Leadership Team (DLT) monthly. The current CEC president is Martha Bayona. Members vote for the elected leadership positions.

Additional Announcements:

Board Member Sharline Moore announced that applications are opening soon for the National Council of Negro Women Youth Section.

United Federation of Teachers and Dept. of Education of the City of New York
Dial-A-Teacher: 1-212-777-3380 Free Help with Homework! PARENTS! Get help working with your child. STUDENTS! Call and get help in reading, math, writing and science. We speak

Spanish, Italian, Chinese, French, Haitian-Creole, Greek, Hebrew, Korean and Russian. Call on MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY or THURSDAY from 4:00PM to 7:00PM. A teacher will answer, ready to help.

Upcoming YEC meetings: November 14, December 12, 2017 and January 9, 2018

The District manager will follow up with Assemblywoman Davila's office in reference to inviting the Alliance for Quality of Education to an upcoming YEC meeting to present on the Campaign for Fiscal Equity. A representative was previously invited to attend the June 13th 2017 meeting however, they did not make it to the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:34pm. A motion was made by Virgie Jones and second by Julie Dent.

Civic and Religious Committee (CRC) 8:27PM, Committee Chairperson Ms. Elvena Davis
Chairperson Ms. Elvena Davis

Meeting Held: Thursday, October 12, 2017, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207, 3:00PM

Members Present: Committee Chairperson Elvena Davis and Ernest Estime

Others Present: District Manager, Celeste Leon, Patricia Jenkins, Annie Quarterman and Martha Coxson

Items Discussed:

- 1) A. Chineda Carta, former Community Board 4 Chairperson – Tentative date for the ceremony will be during the first week of November or the weekend of the 18th before 2PM. The best time for the family need to be confirmed and that the timing works for the Department of Transportation to install the signage. Additionally, we need to follow up with the 83rd Precinct to confirm the day/time is not a conflict with another event. Family, friends, elected officials and board members will be invited to speak and reflect on all that A. Chineda Carter did for Bushwick.
- 2) Remembering Avellar Gaddy Hansley, former Community Board 4 Board Member and Treasurer. Ms. Hansley's daughters, Patricia, Annie, and Martha attended the committee meeting to discuss next steps on organizing a petition to co-name Linden Street between Bushwick Avenue and Broadway after their mother. Ms. Avellar Hansley was a long-time Community Board Member, the organizer of the Secret Garden on Linden Street and Broadway, and the President of the Linden-Bushwick Block Association among her other roles in the community. The district manager encouraged Ms. Hansley's daughters contact Council Member Reynoso's office for additional information on the street co-naming process in terms of the role of the NYC Council. Signatures will have to gathered and submitted before the end of the year, after which the ceremony could potentially take place in the spring.

Other Committee Business:

Mr. Estime asked about upcoming events that the committee should be prepared for during this holiday season. Ms. Davis responded referencing to the "Annual 83rd Precinct Community Council Turkey Drive/Baskets for Families in Need" and their "Christmas Fundraiser", which collects donations of toys for children in the community.

Mr. Estime mentioned and suggested that families in the neighborhood that have been impacted by fires should be kept in mind.

Annual Winter Celebration in Irving Square Park is being planned. The district manager will follow up with the Friends of Irving Square Park and Council Member Espinal's office to get the details for the next planning meeting.

The district manager called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Elvena Davis made a motion to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Mr. Ernest Estime. All board members were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 PM.

Environmental Protection & Transportation / Sanitation (EPTS) 8:33PM, Committee

Chairperson Mr. Eliseo Ruiz and Mr. Raul Rubio

Meeting was held on Thursday, October 5, 2017

Members present: Barbara Jackson, Nancy Liao and Robert Camacho

Others in attendance: CB4 District Manager, Celestina Leon, Abby Ikner, DOT; Carmen M Kawalick, Audrey Johnson Learning Center; Samuel Santaella, Trans Alt; Dashiell Chrisner, Trans Alt; Alice Friedman, DOT

Item Discussed:

Presentation on the Bushwick Neighborhood Bicycle Network – Fall 2017 update. Follow up to 2016's Phase I of the Bicycle Network Expansion in Bushwick. Additional bike routes in Community Board #4 will be presented as Phase II.

