

Brooklyn Community Board 4
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 15, 2021, 6pm

Zoom

Chairperson: Robert Camacho
District Manager: Celestina Leon

Meeting Start: 6:11pm

The public hearing presenters were not in attendance at the beginning of the meeting. Celeste asked the board if they would prefer to wait several more minutes or move into the regular meeting portion. Jo-Ena Bennett made a motion to begin the regular meeting portion. X seconded the motion. All were in favor, so moved.

Regular Meeting:

1) First Roll Call

Board Members in attendance: Jo-Ena Bennett, Joshua Brown, Martha Brown, Rawle Brown, Robert Camacho, Gardea Caphart, Melissa Carrera, Felix Ceballos, Elvena Davis, James Fitzgerald, Freddy Fowler, Anne Guiney, Hadiyah Harrison, Jared Hicks, Barbara Jackson, Kristen Jock, Cheryl Jones, Virgie Jones, Mary McClellan, Imini Mitchell, Desmondee Monroe, Samy Nemir Olivares, Raul Rubio, Eliseo Ruiz, Vernedeander Shell (online--did not hear her during roll call), Barbara Smith, Annette Spellen, Jerry Valentin, Carlotta Williams, Frank Zimmerman

Excused: Jose R. Guzman, Andy Marte, Zulma Novoa, Kyle O'Rourke, Dustin Sonneborn

Not in attendance: Marcus Alston, Grace Aytes, Louisa Chan, Andrew Choi, Daniella Davi, Carlos Feliciano, Egaudy Gomez, Christopher Graham, Migdalia Gutierrez, Tanesha Honeygan, Acire Polight, Gladys Puglla, Leo Tineo, Odolph Wright

Celeste: 28 board members present. That constitutes a quorum. Thank you.

2) Acceptance of the Agenda as Presented

Motion to accept - Mary McClellan

Second - Elvena Davis

All in favor, so moved.

3) Acceptance of the Previous Meeting Minutes

Celeste explained that there was a technical issue during the last meeting and she is still working on the minutes. She asked the board for a motion to table until next month.

Motion to table - Martha Brown

Second - Barbara Jackson

All in favor, so moved.

4) Chairperson's Report

We met with the Captain and Commanding Officer, due to crime at Hope Gardens. On Monday 20th, ACT meeting. On Tuesday June 29th, CB4 HHSV Committee 6pm-8pm. On Thursday July 1st at 11am, the precinct and I met with new officers on a roll call. On Thursday July 4th at 5pm, Sanitation workgroup. July 2nd at 11am, meeting new officers there at Knickerbocker again. On Friday July 2nd, I met with the RAD team at Hope Gardens to make sure that our people and our garden are taken care of and all the complaints. We also met with RAD and elected officials on July 13th, Tuesday at 6pm because there have been a lot of problems that were written down from other elected officials to the district attorney to make sure that the crime in Hope Gardens is taken care of. Thursday July 15th, I met again with the CEC this time in person at IS 383.

Friday the 16th at 11am, Celeste and I met with RiseBoro, Scott and Maria Viera on the agenda was a presentation/overview of pending RiseBoro affordable housing projects. On Tuesday July 20, the BCP. On Thursday July 22 at 7pm, the patrol borough of North Mascol and I met. On Thursday the 29th at 6pm, 422 Central Ave meeting in person. Saturday, July 31 at 5pm Dor Dor event--invited me in for a meeting. They're opening to the community to listen; I was one of the persons to talk. They wanted to know what the board community board is all about what's going on in the community. And Monday August 2 at 3pm, meeting with Chief Harrison also community partners. We also walked through the same day. I had a walkthrough with elected officials on August 5 at 11am. In August, I went to a mural that the young kids did. I think it was some of the youth from St. Nicholas, if I'm not mistaken, or I know one of the youth groups over there. They did a beautiful mural. I got to go see this at 260 Meserole. I went there which is nice from 2pm to 5pm. Weirfield one day had a carnival art craft in the park. On Thursday August 5th at 7pm, parliamentarian zoom meetings city wide workshop. I think some of you got into that workshop. That was on a Friday, August 6 at 10pm. We met Saturday, the 7th with Woodbine Block Association Garden and I made pickles. I never thought I would make pickles. They taught us to make pickles. I don't eat pickles but since they did it. They're so good. And then with the juice that was leftover.

