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**Public Hearing**

**Agenda Item #2 – CB4 Responsible Development Policy Overview**

**Anne Guiney:** types of things they hadn't put in theirs. And then, Chris, of ANHD who had helped us on the Bushwick community planning process with a lot of technical support helped draft it too. So what we, this is with the discussion and approval of the board as a whole. We have made it through the housing and land use committee. This is something that we would like to vote on, and then also present to anyone who wants to do something in the community, in terms of building or changing land use, we want to hand them this document and say this is what we as a community have decided our values, and we ask that you adhere to them to the best possible. So, let's see if we could just do an overview, I'm looking at it on the screen right here. So yep, so let's just got it at the, at the beginning so I can run through this. So, as of right versus ULURP. I think everybody is probably familiar with the term ULURP, at this point, uniform land use review procedure, that's when someone is trying to change the zoning. And so as of right means you don't even have to ask for permission.

So, developments. Let's see. I'm sorry. Um, so, some of the highlights of this are that any proposed rezoning should comply with the recommended rezoning designation in the Bushwick Community Plan, do something that a lot of us we had discussed and voted on several years ago, and is really asking for the preservation of the mid blocks. And really, respecting our manufacturing and other, like we can go into deeper detail on that. If, if a development is proposing rezoning the land from manufacturing to residential it either has to create as much new industrial because we are very much about preserving industrial uses and jobs here, or the affordable housing component must meet the requirements from the city in the form of mandatory inclusionary housing in both units and depth of affordability. Height factor versus quality housing. We're asking for them for developments to fit into their neighbors. So, not to be dramatically higher. When we're zoning allows high factor developments project should be voluntarily follow quality housing rules that conform to the existing streetscape and character of the neighborhood quality housing is a technical term from the Department of city planning, but it is just a quick refresher, is that it is trying to keep the heights, roughly in line. I need to, you know, I'm not a planner so if people have questions, we should probably refer to a planner on the specifics of that. And let's see another technical thing,

which is mandatory inclusionary housing, where it's being proposed and what I think we've talked about mandatory inclusionary housing a lot, which is every time they're trying to get an up zoning, there is a certain amount of affordability. That has to be built into that, however, developers have a choice between different sort of with a package or a mixes of numbers, you can build more technically affordable units that are actually pretty expensive and almost market rate, or you can build fewer that are much more deeply affordable for our community. So this recommendation here is very much about trying to make sure that whatever package they choose is the one that is beneficial to the people in Bushwick right now who are not going to be able to afford some of those higher, higher numbers. So, let's see. Are you able to scroll down a little? Thank you. The next one is, again, these are technical stuff on the AMI the area median income and again these are the, the rent prices for the new units that are set based on you know these federal formulas. And so we're asking that they really gear those to the lower level, so that we can have more realty unit composition is something that has come up all the time. How's it, and land use Committee, which is not just studios in one bedrooms because we want to make sure that there are affordable units for families. So two or three bedrooms, so we're really pushing for more larger units. Celeste if you wouldn't mind scrolling down a bit more. Okay. Where are we parking. Let's see. I just have to refresh. So we asked. We did ask for parking to be included. But we also said, if there is, if there is a fight between affordable housing and parking, we as a group thought that affordable housing was more important. That's something we may want to discuss. Good Neighbor policy. The next item is really about asking anybody who is building to come to the community board to work with the immediately adjacent neighbors, connect with them keep open lines of communication, and then plan for a you know plan for means of redress. If something goes wrong. So, if you know you live next door to a development, and your foundation cracks because of the huge amount of work going on next door, there needs to be a clear established means of redress for you the person who lives next door. So God is one part of that. And then also any street closures, those, which is notification, open lines of communication I think that is something that people regularly have complained to the Hulu about and that's something we take very seriously. Next one is construction contracting living wage for all project employees. Local hiring is something we talk about a lot that's hugely important subcontractors. And then let's see, you know, how are they going to document that because a lot of times people come before us and say they're going to do it, but we have no means of following up. So we need to, again, make sure that we have that ongoing conversation, especially on these larger projects, so that we can find out, asking people to partner with local workforce development. We have a number in the community that we've worked with in the past, and hiring union labor, and really just trying to make sure that they're hiring, right, you can scroll down a bit. Okay. Equal Employment Opportunities post construction. This is another thing which is after the building is open. We are asking that they hire union, we are asking that they pay living wages. We are asking that they hire locally, and we are asking that. Even sublet. So if you build a building and you lease it out to somebody. We are asking that you convey these values to the person you're leasing it too as well. But again, keep working locally and hiring locally and respecting the rights of workers to unionize. So the next one is safety and quality of construction. We ask that they show us a track record for quality construction and not quality construction and safe workplaces, this matters a lot, sustainability and resiliency is the next item. We're really asking that HPD, which is Housing Preservation and development, the city agency

has something called the active design guidelines. And we, and there's also another set of guidelines, the enterprise green communities' criteria and climate mobilization act. Basically, these are a series of different guidelines developed by both agencies and independent groups, which are trying to make green building sustainable buildings healthy buildings, and they have. They're based on a huge amount of built work, evidence. People have collected data from a lot of projects who say, what makes a building, most efficient what makes it the greenest what makes it the healthiest. And so these guidelines have been developed around that. The next thing is community engagement, and we're really saying like there's a lot of work on what Bushwick wants and needs we asked you to look into that, as well.

There's the community district needs assessment, there's the push of a community plan, there is showing up to community board meetings is a regular thing working with local not for profits or CEOs and all of these things. We're asking people to engage in a long-standing fashion not just pop in once to a meeting. And that's it. Then the next item is community benefits and investment. And let's see, a designate space for community asset that meets a demonstrated need as identified by these various communities or plans that we have referenced. That could be community center meeting space. You know, senior housing or not housing because that's that this is a very specific type of open space manufacturing space education space. So, there are specific needs and I think a lot of the folks on this board have a really good sense of what we need, what are the types of community facilities in terms of physical space that we need in this community and we're asking people to engage with us hear from you, the wider community about what those needs are. The next thing is board, a standard and appeals the BSA variances. This actually came up very recently at a meeting, the BSA and this is a pretty technical one. And which is that, and actually I think I'm going to defer to a planner on this one because it's probably more technical than I have the ready hand knowledge to explain in a clear fashion right now.

So, that's okay we'll move to the next one, which is the Landmarks Preservation Commission designations. So what we are asking is, we have said we want a certain designate three historic districts in Bushwick Avenue Northeast Bushwick and Moffett street, and then six individual properties that we have identified I think everyone's familiar with the, the loss of the house at 1001 Bushwick Avenue, and the fact that Bushwick Avenue because they have those huge big sites and freestanding buildings, those buildings are really very appealing to people who want to build tall buildings where you know we've been having these conversations regularly. So we are asking, like, this is, this is something that we really want. So we are also asking developers. They should not try to get a rezoning in any of these areas, even if we have not been able to achieve that designation. We're saying we cannot in any way shape or support form support something that is going to knock down the sort of physical, sort of, you know, historic fabric of this community. So, Celeste Camacho I know you both have worked in so much so many ways on this document too and have a lot of thoughts or other folks on the housing and land use committee would like to weigh in on any of these points, before we open it up for conversation.

**Mr. Camacho:** I think it's self-explanatory. It's, it's pretty good. Is there any way like the best just the draft right? Is there any way we can add things that they think but is there a timeframe where

we would have eventually to do the full scope? Give the copies people can double and check it and then we can vote on it. If possible, or, or how if at all you want to move forward with this.

I think that's a that's a really good question. I think it would be good to share let people read it over. I would always certainly be available I'm sure on the technical stuff. Chris from ANHD could answer any technical questions. Celeste has worked really hard to. So I think we can make as a collection of people who are able and willing to answer questions on it to anyone on the board or the community who have questions, we could do that. I would certainly prefer to my gut is to let everyone in the community have some time to work through it, because it is a lot. It's a lot to take in and just a few minutes presentation, but if people are willing and, you know, this is I throw this out to you as welcome Metro. If people are willing to look over it for the next couple of weeks, reach out with any questions they have, and then maybe we could vote on at the next meeting. Does that make sense to people?

Yeah, I think so yeah, I think so, maybe sellers can put it on, or Hand it over or put it on some of the emails where people can review and write cross reference and see what's good, or what more they can act to. And then, oh, hopefully next time around if people don't have anything or add anything, then we can vote on an ad whatever it is that they want to put and then we'll give them a copy will give everyone a copy so

I think that makes a lot of sense and again I make myself available for anybody who has any questions whether they're technical if I can't answer it, I will find you an answer. Just reach out, email, text whatever I think everybody you know we all share information so I'm certainly happy to do that.

**Celeste:** This is Celeste That sounds great to me, we will be sharing this just for the elected official representatives on the call this evening, we'll be sharing it with you as well and our agency partners because we want to make sure we have everyone's feedback. And of course, community members, you're welcome to provide comments as well. And then, if anything, then we'll cross reference and add it in and then what we'll do, we'll say this part is that when we're voting on it, we'll say this was the ad and what do you think, and then we'll cross reference, whatever it is, if it's adding or has been taken away and the reason why. Yeah.

**Anne:** And I just want to add to that, we haven't been through this with housing and land use committee has been working on this for the last Gosh, year, year, and a half, obviously, we put it aside for a while because of COVID. But you know there's development is not stopping. Even though there is COVID. So, we have worked through it for quite some time, I think, housing and land use committee has voted on it, we're comfortable with it. But, so, just so that when you're looking at it, know that but again like we are 100% open to questions critiques, and, you know, maybe we can improve it and that would be great.

**Celeste:** Any questions from board members, and members of the public members of the public, you can put your questions in the chat I will be monitoring it throughout the evening, and also just want to make sure I have everyone that's called in. Let's see I don't see anything in the chat. You'll have plenty of time, so we'll be bringing this up again next month's meeting so feel free to reach out to us and the board's district office.

### **Questions from the chat:**

**Celeste:** I have a question here it's about enforcement. That's a good question. I don't know if we have anything in regard to enforcement specifically, not that I recall off the top of my head.