(No report was read at the monthly Community Board #4 meeting)

Public Safety Committee (PSC), 8:37PM, Committee Chairperson Ms. Barbara Smith

Meeting Held: Tuesday, October 10, 2017, 6:00PM

Members Present: Barbara Smith, Mary McClellan, Freddy Fowler, Annette Spellan, Rev. Grace Aytes, James Wiseman and Anne Guiney

Others Present: District Manager, Celestina Leon, Fernando Camacho, Miguel Carrera, Eric Goldspiel, Officer E. Gomez, Arelia Taveras, Irineo Ramirez, Montana Masback and Daniel Heanue

Not in Attendance: 1542 Gates Avenue, 126 Wyckoff Avenue, 234 Starr Street, 419 Eldert Street, 79 Wyckoff Avenue, 829 Knickerbocker Avenue and 259 Melrose Street

NYC Liquor License Application Review:

- 1) 141 El Kucho Mexican Restaurant Corp. – 141 Wilson Avenue, NY 11237: New Liquor, Wine, Beer and Cider license.
Committee Recommendation: Approved with no sales of alcohol beyond 12 midnight on Sunday
- 2) Eight Nine Five Hospitality Corp. – 895 Broadway, Brooklyn, NY 11206: New Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider license. Application attended meeting however, stated that the establishment is still undergoing construction. They have yet to complete the work or obtain a Certificate of Occupancy.
Committee Recommendation: Hold until construction has concluded and the appropriate permits/approvals are issued by the Department of Buildings.
- 3) The Steel Mill, LLC – 1363 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207: New Liquor, Wine, Beer, & Cider license. Applicant attended meeting, however, stated that the establishment is still undergoing construction. They have yet to complete the work or obtain a Certificate of Occupancy.
Committee Recommendation: Hold until construction has concluded and the appropriate permits/approvals are issued by the Department of Buildings. Additionally, upon further investigation the Board has found that this location is potentially within 200ft. of the LIFE

at the John Coker Learning Center located across the street at 1375 Decatur Street, which may affect their ability to obtain a license.

As it relates to the DCA Sidewalk Café License Application Review:

- 1) R G Bar aka Darlings – 242 Himrod Street, Brooklyn, NY 11237: Applicant attended the meeting. Committee Recommendation: No Objection to the stated use.

District Manager called for a motions to adjourn. Annette Spellin made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Anne Guiney. All board members were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:05PM.

Housing and Land Use Committee Meeting (HLU) 8:40PM

Meeting Held: Tuesday, September 26, 2017, 6:00PM, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, New York 11207-1422

Members in Attendance:

Joshua Brown, Committee Co-Chairperson, James Wiseman, Edwin Delgado, Anne Guiney, Robert Camacho, Julio Salinas, Kweighbaye Kotee, Jo-Ena Bennett and Freddy Fowler

Others in Attendance: District Manager, Celestina Leon; Boris Santos, Office of Council Member Reynoso; Sandy Anagnostou, Genald J. Caliendo and Arash Makhani

- 1) Gerald J. Caliendo, RA, AIA and Sandy Anagnostou, Assoc, AIA, of Gerald Caliendo Architect PC – presenting on BSA Cal. No. 2016-4264-BZ Premises 194 Moffat Street, Brooklyn. This is a variance application filed with the New York City Board of Standards and Appeals pursuant to section 72-21 ZR (New York City Zoning Resolution) regarding the referenced premises for a proposed residential development consisting of a four story ten unit multiple dwelling in an M1-1 zoning district.