On Tuesday August 5pm, Zoom arts and culture workshop group or group. On Tuesday the 16th, experienced trainee meeting with MTA NYCT. This is the permanent youth and education committee checking out some of the contracts that are going through the DYCD. On Wednesday the 11th 12:30pm, open meeting law meeting. They told us what to do in regard to what the open law meeting says. And they gave us PPE. Me and Celeste went down there to pick them up. Aug 12th, a walk-through Knickerbocker Plaza with DOT to see the programming to see what it looks like to make sure we're all important. Hopefully, we should start programming and they could do

something on Friday the 13th. I want to talk. They got a big place there. They want to work with us. They want to do things in the community. They just purchased that big place. Yeah, remember it's a place where they could give us complaints about the music. And the guy is slated to try to do everything.

Then on Sunday the 15th, the march for gun violence with Maritza Davila. Then on Monday, August 16 at 2pm, I went to a rally. I saw myself in the news. I was in the news with rallying and because over time, you'll see what's going on in Rikers Island. On Tuesday August 17th, 422 Central Hope Gardens and Captain meeting. On Wednesday, August Cops and Kids block party. Let me tell you, this NCO officer, one of the sweetest young girls. They came with me. We walked around. People donated money to this block party for a minute. He was telling you, they gave ice cream, horses, everything for free, burgers. These officers went above and beyond, and they came and they did it. They serve our community. And I take my hat off to these two young ladies. They were awesome and no it was hard. But we went out there and the community everybody gave from \$10 to \$5. And everything was paid. No money can everybody donate and they would pay. We had the bouncy ball. We had a dunk tank as you saw on Twitter later on one of my NCO officers asked them to dunk them but they did. It was a great block party.

We also went that Thursday 5:30pm CEC 1300, Greene IS 383. On Saturday the 21st, Family day at Hope Gardens, I went past Saturday. I went to Cooper Block, Mr. Barnes Block Association. That Saturday, I also want to sell my art. Maria Hernandez. Monday the 23rd, EPTS and Parks Committee at 6pm to the 24th. And I also want to thank all the board chairs for these committees. We know they will all have their issues that need to be taken care of and they met and we met our person and we got the job done. On August 24th, chairperson meeting, we met in regards to the new chairpersons that are on a committee for the new year. On Tuesday August 31st, at CB4 6pm the EDC and PLC committee.

On Wednesday September 1st 6pm, the executive board. Thursday September 2nd, sanitation workgroup. On Wednesday, we went to 195 Linden. We thought we were going to have a meeting with the people and check out the tables that we have. So when I need to do anything on Thursday or not Wednesday the eighth at 4pm board meeting was on zoom, on Thursday night at 9:30 to five the budget consultation. We started on Friday, we wanted to see what was going on with our building, our community board building, which is 1420. We met with the person that's in charge. We sat down with him Dr. Igwe, you know he was on the board a long time ago. We met him. He was happy that we were there. Everything is taken care of. We're trying to work with him if we have open spaces to see what we can do with these open spaces. So hopefully, we can do programming in some of these open spaces they have to read so I don't know how it's going to work. Today the 15th the clergy council meeting. Oh, yesterday the 14th I was in the town meeting. I don't know. I don't know how she does it. The whole buildings with all the complaints and issues and also as you know, some of the buildings they got flooded in her garden.

We had 61 addresses impacted by the flow condition. We started a distracting word of at 3am 59 of the locations were cleared of water. three locations and process of closing being empty. Hot water service to 46 buildings have been restored. Including all high rises, senior buildings 85

Camaro and territory Wilson as well as 121 4160 mile and a half, which will be restored first thing in the morning, which was a 15 building to me 180 units do not have hot water, they have electrical issues. They're working on the panels now. One building does not have gas, the FDNY shut it off from the street. No stove, no plumbing, investigating, no hot plates have been given to the residents or elevators have fully elevated service restored. Approximately 40 apartments have ground flooding. First on site remediation company, extract the water from apartments with leaks or units and repair the process. Repeat. Pinnacle, the general contractor, 17 flopped on state to vendors extracting water in the basement. It's been hard. A lot of people have to be moved out, put in hotels. As of now, there's a list of some of the buildings. And that is my movie for the summer. Any questions, comments, concerns? Thank you. Celeste.