**Anne:** Yep. So, this is not enforceable, it is a clear statement of community values. There are we as a board don't have any enforcement mechanisms like we, we have, you know, agencies that we can reach out to, if we feel like something is actually breaking the law or is against, we, we have pressure points. But our, our, our most valuable enforcement tool is our voice and either our approval or disapproval, and our ability to mobilize around things that we think are contrary to the values and the health and the well-being and the future of this community. And unfortunately, we can't like, yeah, this is more of a statement of values than it is a legal document that is enforceable. When developers come, they're under the impression that they're coming to tell us what they want to do. And when before they come to the bait before they come to the table we say, this is what we want. What do you think, how are you going to work to make it happen? Are you going to be part of the situation and help, you know? And then though, the light bulb goes in the head and says, well, we know that we can work with them. If they're going to do what they're going to do they're going to do regardless but at least they know where we stand. We don't want to sit around the table. Assuming that they're going to work with us. When we already gave them something that they know right off the top of their head that we want to have dinner bringing nothing to the table, they're interested, and it's something that we know they can't do that we're going to we have mechanisms that go by, but we want to make sure when they come to the table that this is what we want. They're not going to Brian folders and give us smoke dreams. And because well, you know, how about like they always do. This is what we want that you read the policy is to see what you intend to do what do you want to do, to work with, because when they come to you, they come to you for something, they will come to you. Most of the time, some of them just do it when he wanted some of them do it. If we make them change them, show us that they know what we're talking about. And what we mean, and who we support. So, eventually, there is no enforcement mechanism. There, and beating around the bush. Tell us what you want is our standards and what we want and what we think. And they got to go from there. We're no longer going to tell them that we're going to tell them what we want. Here's what we want, this is what we're going to do. Are you willing to work? And guess what, we're not moving forward, we say no one something will also tell elected officials, we get to one understand the policies that we know that it benefits the community, and a community voted on it this is what we want. And if they didn't go for it. Then, you know it is what it is they have the elected officials who have to support because they know they've had a document that met from the community, so you know let's, we got to do something, something be standing there listening, over and over and over and filling us with smoke drills when we know it isn't going to happen.

**Celeste:** Thank you Mr Camacho and just to chime in on some of the messages from the chat so there is another part to this that was suggested by the committee in the past so both a preamble

right to really get to that statement of purpose that and eloquently summarized and then also a checklist for developers right so that way when they're going through their project proposal, it's a little bit easier for them to check off everything that they're doing as it relates to this proposal just another tool right to make it easier for them to go through the boards, you know, recommendations. And I also have a question here. One moment, let me just scroll back. Thank you everyone for these comments. These are great. Do the values on the agenda displayed reflect the people's views? How can the people of Bushwick speak up about their concerns? So we referenced this a little bit, I don't know, and Mr Camacho if you just want to emphasize again.

**Anne:** I think this was born out of many years of housing and land use committee meetings that have you know are always open to the public. It is born out of the work that went into the community Bushwick Community Plan and again, a lot of the conversations and sometimes arguments that went into that the community district needs assessment that the community board does every year. So what we tried to do is synthesize pull together and distill conversations from really, gosh, the last 10 years in different aspects and say, what are we seeing that is good, what are we seeing that is bad. What do we see as really trouble points that keep coming up and up and up and again, what are the schemas that we keep hearing people come to these meetings and say this is what we need. This is not, this is what we don't need. We don't want to see so what this is, it's, it was not made in, in a vacuum it was made in context of. I would really say it's a, you know, back, back when the CB office was right at, like, on white coffin and Nathan was the, the district manager at Ms. Brown was running it like these conversations started, probably, 7, 8, 9 years ago, about how can we as a community shape our future and development is obviously one aspect of that. And so it is a distillation we, the housing land use committee worked on it for about 18 months. Like I said on and off. But this is also we want wider input as well. Just to say it wasn't made by three people in a room. It was, it was a long process with many, many people contributing in a lot of different ways, and drawing input from many different sources.

**Mr. Camacho:** At some time so one. Francis that they put those these views on the agenda of this place we feel reflects the people's view. Yes, it does have so many years. It has affect our views and affect a lot of things that we have done because sometimes they don't give them come to us, they only come to us when they know they're going to get more market rate housing and not affordable housing for the people that are living in this community, and it says How can people of Bushwick speak up about their concerns views and thoughts, and you can call the community board office because unless there's some issues or concerns that you may have. Let's see if we can get together to make sure that your views and your concerns are also on this. If this is what you're talking about, for change, make sure that we're all in the same page is not my view is not real, is the community has been done through a lot of sweat, and tears and working hard and sitting down with these now especially every day. Our community is being pushed and pushed and the scoop is developers are doing tricks and financials, and everyone everywhere you try to think that you fix one, they do another finagling thing, so we have to be a front and let them know that this is what we want, and not come to the table and make sure that they know what we're looking for. Because you'd be surprised if you come to the house is open to everybody. Anybody that's on here, all our committees are open to anyone that wants to participate. We don't stop anyone for not coming.

There's an, if you want to call the office select, we'll give you the committee, please anyone's concerns issue, whatever it is, whatever it may be, it might be good for you it might not be good for some people, but if we can make a way of good, it benefits everyone. Then that's, that's what we're here for. We represent Bushwick and we want you to know we need without you. We don't need the office, and we don't need them. And we don't need the people that we don't get paid. So we want to make sure that we serve our community, and make sure that we say, so we do the people that are here. Go and make sure I do, in our case continue to fight the fight and believe what we believe, because we got to listen to them too because everything is changing the world is changing. So, you know, let's see, rather do something than nothing. And I just, I want to. I'm wondering, maybe Celeste for members of the community who might not be on the community board, who are interested in taking a look at this. What's the best way of sharing this draft document and getting in. Yeah, just feedback or the corner office and we can make them a copy of mail them a copy or will give us an email and we'll email it to you. Whatever you whatever you guys want, there's no excuse to community boards number 718, we'll put it in the chat, six to 8400. And if you need anything pleased, whatever it is, put your email in there, we'll send it to you. And then we can get feedback together. And there are I will say, you know, there are some really technical things in there that are very specific to land use changes. If you have questions about it, we can figure that out and we can get you answers to those questions. You just heard someone put in a check and get the can the copy be emailed or Well, yes it can whenever you want to send us the email and we'll give it to you. And you'll, and if you have ideas or something and then bring it to it, the more the merrier.

**Anne:** And we can't guarantee that your idea will make it into the final document, I mean it's you know it's a discussion and a lot of people but it's ultimately, we are, we welcome input, thoughts, ideas questions.

**Mr. Camacho:** correct because there has to be a vote. Exactly.

**Celeste:** Yes, just to go back a couple of comments ago I want to really highlight one in particular, from the member of the public, and just focusing on how this doesn't have to be rethought re articulated and explained to developers each time that was absolutely one of the things that we thought about because every housing and land use committee was generally the same conversation you know emphasizing these things over and over. But there wasn't one place where we could point them and I think that this is really that tool so in the future, not only will the board members but members of the community can say, have you read the responsible development policy and know really where we stand so thank you for noticing that and again to Anna Mr Camacho for responding to these questions this evening. I'm happy to provide copies I have a copy of all of the notes from the chat this evening as well and I'll follow up with you individually. So feel free to reach out to us at the board's office for questions. All right.

And I believe we have everyone on all board members are on this evening I still do not see our first presenter, so perhaps there was an issue, and she was unable to join us.

**ABSENT – Agenda Item #1: Zanib Ahmad, NYC Department of Consumer and Worker Protection – presenting on free tax prep services.**

So if it's okay with the board members that would close our public hearing portion, this evening. Yes. All right, so our public hearing portion is officially closed. Thank you everyone. We will now move on to our regular monthly meeting agenda.

**Regular Meeting**

**Celeste:** I'd like to ask all elected official representatives I see you on here I'm going to unmute you once we get to that part of the agenda just be prepared. If you have to go just let me know in the chat privately. Same for our community-based organization and agency representatives you'll have an opportunity to introduce yourself and share your contact information once we get to that point in the meeting so be prepared. If I don't know that you're on this evening just drop me a line in the chat so that way I can unmute you when the time comes.

**1. First Roll Call**

**Celeste:** we'll go right into our regular meeting agenda which begins with the first roll call board members please be ready. One moment while I pull up the list.

**Board Members in attendance:** Rev. Grace Aytes, Jo-Ena Bennett, Joshua Brown, Rawle Brown, Robert Camacho, Gardea Caphart, Melissa Carrera, Felix Ceballos, Louisa Chan, Andrew Choi, Daniella Davi, Elvena Davis, James Fitzgerald, Freddy Fowler, Egaudy Gomez, Anne Guiney, Tanesha Honeygan, Barbara Jackson, Kristen Jock, Cheryl Jones, Virgie Jones, Desmonde Monroe, Samy Nemir Olivares, Glady Puglla, Barbara Smith, Dustin Sonneborn, Jerry Valentin, Carlotta Williams, James Wiseman

29 board members present constitutes a quorum. (33 present in total before second roll call.)

(Present at 2<sup>nd</sup> Roll Call): Mary McClellan, Acire Polight, Eliseo Ruiz, Annette Spellen

**Excused:** Victoria Fernandez, Jose Guzman, Zulma Novoa, Raul Rubio, Vernedeaner Shell

**Absent:** Rev. Migdalia Gutierrez, Luisa Jose, Julio Salinas, Odolph Wright

All right, thank you everyone. Let me just count. 30 board members present that constitutes a quorum. Thank you everyone.

**2. Acceptance of Agenda as Presented**

Moving on with our agenda. We have acceptance of the agenda is there a motion from the board. Okay, so I got a motion from Barbara Jackson, seconded by Cheryl Jones, all in favor. Aye. Any opposed any abstentions. None, so moved.



### **3. Acceptance of the Previous Meeting Minutes**

And then Agenda Item number three acceptance of the previous meeting minutes, is there a motion from the board? Andrew Choi made a motion, and it was seconded by Freddy Fowler. All were in favor.