Mr. Caliendo came before the committee to provide information on the intended project and seek a letter of support for it from the board, although it is not necessarily needed for the project to move forward. Approval of the proposed project would result in the construction of a four story, ten unit multiple swelling with the cellar floor being used as accessory storage. The units would include studios, 1 bedrooms, and 2 bedrooms. The 37ft. height is in character with the surrounding area.

Boris commented that some residents would find their presentation disrespectful as a four story building on a block with a majority of two family row house is not in character or contextual. The property owner responded when asked how much the rents is going to be, he stated that the rents would be similar to the average for the area. He is considering renting apartments from \$1800 to \$2100 a month. He is also considered building a shelter and or transient housing which be a last resort.

Mr. Joshua Brown mentioned the quality of frame housing the neighborhood makes them vulnerable to next door construction. He asked about their plans for storing. Mr. Caliendo responded that they have to comply with every aspect of the building code, which entails a pre-construction survey by a third-party licensed professional controlled inspector.

All board members agreed that housing affordable to the majority of residents in the neighborhood is needed.

The District Manager called a motion to adjourn the meeting. Robert Camacho made a motion to adjourn. The motion was second by Freddy Fowler. All board member were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:52PM.

Health, Hospital, Human Services & Senior Citizen Committee (HHHSC) 8:44PM,

Committee Chairpersons: Ms. Mary McClellan and Ms. Luisa

Meeting Held: Monday, October 2, 2017, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207-1422, 3:00PM

Members Present: Mary McClellan, HHHSC Co-Chairperson; Barbara Jackson and Barbara Smith

Others Present: CB4 District Manager, Celestina Leon; Androniki Lagos and Jean Romelus

Items Discussed:

Andronike Lagos, Program Manager, Bushwick Cooks – RiseBoro Community Partnership: Presentation on a Bushwick Comprehensive Community Food & Health Survey
RiseBoro came before the committee for input to make the survey. A community tool created through participation by multiple stakeholders.

The survey will serve as a learning and engagement tool, as well as, as a means of gathering important quantitative and qualitative data on food and health in Bushwick.

The goal of the survey is to collect data that will be used to address the root causes of health inequity, to identify barriers to health and reduce those barriers, and to improve access to health services and resources.

Why launch a community survey? Bushwick has doubled the rate of avoidable diabetes hospitalizations. The influx of stores and restaurants are not readily accessible.

Their goal is to complete 500 surveys and build relevant actions for the future, focusing on engagement with the community. Funding to conduct the survey comes from the Local Initiative Support Coalition (LISC). The survey will also be available in Spanish.

The survey will distributed by a canvassing effort undertaken by Work Learn Grow youth staff. Work Learn Grow is the counterpart to the Summer Youth Employment Program, providing employment opportunities to youth beyond the summer season.

They plan to begin near the Rheingold Gardens building. From there they will move to the Diana Jones Senior Center, the Yolanda Lopez Senior Center, the RiseBoro Youth Center and they will also advertise during two of their farmers market sites.

The board members in attendance suggested that they include the following locations, as well:

- Duncan Genns Senior Residence
- Roundtable Senior Center
- Hope Gardens Community Center
- Ozzie Wilson Senior Residence

It was also suggested that they hold separate events across the neighborhood for the public to attend and fill out the survey, rather than canvass over 500 residences in the neighborhood. Such an event would provide a forum for answering any questions that someone might have that they did not asked previously because they felt uncomfortable or did not think of because of being put on the spot.

Ms. McClellan expressed concerns about the high cost of produce at the market, especially for seniors on a fixed income.

The District Manager suggested RiseBoro contact the Office of Council Member Espinal in reference to the pop-up Youth Market at Irving Square Park during September and October 2017, as well as Bushwick Campus High School to connect with the students.

Androniki noted the information and stated that she has been in touch with an administrator from Bushwick Campus High School. They will follow up soon.

The deadline for feedback on the survey is October 13th.

The deadline to submit the survey is April 30, 2018. It currently includes 57 questions. The board members strongly encourage Androniki to reduce the number of questions and increase the size of the font for better visibility.