Celeste: Thank you Mr. Camacho. Alright, just checking in again. I believe city planning should be here, Alexandra.

Alexandra: Yes, I'm here. My apologies for the delay.

Celeste: no problem. So I'm going to go ahead and try to fix a few things. And before I do just a few housekeeping notes. So this is a new format everyone. So please bear with us while we become more accustomed to it. Just to confirm I know Miss McClellan asked this earlier. But for those that are on the phone, yes, if you press star six that allows you to mute. And for everyone else, we appreciate your patience as well with any questions in the chat. I'm the only one answering the chat and trying to monitor everything else behind the scenes. We did have some folks that had issues getting on this evening. So I was trying to take care of that before we move on to the next part of the meeting. So just give me one moment. Okay, whenever you're ready to get started.

Public Hearing (started at 6:36pm):

Alexandra: Hi, good afternoon, I'm happy to see you're here. I hope that you had a nice summer regardless of everything that it's happening. I'm here today doing by two colleagues from the Department of city planning Ben Hoff and just say that I want and also the role of a colleague from DOT, in order to present a recap of the zoning text amendment that we're putting in front of all the boards to facilitate the removal of some obstacles that are right now are in the zoning tax to facilitate sidewalk cafes as part of the border approach for the permanency of the open restaurants program. This presentation, the longer version of this presentation, was already shared with the lenders committee meeting in July and we had a very interesting conversation together and we're here to recap the conversation. And so the more that we can answer other questions or comments that you have. So, pre COVID Let me minimize. Okay. So pre COVID this was the main three out that a restaurant call serves like outside their regular spaces. So under the zoning rules, which are now suspended, there were three ways cafes could be located in the city, most commonly the unenclosed sidewalk cafe, which already allows for this variable movable tables, chairs, and fencing. Without overheads, we also have this type of cafe, which is a small, unenclosed Cafe, which doesn't contain more than a row of tables. And then we also have the

enclosed cafe, which has more extensions along the sidewalk, but also for living with building materials.

That was pre COVID. So during the pandemic, in order, and since New York was going through everything that we know, the government suspended the existing regulations through an emergency executive order to allow for restaurants to use space from the public realm to conduct their businesses, which it was called in this program that is called Open restaurants. Since lunch a year ago, almost 11,000 restaurants around the city have participated that allow for 100,000 jobs to be preserved. So what we learn from that whole experience is that some things work and some other things didn't work. On the positive side, none of the geographies were off limits. So unlike the pre emergency sidewalk program, a restaurant with a ground floor frontage, had to meet certain criteria to participate. So the program was free, and extremely easy to access, there weren't all the fees and all other permits were removed in order for the restaurants to be able to use the product round for the business to activate and maintain this type of activities. And the third was the success in many locations. But not all of the use of the roadway feeding as an option for the restaurants. But that also created some challenges, which we knew that there isn't clarity, consistency, and communication on the walls. The way that the will wave is occupied is not regulated. There were issues about simulation, parking, public health, some compliance or resources or challenges. And then like evaluating also, how do some other flexibility in a special time, I love for the restaurants to serve. But what things that we'll learn from this program to be maintained in the future versus which were the ones that were only for today because of the emergency. So when that scope is there the administration is seeking to make more flexible rules for restaurants to be able to use a different mechanism. Different regulations are put in place for their businesses, and also we don't have them right now.

All those rules flesh out once because they're still being considered and studied and analyzed by different agencies. One thing that came very clear from the very beginning is there was one obstacle in zoning that could be removed in order to facilitate their condition on the site, specifically for moving obstacles for restaurants. Many zoning districts that right now cannot exist without the sidewalk as a sidewalk affair. To remove that obstacle, something similar to what we presented to you about the health and fitness facilities that we discussed in June removing an obstacle that makes him go to a process So having to pay fees and tax time, the same is happening here with the condition of the patient officer. So this tax amendment is all about expanding the universe that allows the geographies of where sidewalk affairs can be implemented, removing all those processes through the zoning tax. And also introducing some tax that makes sure that any grandfather existing in closed affects women, because obviously the idea is not to harm the ones that are existing right now on this side. So how will this improve the current condition of the city particularly for their sidewalk cafes, Sony HelpAge geographic restrictions of where these cafes where allow the full view through our zona interactive map that we have where the center like using a layer, but in here we have a map, where all the residential areas for example, blue, and some are specific. Especially here there is a red sidewalk, our first one of those allow, and then topographers in the green areas and close on the purple one and the small ones in certain specific areas of the city. So importantly, you can see that a lot of the areas where allowed or even in sidewalks though right now we know various commercial activity,