### **4. Chairperson's Report**

**Mr. Camacho:** I would like to thank everybody for joining. Please come to your committees and want to keep rephrasing it. When decorum, please anyone that wants to be a part of can participate in any of the committee's was in the community, whatsoever is open to all of them but what they can't do is vote on something so going to, January, 2 informational we get to do public safety, the NYC Board of corrections, they indicated that they had a four-month variance, to continue to allow the Department of Corrections to operate. That is also a two-month variance to continue to allow the Department of Corrections to commingle 18 to 21 with adults in our limited circumstances. As you know, I've been reading, or seeing the news in what's going on with a correction officers, and the correction department in regard to a lot of slashings, a lot of working overtime triple quadruple is where officers and sleeping in their cars, we've been getting pictures, and they've been asking for help. They say that the inmates are being treated better than employees. There's a lot of issues that are going on there. And they're looking for the community support because they say that some of the correctional officers do live in the community. And some of the people that are in the, in the cells now. I find within the community, and all the time when they cry help everyone to help them when they do. No one comes up and stands up for them. Some of them are single parents, some of them officers are single parents with kids, and they're sleeping in their cars, because they're doing triple, and quadruple shifts. And we heard. Someone's one someone sent a letter to the mayor's office, and the mayor said that they shouldn't be doing that. But you know what, there's no prize there. Union saying that they're going to stop the members from going to work so maybe the National Guard will have to go in there and start working. So this is a big issue, so we got to make sure that we support officers, and we support. If someone needs help. In those situations. The people that are incarcerated to make sure that officers do their job. And the question of do their time in regard to whatever status or whatever incident did they have for January 24 21st Thursday at 4pm Bushwick historical preservation workgroup. As you know, we need to work together because they're, they're knocking more laws for homes and restore cones and brown stones are black and Latinos. So we really need to do something about that. We need to pressure the mayor, to do the butcher community. We need to do something. Something's got to be done because a lot of people are getting hurt our seniors, they can't afford to pay. Why can't afford. You're going to make five or 600. And you know who's going to be applying for them right and buying them by the dozens scoopers developers, with a two and three family home so you got to make sure that we hope our seniors in our people in our community stay in their homes. Thursday the 24th at 6pm, the CEC meeting, which is the Education Council on a Tuesday the 26th at 7pm, Brooklyn North community partners with spread. Moscow. On Thursday, the 28th at six o'clock the district court this committee. On Tuesday, February 2 at 4pm. The Brooklyn borough board meetings. I'm familiar that you guys know that they're trying to put all the mayor's already started with, with the commissioner. In choosing when the commanding officers come to the precinct. That councils

have five picks and out of the five picks they compete. If there's an opening spot, the commanding officer.

We sent in June the letter, the borough boards, all the boards from Brooklyn to the mayor and the commission indicating that other community boards, precinct councils, and also someone elected officials should be on that panel.

Find out why we were excluded, and only Council, choose to be on that panel to pick the commanding officers on each precinct. And as of now I haven't received any notice and reason why so hopefully next month I can bring you all info and find out why is it that the community boards, don't have a stake in that tool. Also on Wednesday the third at 5pm. I was on the PSA police PSA three Community Council. There has been a lot there was talking about a lot of shooting in the housing development, but we don't have any development, but we are close to housing development. So, we should be more, we have Bushwick houses on the other side. Oh garden is a rad conversion and pass on Broadway, we have Saratoga which right across the street from us on Broadway, and everything No. Was that a firm's Wednesday. The third at 6pm Executive Board meeting. 13 participants are that Thursday February 4 one shape of Bushwick Thursday the fourth and 5pm sanitation work group. Before we talk about the sanitation workgroup, go on to the next one. I had. I was a little shocked that since January 3 if the garbage hasn't picked up along Bushman was in my head and so all the garbage picked up it says called me says, Man when the garbage is picked up, but embouchure causes cottages all over the place, to Sunday. I see some kids playing in the snow we took the garbage out, we put on top of the snow and the kids are playing and the rats are coming out of the garbage. So I call 311. To find out what's going on, 311 said they're not taking complaints. That was Sunday for sanitation. And I said why they say because they're, they're working on snow a citizen or snowing, a nobody. So, the snow is gone from. Why aren't they picking up the garbage we didn't get recycled picked up for 17 days. We didn't get an hour after I said that sanitation came and started picking up the recycle, then that they came and picked up the garbage, so we got to make sure that we'll call. If anyone thinks that they should call the community board office, let us know what we can find out what's going on with them not picking up the garbage if it is the snow, it will not if it is no, it is not the snow because I was told by someone in sanitation, that they have that the snow removal came back and pick the recycles there's nothing to recycle and went back and there was a lot of concerns with that I guess when we meet with sanitation minister and talk to them on that on a Thursday before his commitment to Broadway on Broadway. On Friday, February 15 10am will God and rad conversion. On Tuesday, to Wednesday night, 6pm, public committee and Economic Committee. Wednesday the 10th District service cabinet meeting, I got a wonderful job by the time I got on. It was almost done. So fill you in on whatever topic. On Thursday, 11, HHSV which is that health and hospital service and Veterans Committee. In regard to food distribution mass giveaways stuff that is going on in the community.

On Monday, February 14 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm we met with the 1325 Broadway work group. On Tuesday, February 16 from the push of community partners. On Wednesday, 470, which is today, 10 o'clock I was at the AT&T security with Mr. Clark, And I saw.

He gave us press. Those are my zoom meetings and meetings. So I think that's it and also, I'm just I just received a phone call, one of the board members. Mr. Jamie Wiseman Jamie Are you still there. Hello. Is Jamie still there. He will be leaving the board, sad to see him go there. Maybe his kids are driving him crazy. It's going to be sad to see him go he was it wasn't one of those developers that came in and built and ran away he came in, he gave what he could, he gave us his input and helping us in some way and for that. We're grateful and thankful for him and he will always have a home and that's it. I think he's out there. I guess he will speak on them so very high he leaves, because he does a lot for the board, gives a lot of information and guises through a lot of things and, you know, he said he won't be gone but he. He'll come by and listen in but he's not going to be, you know, he moved out. So he's what his family again. He was on they're still there.

Alright so if there are no other questions board members and Mr Camacho did you want to speak on the attendance overview from the district office committee meeting or, or just leave it you summarize a little bit in the beginning.

Do you mean individually at the boron, or not tonight? It's just a notice to everyone that'll be getting so just in general, board members that have as per the bylaws, have the number of absences either three unexcused or six excused will receive the notice as per the bylaws. Some board members, there was a review last October right before the committee meeting. That did not happen because there was an issue with quorum before the end of the year. Those board members have already been notified and have let the board know their intentions. There was another review before the district office committee meeting in January, I still have to reach out to those board members but just as a notice and thank you to all the board members before the end of last year that got back to us.

Yes, and please. As you know, anyone that's supposed to be a real reappointing to sit down because it was already stood on the wall, if I'm not mistaken, so make sure, if not, I don't know if there's any more time for it, but if you TNA is good and you're good. And we are good if you're not going to the committee's and you're not gone. I can't save you. So, you know, we pay that we want to work, and we want to work together, and we want to be here. And that's why I tell everybody that. Come, come to the committee's, see what is like, see if you want to stay see that this will come as a volunteer and see what it's like. Because if you apply, you're too busy and you can't come. Guess what, you're not going to make it too long because you know your team is very important that we have things that we have to push through. And if we don't have a quorum. And you're not there. And the Borough President sees when we give them the attendance sheet. Why are we only people they're not committed and he's going to get rid of yourself and not going to reinstate you. So we really need to tighten up on it, and I'm doing pretty good because attendance good, and we've been having quorums, but I just want to keep emphasizing that because it's someone that's very cool to this community leads for some reason, please let us know. You know if it's personal or let us know that we know the winner to this last minute is too late. Then, let us know that's what we're here for. We're community. You know, we know that you want to be in our business but, you know, we want to work with you we want to help you, somehow, someway, don't wait until it's too late. You know, extra help.

**Celeste:** Thank you Mr Camacho. And I'd also just like to acknowledge really quickly before we wrap up this portion of the meeting, thank you to both our liaison Marcus Harris and the borough president's office as well as Karen cherry and Councilwoman Diaz, we were able to have several of the board members that weren't able to be reappointed. So officially we can welcome back Barbara Smith, Joanna Bennett, and Eliseo Ruiz this evening, welcome welcome welcome we've missed you. We know that you've been on the meetings, you know, for the past several months and we're so happy that you're back. I was not able to share the updated list with all of the board members because it had an error, so I've asked for Borough Hall, to correct that before I circulate it. They tried to add, Miss Martha brown back to the board, I had to reconfirm with her, she did say I'm officially retired. I'm living my life. So they're going to update that and as soon as they do, I should be able to share that with the board and the public as well for everyone to know, who is officially a community board four member, and also with also, to be fair, with no fault of their own.

**Mr. Camacho:** So I'm just glad that you guys are programming, and, and they're good and they're going to do what they have their due diligence and they've been here a long time, so it is totally different now with what's going to happen in regards to term limits in regards to all of us being termed out but eventually, with no fault of their own, they come, they come back and give us all the knowledge they had and I'm glad they're back and I'm happy for them. And through this community, pushing for them to be because it was, it was kind of sad that they have represent patient and their side, so we got to make sure was take away and thank the elected officials, our new Council Woman is she's on there. Or, if Karen Cherry from her office is there.

All right, so and that brings us a good segue to introduction of our elected officials' representatives this evening.

Hi, good evening everybody. My name is Andres from the Assemblywoman office Maritza Davila's office.718-443-1205. Thank you.

Hi. Good evening. Good evening everyone I bring greetings from district attorney Erickson dollars. My name is Jonathan boza. My phone number is 718-250-2817, and we're located at 350 Jay Street.

Good evening everyone, Julio Salazar from Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez office phone number is 718-664-5149. Thank you.

Hi everyone, my name is Marcus Harris, especially systems in Brooklyn borough president Eric Adams. Our main number is 718802 3700. You can also reach me on my phone at 917-324-2680. We're also going to put everything on the chat. Thanks.

Good evening, everyone. Ramon Pebenito here on behalf of State Senator, Julio Salazar. Our office number is 718-573-1726. We're located on 212 evergreen Avenue off Myrtle, but it's open only by appointment. Thank you.