RiseBoro currently runs three cooking programs, including one at Maria Hernandez Park, one at Rheingold Gardens, and one at Saratoga Village.

- 2) Jean Romelus, RPh, C & J Wellness Pharmacy, 1425 Broadway, Brooklyn, NY 11221: A new pharmacist in the neighborhood. He described the pharmacy as a family business that is there for the community. They currently provide free delivery. He has been in business for 8-9 years.

The pharmacy accepts all insurance except United Health. They are still waiting for Medicaid approval. Mr. Romelus is also in the process of obtaining the certificate to give the flu shot.

The District Manager motion to adjourn the meeting. Barbara Smith made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Barbara Jackson. All board members present were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 4:20PM.

Recommendations – 8:52PM:

- 1) Covert Street Supermarket II and Occam Suy LLC: 605 Hart Street: Board Members in support. Cirilo Nunez motion to support FRESH Supermarket and affordable housing. Motion was second by Dustin Sonneborn. All members in favor with 1 abstention.
- 2) Motion to support the adding of bike lanes between Evergreen and Central Avenues on Himrod, Harman, Starr Streets and Troutman Avenue. Roll Call Vote taken. Board Members voted: NO = 11, YES = 6, ABSTAIN = 7; Motion for additional Bike Lanes did not move/ not approve.
- 3) Motion to accept the PSC report as stated. Motioned moved by Mr. Joshua Brown and second by Ms. Sharline Moore. All board members were in favor. Motion moved.

Old Business, 8:58PM:

Mr. Robert Camacho and Kurt Barnes accompanied Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez, to Puerto Rico to help with the relief efforts there. He related his experience. He thanked all that helped out.

New Business, 9:02PM:

None

Announcements, 9:02PM

Acting District Attorney Eric Gonzalez: A symposium on Campus Sexual Assault – We must address root causes and challenge social norms to change the culture of sexual violence. Attendees can expect: Speakers, Title IX panel, Resources Fair, and Breakout sessions

Friday, October 27, 2017, 10:00AM to 4:30PM, Brooklyn College, Student Center, 2900 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11210. Lunch will be provided, RSVP information to 718-250-3888 or bsatf@brooklynda.org

Bushwick Community Plan - Historic Preservation: Come help shape the future (and past) of Bushwick!!

Monday, October 23rd, Join us for a conversation on the potential of historic districts and land marking in Bushwick. Location: 1349 Gates Avenue, 6:00PM – 8:00PM.

Brooklyn Public Library: Upgrade Your Workplace Skills with Metrix Learning & Lynda – Upcoming Information Sessions

Are you looking to improve your skills to make yourself more attractive to employers in your job search? Come to find out more about Brooklyn Public Library's online learning platforms, which allow you to take skill-building classes in business skills, computers and technology, and more – for free.

- Metrix Learning System, a site that lets you rate your skills and choose courses to build your skills in the job market
- Lynda, a site with educational videos focused on technology and business skills

Attendance at an information session is required to gain a license to use the Metrix Learning System. Basic Internet skills and a BPL card are required for all of the learning platforms.

Please register online: Go to www.bklynlibrary.org/calendar and search for keyword "Metrix".

Please note: Attendees must be present for the entire session to receive a Metrix license.

Please plan to be present for approximately 1 ½ hours.

DeKalb Library: Tuesday, October 31, 6:00PM, 790 Bushwick Avenue, 718-455-3898

Job Search Strategies for Older Adults: This workshop will cover how to maximize your experience in a resume or cover letter, as well as during the interview process. It will also include tips for networking, how to address gaps in employment and how to avoid seeming "overqualified". Thursday, October 26, at 3:00PM. Saratoga Library, 8 Thomas S. Boyland Street at Macon Street. 718-573-5224.

Resume & Career One-On-One Help

Are you struggling in your job search or looking to improve your current employment situation? FREE assistance is available at the Library.