there's a restaurant but zoning no farther than residential areas. This happens a lot in the Philippines in this text amendment will facilitate that condition. So there's the same as before in terms of how many of these revelations will be impacted by zoning in terms of 20 over 2500 restaurants participating in the open restaurants program. And the solid proposal will allow those cafes to maintain that same will condition number three condition we're talking about the sale condition. So we have it here on the map. We're going to dive into Bushwick in a second. But you can see the high concentration in the blue dots. There are a lot of restaurants for the sidewalk office seating that are currently located in residential districts. And the red ones are especially prayer This is on Broadway in Bushwick. Because of that. This you're very familiar with the various other types. And this is a perfect example of a raw phone referee in the residential district. Sometimes you can see a block front or a street that has almost everything is residential on the block, but maybe just a corner has a restaurant has a baby. And that restaurant can have some seating inside of them. If you go to zoning, which is very technical, I know but if you go to zoning and you check, technically, that residential, because it's residential, I doesn't have a commercial overlay or that zoning legality that will make them here but because they were there before zoning, they can then the thing that we're trying to remove is the fact that clients I work for rules, wanting allow them to have the CD because they're not like on the establishment to have a preference. So this is one of the conditions that I feel like most important, especially for the residential areas of your community. Other cleanups because as we explained to you either solid text amendments or 1% over the spring, we usually also take this opportunity to do some cleanup and clarification to the zoning tax. So some definitions and cross reference frames. Moving. The tech sector includes operable windows that serve other restaurants, which are also defining zoning removing enclosure provisions in certain types. And some more and clarifying the use of silent widening, to not conflict with will become a permanent problem. Right now, in green, in this map that is zooming in the grocery, you can see all the sidewalks were sidewalk cafes, it's allowed versus the blue that is right now, but is not allowed. And then, which is like the majority of the community district, I will obviously get more opportunities when you get closer to the areas towards the West District.

So, before COVID from all the restaurants in addition passed, only 10 were licensed to be able to have tables on the sidewalk. And during COVID because of the flexibility that the program gave too many of the regulations within the project rearm around 79 restaurants signed up for the program, and many of them benefited from the use of the site. So right now, where we are, I thought I said the first thing that the first thing that was dirty disappeared. And the rest of the distance notice was the need to remove this obstacle for the use of the sidewalk turns zoning for the use of the restaurants and as the agencies together, led by duty, continue to craft all the rules and regulations that will become open restaurants. Part of those rules is regulating how the sidewalk will be used, how the curb cuts through the use in which conditions and how all of that will be later fleshed out by this program that it will have its own process of consultation. The deadline, this was specifically in July, this was preferred, at the end of the program, overcoming the voice of our precedent that the time to receive your comments. This lifesaver is September 27th. But as we always say, we understand that sometimes as the flows do not correlate, or another convenient to the tug of war activities. And I want you. I want to assure you we also did. If you can submit your comments on time. That's great. But don't let that line preclude you from submitted comments. The City Planning Commission is where we give your comments and for

them to take into consideration when we vote. They will take your comments and they will be theirs regardless of the date that it was received. And I and I know they're both up today we're discussing the next amendment that allows for the use of their sidewalk for women that have soccer. I know that there are no comments about the program, things that should be related versus things that shouldn't. That comment letter is one of the many opportunities that we can hear from you, the commission to hear for you because I hear from you directly what the commission can hear from you. And we can use that document also to advocate for what their career was. And I was briefer than they are when you're young when in too many details. But I'm here with my colleagues and happy to answer any of your questions. And if you want me to stop sharing my screen, please let me know.