I'm Taeka Haraguchi from New York City Comptroller Stringer's office. You can reach me at 917594129. Thank you.

Thank you. All right, we're going to move on to our community-based organizations now I see a few folks that I recognize if I've missed you. This is both for community-based organizations and city agencies. If you'd like to introduce yourself and I don't call on you right now it's not intentional I'm just not sure. So, but I am going to unmute the folks that I recognize so be ready. I have Corina Lozada.

I'm sorry, my internet went out. What was the, what is the gist name and contact info for folks to reach you. Perfect Corina Lozada, my work number is (646) 987-48773. My cell phone is 929-280-7432. And my email is [clozada@communitiesresist.org](mailto:clozada@communitiesresist.org). I'm going to drop it in the chat.

Thank you so much. All right, and I have Damaris from the Department of Buildings. Good evening. My name is Maurice Valera I'm with the community engagement programming with the Department of Buildings my contact info my best, best way to reach me is the email [dfalero@buildings.nyc.gov](mailto:dfalero@buildings.nyc.gov). I'm also going to put it in the chat. Thank you.

Thank you.

Yes, I can hear you. Go ahead. Good evening everyone Karen Cherry, Chief of Staff of Councilwomen Darma Diaz's office 1945 Broadway telephone number 718-642-8664. Again, it's 718-642-8664, and I want to give you my council cell which is 347-263-0325. Again, that's 347-263-0325 Have a good evening, and thank you be safe.

Thank you.

**Mayra Mera:** Good afternoon and good evening everyone, I'm Mayera Mera from Brooklyn coalition against family violence, and you can reach me at my work so at 314-635-0272 main office at 929312431.

Email act, er, at North Brooklyn coalition.org, and I'll put all my information in the chat. Thank you.

Thank you.

I also have Modesto Jimenez Modesto meeting you now. If you're there, you provide name and contact info. All right, we'll come back. There will be another opportunity folks just in case we don't get to now, we do have announcements a little bit later in the meeting. And I also want to acknowledge Anton niblick, everyone might have his hands on the blood, with Volunteers of

America, which was family residence. 1675 Broadway, and you can reach me by phone at 718742701. I'll drop my email in the chat.

Thank you.

All right, thank you everyone.

And that brings us now to the next item on the agenda which is the report from the 83rd precinct this evening we have with us. Our Captain Abraham Sanabria, Captain I'm going to try to make you a panelist just so folks can see if you'd like to share your video, and we can go from there. All right, you should be able to control your sound and your video now is great because I was on vacation. I just want to talk about crime and traffic really quick. Crime numbers so far are pretty even from last year. We are doing much better in in robberies, but our property crimes still begin to be still a problem. burden regards to burglaries in regard to car breaking. Also, in regard to grand larceny. So please. What we have noticed is that people are leaving their doors open, people are leaving their doors open to their apartments to their houses, as well as to their cars. So if you can get that out to the rest of the community that would allow us to get, you know, bring down those property. A lot of people who are just walking by and they're pulling on a, on a door handle for a car or for an apartment or for a building and it's wide open so they just go in and take whatever they could get their hands on. So if we can continue to get that message out that would be great. In regard to traffic. Actually significantly down in car accidents and significant drop in bicycle accidents. So we're on a good trend. We've been doing the best that we can out there it's been snowing a lot of streets have not been cleaned up perfectly sanitation is doing their best, but at the same time. There has been a lot less accidents in regard to that. So, if we continue with that. That'll be great. Please follow us on Twitter, or please follow us on Facebook I put a lot of information out there in regard to these crimes in regard to marijuana. And in regard to those in regard to tips on safer driving and pedestrian and bicycle. So, that's all I have. If there are any questions. I don't know if I should take, I can take questions as collateral but that's what I'm here for. Yeah, you could take a question are there certain areas that are unique, we need to hit in regards to people living their stuff, or it's just, you know, or just all over, it's really all over. It's really all over the whole preseason is having this issue. So just make sure you get it out there to wherever you want and not just one specific place, we'll put it in the newsletter make sure we pass it down.

Yes, please. Thank you. We are holding community meetings. I believe we're going to Barbara's on if she could answer the community, the community board meeting on question that just happened that they just posted. But I believe that we're going to be starting and I'm not really sure that date, but Barbara could answer that Smith.

Barbara did you want to answer that. Now, we can move on; you're going to start within the next month on the third Tuesday. And we'll put out the information. Okay.

Hopefully, we could get it on perfectly. Any other questions, comments, number one, I got one, go for it.

Um, um, my wife. I don't know if that Madison, right there in the with a stop sign that they have on the football side to cross over to the other street that stop sign is look like nobody Respect. Respect that stop sign, because they don't stop me, because I want to cross over to, to the school bus outside and open the other day in and out if there's a stop time nobody stopped they just keep going and turn this anyway somebody could be there and do something about it, or pull something from the subject to respect it.

Yeah. Where's that white cloth and Madison you said, Yeah. And when you cross over from left in the corner with the auto on the football side, and then there's a nice deal under the belt. I don't think it matters.

Okay, we'll sit we'll send someone over there and make sure that the stop sign is visible make sure that it will also if enforcement is needed, we'll make sure that we have enforcement there as well.

Thank you.

**Celeste:** Okay. Thank you, Captain for joining us this evening. Stay safe, and we will move on to the next item in the agenda, which is the district managers report.

## **5. District Manager's Report**

Good evening, everyone, and happy Black History Month. It's also American Heart Month, a time when the nation spotlights heart disease, which according to the American Heart Association is the number one killer of Americans. Many of us know too well the impact of chronic conditions and the importance of prioritizing our health.

I'd also like to take a moment to thank and acknowledge former CB four chairperson Dr. Julie Dent, who gladly assisted in the CB4 district office efforts to highlight and celebrate notable black leaders in Bushwick. Many longtime board members will recognize the names of the following individuals that I'll be sharing.

- We've spoken a lot about Miss Avellar Hansley founder and steward of the secret garden on the corner of Linden and Broadway, a former 83rd precinct Community Council treasurer. And, for many of these people the list can go on right you know for their accomplishments. I wasn't able to note everything. But I do have a few notes for each person.
- There's A. Chineda Carter, the former community board four chairperson who played a key role in creating and establishing the 83rd precinct on the corner of Bleecker and Knickerbocker.
- Gwendolyn Hart Bushwick advocate who also served on CB4.
- Reverend Rae served on CB4 and advocate for sanitation housing, education.
- Elaine King, the mother of Dr. Dent, served on the community board, advocate for affordable housing, worked with the former committee board four chairperson James Carroll, elected officials, community board four members, and many concerned residents to develop affordable housing in Bushwick.

- James Carroll, the community board chairperson for many years worked with local stakeholders to bring public housing to Bushwick, now known as Hope Gardens among other projects and endeavors.
- John Coker served on CB4 and was called the mayor of Bushwick, he organized block associations and block watch parties and local parks, he worked with local daycares in the 83rd precinct.
- Others include Evelyn Sumpter Alice branch, Margaret Batterson, and just another achievement really of the community, due to overcrowding of schools in District 32 in the past school board members, Elaine King, CB4 members, parents, elected officials galvanized and worked for many years to create and establish IS291. They also champion the renovation of the Dekalb library under Anna Gonzalez and the renovation of the Irving library happened under Dr. Dent.

The community board for office will continue this project of compiling information about bushwalks leaders and cherish the opportunity to share Bushwick history with the new generation. So I really just wanted to take some time to highlight these names I don't know if any other board members feel compelled to comment or to share any insights. You don't have to, but I just wanted to remind everyone right there are leaders who came before us who cared very much about Bushwick, and who basically got us to where we are today. So I don't know Mr Camacho if you wanted to say anything.

**Mr. Camacho:** Yeah, I did, I did I just want to say that those pioneers. Were the ones they used to punch me in the head when I used to go get crazy, they used to grab me by the end, you know, remember when everybody says we don't do those are the pioneers that have made us shine and brought us and Mary Dorsinville. She was also the Vice President, and she was also advocate for. She was on the advisory board of Warhol hospital. She was also until very another pioneer. We had a ladder. I'm telling you a lot of beautiful smart educated black woman that came in and took control man. You surprised guys was enough and then pushing these ladies. And they walked around, and they were like the princess man, we, he was like, I'm telling you I when she was mentioning those things it opened my heart, I have pictures of mostly or all of them. When I was a young kid, I think I got 95% of the pictures when I was 18 1920 years old man. They really firecrackers man and we love them dearly and, and they helped us to make Bush, what it is man, believe me, you will see with some of them if you see with some of them pioneers, they can tell you stories man. What can they tell you stories and how he used to be. And you have to respect them for also taking whatever it was and changing it and making it theirs and say well we're going to change this this is not going to happen anymore. And we're going to make sure our people are here, and I guess that's where I get that fire from because there was the best and I loved the most.

**Celeste:** Thank you Mr Camacho. And again, board members community members please send me you know any information you have I would love to bring this as an opportunity to the arts and culture committee Zuma, the committee chairperson is always enthusiastic about these types of projects and collaborations we really need to spotlight right our history and our roots, especially when so much is changing. So I wanted to share a little bit of that with everyone this evening. So,



I will move on with the rest of my report. Let me pull it back up. Below are the meetings and events that I've attended in the past month along with other notices that you might find of interest. Mr Camacho and I attend a lot of the same events so I won't go through all of them, this evening, but I will summarize on Thursday January 21 I had a call with Alexandra potty vas from city planning. She just provided an overview of some of the planning updates. This was brought to the housing and land use committee's attention.

On Friday, January 22, there was NYC Department of Education virtual meet and greet breakfast with the North Brooklyn superintendents, it was a well-organized event, and I know that myself. Mr Camacho Miss Jones she may speak on it a little bit later. We really enjoyed the opportunity and we're grateful to have that conversation, and not just with our leaders right but seeing you know leaders from across the borough our virtual meetings have afforded us that opportunity to be able to work a little bit closer together. I also attended a Hollaback stand up against street harassment public training. It was about an hour-long training that was designed to essentially advise what happens when you are yourself a victim of street harassment or if you witness street harassment, and there are four techniques that they taught us happy to provide more information to those that are interested, they are looking to spread this with other organizations throughout the city. So I encourage any organizations or groups that are interested in taking that training, it is a very useful tool I found it tremendously helpful.