Work on your resume, get education and career advice, learn interview skills, practice LinkedIn, and more with help from a trained Brooklyn Public Library staff.

Please call the branch or visit www.bklynlibrary.org/calendar to confirm the times available, as they are subject to occasional change. Patrons will be seen on a first come, first served basis.

Help is available at the following locations:

DeKalb Library: Tuesdays 10/3, 10 and 24 - 11AM to 1PM, Tuesday, 10/31 from 3pm to 5pm
790 Bushwick Avenue (at DeKalb Avenue), Brooklyn, NY, 718-455-3898

Bushwick Library: Mondays 10/23 & 30; Wednesday 10/11, 3 to 5pm. 340 Bushwick Avenue, 718-602-1348

Washington Irving Library: Mondays 10/23 & 10/30 and Wednesday 10/11, 11am to 1pm; 360 Irving Avenue at Woodbine Street, 718-628-8378

Saratoga Library: Tuesdays except 10/31 from 3pm to 5pm; Thursdays 10/5 & 10/26 11am to 1pm. Thursday 10/12 and 10/19, 3 to 5pm. 8 Thomas S. Boyland Street, (at Macon Street) Brooklyn, NY, 718-573-5224.

Please call the branch or visit www.bklynlibrary.org/calendar to confirm the times above, as they are subject to occasional changes.

Silent Barn is a collective run arts and music community and we depend on volunteers to support the artists, shows and residences in the space. Join www.facebook.com/groups/dirtyhandsclub/ to participate in opportunities to support Silent Barn and join the collective. If you would like to be more involved there will be a clean/repair day on October 21st, from 3pm to 6pm. Check it out on the Silent Barn Calendar or at www.facebook.com/events/1640961259309775/

NYC Department of Education - Carmen Farina, Chancellor: 100% Tuition Free Classes for Adults, John Coker Day Care Center, 1375 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207. Must be 21 and over, without H.S. Equivalency. English as a second language: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 5:40pm to 9:00pm.

For more information or to register call 718-221-6703 or oces7@schools.nyc.gov
Basic Education (GED)/TASC Prep) Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 5:40PM to 9:00PM
For more information visit or call: Brooklyn Landmark Elementary School, 718-221-6703, OACES7@schools.NYC.GOV

Broadway Merchants Association Meeting, Bushwick Public Library, October 25, 2017 at 6pm.
For more information please contact Egaudy Gomez at 718-875-1000 or EGomez@brooklynchamber.com

Sharline Moore, President: National Council of Negro Women, Inc. - Brooklyn Youth Section Presents... College and Career Readiness College 101

Why is college important? What are the difference in colleges? What is college life all about? How do I know which college to choose?

Come and experience hands on, thought provoking activities centered on enlightening you about college. This is session one of many!!!

DeKalb Avenue Brach Library, 790 Bushwick Avenue. Brooklyn, NY 11221. For more information contact Sharline Moore at 347-740-4309 or Nydia Southerland at 347-873-9864.

Join Council Member Antonio Reynoso in visiting the Haunted Moore Street market, October 31, 2017, 5:30PM, Moore Street Market, Brooklyn, NY 11206. For more information please contact the Council Member's office at 718-963-3141 or bsantos@council.nyc.gov

Educated Little Monsters: Open Music & Dance class, Tuesday Music 5pm – 7pm, Wednesday Dance Class 5pm to 7pm., Da Lab, 603 Bushwick Avenue.

Saturday, November 11, 2017: Honoring Service – New York City Veterans Day Parade 11:15am to 3:30pm. Fifth Avenue between 216th Street and 52nd Street.

Featured Service Branch: U. S. Air Force

Grand Marshall: Buzz Aldrin Special Segment: World War 1 Centennial

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2nd Roll Call: Meeting adjourned - 9:15 PM – Members present

Mr. Raul Rubio and Mr. Robert Camacho motioned to adjourn the Community Board #4 September 20th 2017 Meeting.