On Monday, January 25, there was a call with evergreen exchange and local leaders, this was regarding the Small Business Services strategic impact outreach grant. So we know that our businesses are struggling now with, with a variety of things, whether it's rent, whether it's just you know trying to stay in business right and so we want to make sure that they have access to all the information that they need, whether it's about PPP, or whether it's about any resources grants programs that they can benefit from. And this impact grant will allow evergreen exchange to work with local leaders in Bushwick to really target some of the merchants and help them endure and stay and really hone their resiliency in the neighborhood.

On Thursday, January 28, there was a district office committee meeting, and I attended. After the winter. the recent winter storms I attended several conference calls with NYC emergency management and with Con Edison. They are very quick to organize these calls to make sure that all community boards and elected officials are aware of what's going on. And they also have a conduit to address any issues. So please do not hesitate to call me and the board's office if there's ever any issue with winter weather, you know, whether it's snowy Street, whether it's garbage collection, whether it's a power outage please let us know. It's the best way for us to be able to alert our liaisons at all the agencies for them to follow up as soon as possible.

I also had a call on February 3 with Sean Campbell, the district manager for community board 14 in Brooklyn, and Carly wine. The Manhattan, community board 11 assistant district manager. This was regarding the future of community boards Working Group next steps. We continue working together to put together this report summarizing some of the challenges that the community boards city wide face, and also offering solutions for how we can improve and better provide services to

our communities moving forward. And hopefully that report will be finished by the end of this month. That is the goal.

On Thursday February 4 there was also shape up Bushwick planning committee meeting It was our first one. Thank you to the board members that have attended. We know it won't be the same as previous years because of the pandemic however we want to make sure that the community, again, is prioritizing and highlighting their health. Some of the suggestions for this year are converting to a food distribution effort, and then providing information from our usual partners, sort of, grab and go style. If you'd like to get more involved with shape of Bushwick please contact me in the board's office. And I also spoke with Teresa Cunningham from sanitation Community Affairs, this was regarding electronics recycling. So, every year prior to the pandemic we held a community Earth Day event outside of Irving Square Park, you know this was an opportunity for folks to learn a little bit more about the environment sustainability as well as you know donate gently used and clean clothes. Recycle electronics and also drop off food scraps. So this year they have a new program for electronics recycling that we're exploring to bring to Bushwick.

Moving on Friday, February 5 there was a community board COVID-19 vaccine briefing. I think the Department of Mental health and hygiene for keeping us posted about everything that's happening with the vaccine we know things are happening quickly. There are a lot of changes. But thankfully they've organized calls to brief the community boards on what's going on so that way we can better inform the community. The same goes for NYC Test and Trace Corp, a lot of emails every week but it's all beneficial information to better advise the community.

And on Tuesday February 10 just to add to Mr Camacho his earlier statement, we did have a district service cabinet meeting and the agencies in attendance include NYPD, the 83rd precinct, Council Member Diaz was there, NYC Emergency Management, Parks, Department of Design and Construction, Department of Consumer and Worker Protection, Green Thumb, Sanitation, Homeless Services, Department of Buildings, Department of Transportation, borough president Adams, office, National Grid, Assemblywoman Walker's office, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene FDNY, the District 32 office, and Department for the Aging. A big thank you to all of our liaisons, we would not be able to do the work that we do without you. And we certainly appreciate you taking the time to provide updates at our meetings.

And just to circle back really quick to February 9, I do want to acknowledge that we had the first economic development and permits and licenses committee. Just want to thank the committee chairpersons Desmonde and Melissa as well as the committee members. I know it was the first a lot of information, but I think it was great and I really appreciate your support with the reports.

And on Friday, February 12 I had a call with Dina Alfano a Bushwick resident and property owner as well as Ramon Pebenito from Senator Salazar's office. This was to discuss next steps for 1001 Bushwick Avenue. We know right that the building was demolished but we want to talk a little bit about what happens next, and what can the community really do. So we discussed some next steps just to summarize where we are. If folks would like to learn more about these efforts, or 1325 Broadway efforts, please do not hesitate to reach out to me in the office, as well as you know

encourage your friends, family, and neighbors to join our email list, it's the easiest way to learn more about board meetings and what's happening in the community. Thank you, that concludes my report this evening. And it's questions.

**Mary McClellan:** This is Mary McClellan, I have one question, yes. Now on Broadway is there any follow up on Broadway by Foodtown? Because the markings on the street have worn away. They need to put some more markings on there so that we know which way to walk because it's a very dangerous area right there around Broadway and Lexington.

**Marcus Harris:** I also I've witnessed that our office has already written a letter to DOT about it. A lot of people and I live right around the corner from there so it's a thing that a lot of seniors have complained about. But in addition, it's just, I know I've tried to walk across the street and people don't know where to stop or anything so that's why we sent the letter. **Celeste:** Got it. Yeah, please keep us posted. So we appreciate it, yes, it's our shared border but we know that if something happens on one side it's going to affect us so definitely keep us posted Marcus and let us know how the DOT responds.

**Carlotta Williams:** this is Carlotta I said, I have been complaining for over one year. Wow, same area, same area to stop like the walk thing doesn't work, and you don't know when to walk, and when not to walk. And I've called 311 several times, they told me is a precinct problems and nobody has done anything.

**Mr. Camacho:** Okay, so we had the commanding officer there he has someone that deals with us traffic, and we'll get him to use it as soon as it starts. **Celeste:** Sergeant Schwingle he came to one of our meetings before I will email him and Leroy directly about this from DOT (Department of Transportation), and we'll see what they have to say, and I can update everyone Yeah. Thank you. Any other questions before we move on? All right, seeing none, we'll go into our committee reports starting with housing and land use, Anne Guiney.

## **6. Committee Reports**

### Housing and Land Use

**Anne Guiney:** Thank you, Celeste, our most recent housing, and land use meeting was Thursday February 4 6pm, the focus was almost entirely 1325 Broadway. There has been a permit filed for construction of a building at 1325 Broadway which is the corner of Linden and Broadway. Many of you will remember this as the site of the Secret Garden, Miss Avellar Hansley, who was, you know, long term member of the community board, her garden. It's a 20-story building that they have filed permits for residential, and was parking at the, at the base. It is an as a freight development is a very large site, the zoning permits it. They don't have to go through your ruler, which is the process, you know, universal land use review process where they come by us, they don't need our approval. A neighbor. Several neighbors, a number of neighbors brought this to the attention of the community board, and said hey what is going on, because they had the developers had not had to come before the CD to alert us. Celeste and others dug into this. And so this was

the focus of the meeting, and what we were doing was trying to understand exactly what is going on there right now. And is there anything we can do this garden is not an active garden right now, but it is something that has been very important to the community for many years. Right, exactly. So, it just because it is not active doesn't mean it is not loved, and it is important. So, there were a number of people the members of the community who have brought this to the attention to the CB or their Kristal Hansley, Miss Hansley's daughter was also a participant in this. And so what turned out to we Celeste, Asher Freeman from Council Member Reynoso's office and other folks figured out that there was a deed restriction in the 80s granted to make it that the part of it had to be green space for a certain amount of time that deed restriction still exists, so we did have from. I've. Let's see. Oh, sorry. We had Eleni DeSiervo from EDC, the Economic Development Corporation, which is the enforcing authority in this situation. She was on the call and EDC has said on that call that they were willing to enforce that deed restriction and Sue if necessary. They have sent a letter to the developer I checked in with Asher Freeman, from Council Member Reynoso's office today before this meeting to find out if they have heard anything from EDC has heard back from the developer about whether this deed restriction will be honored. I'm sure said no, they have not heard anything. And so basically what this was. It was the meeting was really focused on information sharing, getting people up to speed on what is happening on that site and trying to figure out what we can do another community member JP Cadaveira had raised a question that he believed that the parking.

As designated as outlined in the plans was not in fact legal per zoning code. So we had decided in that. In a recent meeting to call in somebody from deal B, I see Damaris Falero from DOB is on this call so I guess I would love to ask you and maybe we can connect online after this, too, because we would like to get somebody from DOB who has approved the plans to come and just explain to us. Just walk us through that. The approvals process so that we understand that fully because we want to make sure that this is 100% on the up and up. If it is not, we will, we are going to fight it.

So, basically, one of the, one of the real focuses of this meeting was figuring out. Okay. How do we mobilize against this? So there is a sort of informal group of residents neighbors who have led by Miss Hansley's daughter, Kristal, who have started a petition and are also trying to gather forces to say, if we don't, we may not have recourse under the zoning resolution to fight this but we have other recourse which is our voice, our collective, our collective voice in saying what do we want for this community and covering a beloved community garden that has been important in this community for decades, with a parking lot in a 20-story, as-of-right residential tower with no affordable housing is not what this community wants in any way shape or form. And so I think I would encourage anybody who's interested in this, to reach out to housing and land use committee, we can connect to you. And we can also inform a plan everything we know it's an evolving situation. I think what's important to stress is they don't go through you learn, so it's an uphill battle. And I just want to be super straightforward about that. I don't want to sugarcoat it. It is an uphill battle, but we can fight it and we are going to work to make to ask ATC to enforce this deed restriction and see what we can do about that. That may not stop the project, but it is an important tool is one important tool that we have the other important we have is our voices and our collective

desire to preserve something precious in this community. And if we can organize around that, then I think that's, that's important. So, that was I mean I could go into the, the sort of the back-and-forth questions, Celeste, thank you so much for doing the meeting notes for that meeting. I unfortunately was not able to do them, but I will happily answer anybody's questions on what happened at that meeting. And we have any follow up I, Mr Camacho and I have been participating in the group that has formed around 1325 Broadway. Like I said, it's an informal group of neighbors, and people who are interested in it. And then in, so that was the 85% of the meeting 90% of the meeting was focused on that. We then moved on to old business and new business really old business. There are a few small things, just the comprehensive planning that is going to a citywide proposal for comprehensive planning we've mentioned before that they will be coming before the housing and land use committee in March, which the meeting is on March 30 So anyone who would like to attend welcome you to participate in that. Also there is a 93A Starr Street, which is one it is a very small piece of land in between a lot. A, it's almost like a L shaped piece of land the person who owns the surrounding lot would like to buy it, decal, which is the city agency responsible for disposition of that kind of land would like to sell it. There are a bunch of issues about deed restrictions because we wanted that housing and land use case. They've come before us for several years and we had asked for a deed restriction on it, and it seems to be tied up in subsidy. Some city agency stuff and then finally, the other thing that we brought up was voting on whether to present to the whole board. Our responsible development policy which we did earlier in the public. Yeah, the very beginning of the meeting. So, that is it. 1325 Broadway, I encourage anyone to reach out with questions. It is something I know that a lot of people feel very passionately about. And it's something that we need to organize around. And we will share as much information as we get it.

And in regard to what our chair just said. Their plan that they submitted was with the law. And now that the law has a deed restriction. We're trying to figure out if the stop clock stops ticking because they're going to have to do new plans for the parking lot, if it's legal or not legal and environmental study in regard because the houses that are adjacent are so close. When all that carbon going into the, into the cars is going to be underground the way it's built. I can't off the top of my head tell you how it is because it's like an L shape, and that light goes in the back, and goes to the other houses, where are all those brownstones on Linden, so it's a crazy lot. The way it goes everybody that's been on they've been there before so now there's a restriction. So now they have to change their plans. So we don't know what it is that they're going to change how it is, or if the clock starts ticking. We have anything in regard to that so why don't we really, we really don't know what we're assuming and estimating, so hopefully we'll get more as we will write DOT and invite them to come to the community board and give us some clarifications in regard to this package, they're the ones that did we really need to know about that plan so they didn't really need to come to us. So we want to make sure that the chair of the house and land news, we can push them for they can come next time and give us some information and we'll invite everyone from therefore we can get some clarification and find out what they say. So that's what we really need that the next step.

**Damaris Falero (Department of Buildings):** This is Damaris from DOB you know we're happy to come and speak with you guys and give you more information regarding this project. I know also obviously there's some other agencies and some other people involved in this as well, you know, including EDC last heard like she said that, you know, EDC did send the developer letter, and we're still waiting to hear back from them. This is all regarding this new restriction which DOB can't really enforce necessarily. However, we will be happy to come you know speak with you guys about the whole application process, you know the plan examiner examination process. All of that you know we'd be happy to do so you can talk offline you know regarding scheduling, and then I'll have someone like a project advocate or chief plan examiner come to the meeting to maybe, you know, explain a little bit further detail.

All right, thank you.

Thank you.

And we will follow up and I think we should at our next meeting will probably ask for somebody who can work through the specifics of the zoning and then also somebody from DOB and then somebody from EDC, who is able to enforce this deed restriction. Lee, so I am those three agencies, we can triangulate a little, but I think it's really important to say that the other tool that we have is organizing ourselves and our voices and getting together and, you know, in a common voice saying this is something that we don't we, we oppose. We don't have the zoning on our side but. Yes, thank you.

And Miss Phelan I see, I see your head I know you have a question; I just want to add in just because there have been a few updates This is super relevant. So just and I know we haven't had a chance to speak yet, but I have somewhat good news. I did hear from a representative for the developer, and we are in the process of coordinating follow up for the community to have their feedback heard so you know we heard from someone they did apologize they said that it wasn't intentional that they, you know, didn't respond to our initial email. It just wasn't seen you know in time for them to attend that meeting, but they are offering to have a further conversation to clarify there and so we don't know what that means we don't know what that looks like. But I will certainly follow up and keep everyone. And, Mr Camacho board members community, everyone will know what's going on.

Thank you.

So nice because what it is that we've been putting a lot of pressure on working with all the elected officials and everyone in finding out what's going on with that with the borough president. And hopefully, we got the hash tag for now they have to come. So hopefully we can get something going on and find out what's going on with this working group. Now what else together and find out to help that area in that community in that black day that has those beautiful brown stones, and my new Latinos and blacks own. Most of those brown stones in that area for years.

So, what I was going to say was maybe for the next meeting we should dedicate the next meeting just to this particular project, because it sounds like it's going to be a lot of work and a lot of information, and we don't want to be too short, we want to be able to make sure we get all the information that we need to put forward. So we might want to consider dedicating our next meeting just to this subject.

Good. Yes, yes, but we will do just that. But we want we want to meet more with them. And we want to meet with the whole Cornyn everyone together to make sure that we're all in the same page, and no one can say one thing, and the other person can say in my list so I want to make sure everybody gets I have fallen yes; we're going to dedicate one meeting one time for this for people can get the answers questions answered.

And just to add to that misspelling there. There have been a couple. There was one just earlier this week of the group of other residents who have been really concerned about this who brought this to the attention. And I think anyone who is interested in this issue. If you can reach out to the district office, and we can make sure that everybody is a part of that conversation to those are not necessarily folks who are on the community board, but they care passionately about it. I think some of them are on the call, as, as, attendees right now I was looking through that list I saw some familiar names from the meeting. So I think maybe we can all get together so anybody who is interested in participating in this I think just if you can reach out to me to select the commercial, and we'll make sure that you are connected and on that email chain on that phone tree, so that you are fully aware of what's happening. And then we will also share information through the housing and land use committee as well.

**Celeste:** If there's nothing else for this committee report we'll move on. Seeing none. And if we did miss your question, it's okay I will certainly be looking at the chat and we will get back to you, and you can feel free to reach me in the district office. Now we have our health human service senior citizens veterans report, Cheryl.

Health/Human Services/Senior Citizens/Veterans

**Cheryl Jones:** Hi, I'm Cheryl, so we had to meet. We had a presentation by DFTA (Department for the Aging). And they talked about a program called Voices and Voices is a program that connects seniors with volunteers. And basically this is what they found out during COVID-19, so many seniors that only did not have people to connect with in the program. It's not a social service program. It's a program where volunteers actually speak to seniors over the phone, and they kind of have a nice chit chat. And I think it's a great program, you know for seniors. And so there are a couple of components. So the, the volunteers, commit to actually talking to the seniors and there's no like timeframe. So it could be a half an hour, could be 45 minutes could be an hour. That's one component. And then the other component is you have volunteers. So if anyone on a board is interested in volunteering, need, or know someone that needs to have a Voices volunteer, you can call 212-244-6489. And you could connect with Miss Keyes.

The other important, agenda item. Thank you, Miss Jackson, we talked about our Shape-Up Bushwick. And so some of the items that were discussed was to have a food distribution, to offer a PPE, to have a paper shredder, and to give information to seniors about how to get the vaccination, as well as giving healthy food from City Harvest. The third item that's very important. Miss Jackson talked about a grief workshop that will be held on Saturday. And she's going to send us a link to send to all the board members. The meeting was adjourned at 641 investment update any questions.

**Celeste:** Thank you, Cheryl.

**Mr. Camacho:** for clarification, they'll give a background check to people and make sure that they get a background check. They screened them, and they only X number of hours that they work, and make sure they'll listen in to, on, and before they even though, they'll train them, and listen in on our seniors to make sure because a lot of them are, are all you know by themselves. The kids are all grown they're not there, and they need someone to sit and talk you know how seniors are and talk to them and make sure that they have a what they need and open up to people, you know, so it was a process, so not anyone could become a volunteer there's a screening process that you have to go to get to as well as the application, and they do to some type of background check to make sure that you know the seniors are matched with the person that meets their needs. Yeah, I think we program. Thank you. All right, any other. Any questions about or shape up wish to shape up.

**Anne Guiney:** No, but I do have a question about that program. Is there anything about the who they are looking forward to join? I participate in Bushwick Ayuda Mutua, which is the mutual aid group, there's a lot of people, most of them are younger so I'm just wondering if they are looking, because I think this is something, especially because if you can do it over the phone and just check in. It's something that people would be really interested in, but if they are not necessarily looking for younger people, then I wouldn't want to try and share that, do you think maybe I can follow up with you offline? This sounds like a really important program.

**Cheryl:** So, what you said that they had a match, and one was a little younger and one was older, so it doesn't matter. You know the age, it matters that the person, you know, likes to talk and there's some things in common, but you could be a young adult match with someone. **Anne:** Okay. I'd like to follow up because it sounds like a really valuable and important thing. Wherever you can get the number. Cheryl: yeah, write the number down you can call her. Her name is Miss Keyes. The number is (212) 602-4225. **Anne:** Okay, great, thank you I will follow up, I appreciate that. Cheryl: Her email is [eneubauer-keyes@aging.nyc.gov](mailto:eneubauer-keyes@aging.nyc.gov). Any more questions?

**Celeste:** I do have a comment Cheryl and just for folks to know so we will include this info just for the community to be aware as well and for the board members in the newsletter. It's a great opportunity and we've actually asked if it's possible right like to connect Bushwick not that it has to be that way but if someone had a preference right to speak to you know individuals from Bushwick Is there any way to kind of tailor. You know the communication for volunteers from



Bushwick speaking to Bushwick seniors write having it be a hyperlocal activity. If that was something that they wanted to do and just trying to find better ways to connect with our seniors right that are isolated not everyone goes to a senior center. Not everyone gets Meals on Wheels you know we have a lot of seniors that are that are, you know, by themselves you know their children have moved out of the home maybe they're on their own and you know they're only recreational activity I'm saying this from hearing stories is going you know in the past going shopping, you know, that's when they would see people otherwise, they're isolated. And so we really want to make sure that they have an opportunity to engage that was the motivation for this discussion.

And then, could we also include Miss Jackson. She's going to send us a flyer about big grief work workshops that are held on Saturday. I think that might be key to, because sometimes people don't want to acknowledge that they're going to someday be to be grief and i think that you know if there's some type of activity or some type of services that the community is aware about that people may be more inclined to go. So Barbara Can you send us the flyer.

**Celeste:** I think Barbara had to jump off I think she had another commitment this evening, but I will follow up with her and I'll make sure we put that on the newsletter, and we can circulate it via email to the board.

**Celeste:** Okay, thank you. If there are no other questions, we'll move on to economic development plus permits and licenses. Desmonde, I know that economic development went first if you want to summarize.

### Economic Development

**Desmonde Monroe:** Sure. I'm going to make this quick since we are at the 11 o'clock hour, I mean I needed. our I send out a revised note to send them directly to the last but like most of you probably have been, I've been forced by reply all so you have the revised notes I was really going to be selective if you guys didn't. But basically, I'm going to speak fast. And just basically read from the revised notes, they'll teach you, like less than two minutes. So, this is the EDC economic development plan review meeting the meeting. The committee discussed the draft Bushwick economic development plan which consists of tools and resources that can guide the community's economic development strategies and strengthen Bushwick and build long term value to attract residents to the area. The plan costs for local community development organizations, nonprofits local leaders and residents to build on existing community assets, promote workforce training aligned with the needs of existing and growing local industries and promote health and health and security of the Bushwick community, especially economic development strategies include but are not limited to supporting small business workers quality of life, improved access to local employment opportunities, increased access to advanced education workforce development job training opportunities, promoting vibrant commercial district attract doors and services for daily needs to resit to resident neighborhoods, ensure a wide range of housing types that are affordable to different income levels preserve natural space in the community and maintain the characteristic characteristics of the community. After a quick overview of the track. It was open discussion with,

I get a set of revised notes you can see that, like and Johnny mentioned that about maintaining long standing businesses. Due to forces of displacement and commercial rate increases so we definitely want to make sure our economic development plan covers that as long as, as well as reaching out to merchant associations, you got to Gomez also talks about reaching out to nature residents and students associations, because they are the customers of the business and their input would be greatly appreciated and how, when, when developing the policy. Rather promotional also mentioned about breaking down the, the policy or the development plan into manageable pieces and then allow it and other companies to utilize what they can from development plan for their own committee hear someone saying something or that's just. Okay, so yes so go to a capper about breaking it down and customizing for area, as well as standing, which also did work merchant, reaching out to the merchant associations and other associations, such as making the road and street vendor associations to get feedback for the plan. And, again, I think everybody was really much concise about making short term manageable action items, so we didn't want to see this going for years and years and years, although once we get stuff in place. The programs will take what will definitely give us a lot of work to do for the coming years, but we can at least get the initial plans and breakdown done this year, so I think our next meeting. We're going to incorporate the existing feedback. Then we're going to work through making. I guess action items, you know, that way we can put milestones in our way so we can see stuff happening throughout 2021 2022 and 2023 it's moving forward. That's all I have. If you have any questions, the plan is still being kind of massage, and I'd be glad to send that out to the, to the full board for their input once we incorporate the input we already have and move forward from there. That's all I have. So that's any questions that's left back to you.

**Celeste:** Are there any questions for Desmonde before we go into permits and licenses? If there are no other questions or comments then, Melissa, we'll go to you, permits and licenses.

#### Permits and Licenses

**Melissa Carrera:** Thank you, Celeste Good evening everyone. So, the permits and licenses committee met with EDC Tuesday February 9. We had a total of four applicants present, and I want to go through each one of them really briefly you can defer to the notes that less circulated with the entire board. Earlier today, so the first liquor license was for Gonzos LLC, located at 24 Irving Avenue. It's a new liquor license application for review. They are a family oriented Mexican restaurant; they're looking forward to working with the community. Community and being involved. They have been communicating with Make the Road New York, other local nonprofits in the community. They are coming to us from Greenpoint, so from, you know, a very different area and they feel like they can, they want to be more inclusive. They gave us a really good framework of why they want to be in the community, how they are going to get involved and there was just a really good conversation with them, their hours are 10am to 10pm, Monday through Sunday, and they are in total compliance with no selling of alcohol after 12am on Sundays. And then we had Kevin Blanco from Dona Andrus modern taqueria at 238 Central Avenue, which is also a new liquor license application, also a Mexican restaurant I see a big trend here there's a lot of Mexican restaurants coming to Bushwick, or that are already there but one of the liquor license, and they opened in July 2020 so during the pandemic Mexican cuisine. Kevin is also the owner of

Barchaa which I learned at the meeting is very involved and has done many fundraisers and has contributed to our community in a real way so of course we want to support businesses like theirs who are deeply involved and invested in Bushwick, so their operating hours are Monday through Sunday, from 12pm to 9pm, and they are in total compliance with no selling of alcohol. After 12am on Sundays. And now I'm going to talk a little bit about, DorDor gallery Ekaterina Ovodova located at 45 Irving Avenue also applying for a new liquor license. This space is a gallery kind of event space that opened up in March of 2020, you know right when the pandemic hits so I'm in a very challenging time they are women owned. So of course we want to show support to any women owned businesses. I will save this. We had a couple of miscommunications I would say or misunderstandings. During the meeting, we would love to see the person who was actually on the application show up and we can talk more about that during the recommendations, but they pretty much are a gallery open to showcasing artists work, and then having their alcohol being sold during the operating hours of course, and they have a small light food menu so not a real kitchen in the back, I'll be just like light things being served. And their operating hours are from Monday through Sunday 12pm to 8pm, and also an agreement with our stipulation of no selling of alcohol after 12am on Sundays. And lastly, we have Lucy aka Sarah's tequila Fiesta bar NYC Corp, located at 280 Knickerbocker Avenue so this is located right across the street from the Maria Hernandez Park. As most of you know I think it's a walk bar right now there's been a lot of businesses of this location for some reason, I don't know, it hasn't worked out for many folks, so this restaurant location is in its very early stages, also in Mexican cuisine. The owner is a former chef who has worked many years in the food industry and wants to bring his take on Mexican cuisine to Bushwick. They are Latino-owned, and they are intending to operate from Monday through Sunday 10am to 10pm, and they are also in total compliance with no selling of alcohol. After 12am on Sundays. And I can talk a little bit more about these, but I don't want to take up any more time. And I'll talk more about our recommendations, Celeste once we get there. Thank you, everyone.

**Celeste:** Thank you and I just want to the board is okay with this I have I believe one of the applicants or their attorney here Katarina. I just want to give her an opportunity to speak Academy and I'm going to unmute you now.

**Ekaterina Ovodova:** Hi. Hi everybody. Um, yeah, we spoke on ninth and actually, so I'm presenting order gallery, while presenting on ninth and we have the opener, and the person who applied for the license actually on call her name is Anastasia. Um, yes, I see I see her I'll mute her now. You okay, okay. Yes. Was there anyone else that that was on the call for the business.

No, only me. Okay, okay. So, to have more calls. I'm the legal representative as well.

Okay, I don't see I don't see Marcos on the list that I'm happy. Yeah, that I'm looking at. But if yeah if you have any comments or anything you'd like to share, or I don't know Melissa if you had specific questions for them. But this is your opportunity to just share a little bit more about what you're intending to do for your establishment.

Yes. Like, reverse like in the Bushwick area like our gallery, we tried to like magnetize artists as much as possible to like, bring like new cultures, to the, to the space. Sometimes we have like different exhibitions, like, like Eastern Europe. Europe. And we trying to make this space like cultural point, and we have like also our space to work like for artists work into like art space and sell their like artwork so either way. He has to be trying to make it like he, like, more like fun for

everyone. And I think this area, and like, like people from like other areas. And, yeah, so if you have like an equation, about like how it's going to go, or maybe you want to like lead the displays. One day, so it's like totally possible. I want to like serve like wine and beer. Basically, I'm close to 8pm. Got it. Yeah. Okay. Yeah, so we have like different events, because like, same gallery in Moscow so it's like really similar to, kind of, like, it's the same time like family oriented, and it's like the same time it can be like everyone, it can be like candy to like 11pm or like midnight. Up to white people who like providing performance so fancy like exhibitions opening.

To be to put to put in an application, the person that's carrying the license and to be in the establishment. And when they came to the board to the committee, the person wasn't there. So we wanted to speak to the person that the license is going to be under, there's going to be responsible. So the committee requested them to come here. And the person that's going to be on the license, that's going to be on the permit as well. So that's why is the young lady there?

Yeah, she does. Yeah, she's okay.

So that's why Yeah, it was like a long time ago with a client like for like, one year ago. It's like, What's the last time we were waiting for it in like, a cheap like new liberal or a gallery? So she didn't know like, like, responsible for not on Really? Like, in this time? I'm really very there. We were closed from like, you know, kind of the time that's like, it's so yeah, it's just going to be so long. Oh, yeah. And drink places where you go there to serve the art and you have your little wine and your stuff or whatever it is that. Yeah, yeah. Yeah. Ah, what's the age limit the size eight if you are planning on having a liquor license Yeah, what's the age limit? age limits you can kids in an art gallery

Yes. It's Yeah, it's completely right. So you can do no check. Documents first is going to be like Antoni one invention is in the application. Mr. Camacho. I believe it's 21 and over, I can reference back to the application, but it's also not only a gallery it's an event space as well with some fee sir, I believe. I remember that being on the application for sure.

Yes, we have some time performances. For something I'm just trying to like please, like all creativity will be like, can awesome this period of time, like at least we can have like a lot of people are sure but like sometimes we have a social going on. Is like People prefer in this area a lot of pressure like suddenly like 2021. And like, or 21. We can like serve like alcohol. Sorry. Thank you. **Melissa:** Thank you so much for that. I think some last, we should move into recommendations. So then they can get more of an idea of what we're leaning towards as a committee.

## **7. Recommendations**

Absolutely. That was my next segue once we wrapped up. So with that being said, let's go into recommendations. I know we have permits and licenses recommendations. I don't believe any other committee has that. But we will cross that bridge once Melissa finishes, go for it.

and get to last. So I guess we'll kick it off with DorDor gallery. The recommendation for the committee is we would like to give DorDor a second chance to present to the committee next month. In our meeting in March. We will need the presenting manager to be present at the next PLC meeting and talk more about their community plan and long-term liabilities so far, we want to know more about operation. You know how this is going to work. Get to see you both at our next meeting in March and then we want to support it. But at the moment we do need more information and we'd love to talk to you more recommend for you to return next month to us. So that's a recommendation for DorDor. Our second recommendation is for Gonzos LLC at 24 Irving Avenue Move to approve application as is with operating hours from 10am to 10pm. The establishment is willing to adhere to the compliance of no liquor license, selling on Sundays after 12am. And we did request some specific drawings of the sidewalk measurements because they do have a sidewalk cafe that they will be including as part of their establishment, so we just wanted to get a good idea. What those dimensions are just to make sure they're within compliance of DLT.

And the recommendations, everyone has a copy of the recommendations. Are we voting individual or not? through them and then we can vote. Okay.

And then third, we have done undress Martin taqueria at 230 Central Avenue, we move to approve the application as is with operating hours of 12pm to 9pm. And this establishment is willing to take you to the community boards compliance of no selling of alcohol after 12am. Everyone approved and lastly, we have the tequila Fiesta bar at 280 Knickerbocker Avenue. Good committee would like to see the applicant return when they have a certificate of occupancy. They're in the very early stages. We really liked them. We thought they were great. We just want them to return to us, you know, in a couple of months, when they have their whole business plan thought out and they have a certificate of occupancy. And that sums it up for recommendations for the permits and license committee.

For board members may suggest a blanket vote on these recommendations if that is okay. Is there a motion for a blanket vote to let you can vote on, on everything when this criteria is on some? Well, it's basically what the permits and licenses committee is recommending all together. So okay. Okay. So as Melissa stated, all of those stipulations apply.

Okay, so first we're going to make a vote to recommend a blanket vote correct. Everybody a favor. I see a motion from an end is raised. Wait a second by Mr. Camacho. All in favor. Aye. Any questions? So moved. For the blanket vote. Now we need a recommendation or emotion excuse me for the recommendation from permits and licenses?

Correct. good recommendation or regard? 204. On the committee's report is there a second I second motion lift career. All in favor?

Aye. Any abstentions? So moved. Thank you everyone. That concludes the permits and licenses recommendation. Are there any other recommendations at this time? Going once, going twice. We are moving on from this agenda item now and we are going into old business.

**8. Old Business – None**

**9. New Business – None**

**10. Announcements**

**Celeste:** we'll move on to the next agenda item, which is announcements a minute and a half. If you have an announcement, please let us know. If I don't call on you and you'd like to make an announcement, please just let me know in the chat.

**Marcus Harris (Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams' office):** Hi everyone. It's two announcements. I have actually three. shoes by February 12 deadline. For me board appointments, and reappointments thank you for doing that. Other thing that I wanted to mention at the end of January, he actually called for transparency in the racial makeup of vaccine recipients, one of the things that we are seeing is that they are not equitable across a city, and he's asking the breakdown of how that list is provided. I don't know of anyone here what we do like Walgreens is that people are still not in. You need to get back to the unemployment myth at this point. Um, so that's why the President is doing that. On another note, I just want to make sure everyone knows that it is Cancer Awareness Month. We have been seeing a lot of people have not been paying attention during this time and staying with different hospitals and doctors. Colon Cancer Awareness Month is March. As you guys know, when I first came to your board, I mentioned that I was a colon cancer survivor at the age of 37. We just need to make sure that people are following up with their regular appointments, and actually seeing doctors to make sure that incident on cases of illnesses are not lingering while we are in this pandemic. That is all I have for you. Thank you, everyone.

**Karen Cherry (Council Member Darma Diaz's office):** Okay, good evening, everyone. I just want to say that our office opened up virtually, we are taking on cases virtually. You can email me at [kcherry@council.nyc.gov](mailto:kcherry@council.nyc.gov) if you'd like to make an appointment.

**Jonathan Pomboza (Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez's office):** Hi, there. Can you hear me? Just wanted to share with you save the date for Black History Month. The district attorney is having an event that's titled Stony the Road We Trod: the Impact of Faith-Based Organizations, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and the Divine 9 on Our Path Towards Equality. It's Thursday February 25 at 6pm. I'll be sending the link a little later, but it'll be on social media channels and it will be a panel discussion moderated by Michelle Miller from CBS News Saturday morning. Thank you.

**Modesto 'Flako' Jimenez (The Bushwick Star/Oye Group):** was unable to share his announcement due to sound/technical issues.

**Celeste:** You can try to drop the information in the chat and I'm happy to share more since you're not able to speak for some reason.

**Ramon Pebenito (Senator Julia Salazar's office):** Hi, everybody, Ramon from Senator Salazar's office, I'd like to warmly invite everyone from the community and the general public to the State of Senator Salazar's District Virtual Town Hall, our first town hall for 2021. This Friday 5pm via zoom, I have the zoom link in the chat as well as a passcode. But also if you're just on Facebook, look up Senator Julia Salazar. All one word. We look forward to seeing everybody. Thank you.

**Rick Echevarria (City Council Candidate, 37<sup>th</sup> District):** Okay, so Rick Echevarria, city council candidate in District 37. Good evening to everyone. I wanted to invite everyone to an event that I'm having tomorrow for urban minority owned businesses certified and non-certified as everyone knows we have a problem with the city not giving contracts to minority businesses, particularly in our region, and we want to make sure that existing firms and new firms can be in a better position to get those contracts. And finally, I'm a lifelong resident of Bushwick. I started Bushwick Housing Independence Project out of my apartment on Woodbine Street. And I have a kind of provocative statement that you know, after 20 years of doing affordable housing program with my expertise at HPD. That revealed to me that our biggest problem is affordable housing corruption. Alright, so we find affordable programs and policies, but we have a very severe problem in our city. What I think is an unredeemable housing agency. I'm going to put a link for the zoom for tomorrow's event in the chat, as well as my website, email and contact in case anyone wants to attend tomorrow. I encourage you to and if you want to chat about housing corruption, I welcome you to contact me. Thank you.

**Steven Williams (Accessible Dispatch Program):** was unable to share his announcement due to sound/technical issues.

**Taeka Haraguchi (NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer's office):** Hi, Celeste. Hi, community board 4. Great to be back here this evening. Just a few quick announcements. So I announced this last time but just want to remind folks that the application for our paid summer internship program ends on March 5. I'll put the link to the application in our chat. And then secondly, the comptroller on bail. His food security plan to combat hunger in New York City. The plan offers immediate local, state, and federal recommendations to close gaps in emergency food programming. It calls for the creation of a \$25 million city-based emergency fund food programs to serve undocumented New Yorkers left out of federal and state safety net programs. So I'll drop the link to that report in the chat as well. And finally, the comptroller also released a blueprint for strengthening public safety in New York City. So he unveiled detailed proposals will transform public safety protected Yorkers from violence and to invest in our communities. In this blueprint proposal outlines how to reimagine this in five different ways. And I will be dropping the link to that in the chat as well. Thank you.

**Celeste:** Thank you. All right. And I believe that Jamie Wiseman would like to say a few words.

**Jamie Wiseman (CB4 Board Member):** Can you hear me okay? Yes. All right, so listen, thank you for the kind words Camacho. And I just wanted to say since my term will expire and will not be renewed that grace, first of all, I want to just say that grace says that Anne Guiney would be a great babysitter. She pointed her out and said she would be a great baby If you could just bring her in. So that's a quick note. I concur, right Grace. But I do want to say listen, y'all were you go above and beyond for the community. You know, I know I was a scary admission to the community board Initially, I hope to contribute. And I hope to continue to contribute even when I'm no longer on the board and I'm only a phone call away or FaceTime away. But what I will suggest is to work somewhere it was my son wants me to light candle and mice is my wife and stain. So We shared six years together, this community's very, very meaningful to me. And you guys are fighting for it and continue to fight for it. I can't. I've been around a lot of other community boards through my real estate work, you're not going to find a better district manager staff and share with you. And that goes through the rest of the officer corps. So just take a moment and reflect on the work that you've done, how important it is, and how much public service is in your blood. So thank you so much for including me, it was community board and your important work.

**Mr. Camacho:** We came in we want to thank we want to thank you. Thank you. Oh boy. We know when we started, we started crazy. And then eventually, we knew each other, and we knew that the goal was the same. The same way we work with you we want to work with everyone because that's, I guess that's our downfall. You know what I'm saying? And I always say, I always say Bushwick is a loving and working community. And it's sad that we are that way because people come in and try to trip us up. But we want to thank you for guiding us and helping us when time was rough. And there's always going to be a door open here in Bushwick for you because you are a part of us. Thank you.

**Celeste:** Thank you. Thank you, Jamie. And I just want to say to all board members, community members, you know, I've received compliments for you all, you know, the community's paying attention. You know, these meetings are open to the public and they are commenting. They know that all of our board members are dedicated and absolutely, I would not be able to do half of what I do without you. So the feeling is very much mutual. And you know, we have good people here in Bushwick. It's always been that way. And I think the primary reason is because we're here for Bushwick, right for our neighbors and for the people that are here in this community. So thank you so much. And if there are no other comments, I don't see anything in the chat. Please, if we've missed you, it's not intentional. Just let me know and I'm happy to circulate information in our newsletter if we didn't get to you this evening. That being said, we can move on now with the rest of our meeting. Barbara, did you have anything for the Community Council?

**Barbara Smith:** RiseBoro has worked together to put together a document along with 30 people for seniors because seniors want to get the sharpest chance that they will Brown is really overwhelmed because they will pick up the thing is you make an appointment a day ahead. But there's no way for me to get back home. Because if anyone has received a shot, you're not after you get the shot, you have to sit for like 15 minutes. And you can't give them a time. And they've worked on a time. So Lopez and Gomez have been picking them up in the building, and I'm so



happy that we organized with it, right. So we're doing that now we're going to try to help them as much as possible because we only have one. I've heard another community council politician donated them to that. I'm going to look into that politician. Thank you. **Celeste:** Thanks, Barbara.

### **11. Second Roll Call**

**Celeste:** Yes, Samy, did you have something? So if there are no other comments then we will move on now to the next item on the agenda, which is the second roll call in reverse order. Board Members, please be ready.

**Samy:** what I was wanting to say I put it on the chat about COVID vaccines appointments. Thank you. **Celeste:** Oh, okay, thank you Sammy.

### **12. Adjournment**

**Celeste:** Is there a motion from the board to adjourn? Mr. Camacho made a motion to adjourn and Gladys Puglla seconded the motion. All were in favor, so moved.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:39pm