Q &A/Discussion:

Mr. Camacho: I would like to speak on it, I know that there is no fee. As of now, right? There's no fee for doing it, people were doing it with no fee, right? So now, there is going to be a feat now, right? If it does get the text amendment gets approved. So they are, the risk will be a fee. So, we have 10 people that have the license, how many people? How many? How many people have a grandfather and not been there? 10 people got to show that to you if 10 people got the license? How many people were grandfathered in? Should we have 70 and only 79 participated in the program, right? But I know this one is 17. We are saturated with illegal ones. So what are you going to do with the people that are doing it illegal that you don't even have to show we want to change the text amendment and change it. Remember, people either pop some of these places, some of these places, now you're making an A make, we're gonna make it that's why we're saying in the final points and other people shout it down to community because on top of that people live and they can send it to two o'clock in the morning. Right. So we have to be careful with social care to make a recommendation and we tell you what we want. Because some of the people that do rent, these things aren't getting back to the community they live in, it was possible for you. And also they dump the garbage all over some of those places. If you see it's around some of these places with these things, and some of them are legal. One you're not checking up, I get rid of the ones that aren't easy. And we only did it because of COVID. Because we wanted the business to open so no one's inside, inside. But now it's going to open. He's going to do it for the summertime. How are people going to be in front of that? How can I even have more insight, and you're gonna have noise outside? There is no control when people leave? Are they going to be up on the outside? Now we have a problem. Now that's where the people you know, you can't control what is imagine controlling what's outside. And then you got a good picture. I'm gonna take what we got today, and I'm gonna take pictures of the location. Did I show the pictures? I'm gonna show you back pictures. And then we're gonna map them you're gonna take this board really needs to answer and make sure if you're changing the zoning, and allowing these people don't complain to the board. Well, we can't control. Now they have a right to do so. And they pay for it. You did that program and that's not all of our record, having a hard time and Williamsburg having a hard time with all the problems and I went to the meeting complaining about this. They don't want to change the zoning. To make sure we need to find out how many people are grandfathered in. You said only 10 people were manual. There's more to that than you say 95 people participated in the free 79 free program. Well, we got more than 70. So how is that in this garbage all over the

place with some of those. So how are you? I don't know we really need to do something that needs to be done and this needs to be done. And we need to work together to make sure that when our people are here, they can sleep at night. This is not a back going back to 42nd street when they used to have all the nightlife over there now they're bringing it back to residential communities where people are having a hard time paying their rent. So we really need to find out what it is for. You know, we can then write something or make sure that Oh, so we really need to work on this because it's gonna hurt us.

Leroy: we have numbers and I will call since your show you're sharing that the numbers don't actually cover the level where you're seeing in the street. We're going to take the time tomorrow to make sure that we have the correct numbers. I'll get back to you. The names are some things that we actually don't control with only but I hear you that are equally important. like trash noise. They're how they're occupied with you in July. He also mentioned public health, like the location of certain restaurants like the owner, the elevator, and we know that walking in this on the sidewalk or the elevator, sometimes it's like you feel things coming. So those things that among others, we don't control necessarily but zoning because the only doesn't control what happens in the street. And with this will also local trends is really what's happened to the sidewalk. But many of those are the things that have been studied by our sister agencies about how to regulate within the open restaurants program, which we don't have the information right now to share how it will be. Since we have, they're still working on it. But those things should be captured in your province. So the agencies already have them in order for them to take into consideration regardless of what I know they know about them.

Celeste: One moment, everyone, because we have a stack I want to make sure everybody has a chance to speak. So I see Desmondee followed by Melissa followed by Felix. Did anyone else have a question? I just want to make sure everybody has an opportunity. Anne, did you have something as well?

Anne: I can include it in the housing and land use committee report.

Celeste: Okay, Desmonde, please go ahead.

Desmonde: I think we get frustrated as you want us to make a decision based on your head that we are just dealing with zoning. But when you were here last time, all of our all of our issues are about quality of life about like Mr. Camacho said, you know, the noise complaints about the fact that in Brooklyn, you know, people like to sit outside of there, in most areas, what he said sit outside of their apartments or residential areas, up above there, and to cafes, or to go to the street talked about parking we've talked about all these days. And that was the whole point of him coming back. So if you come back, and he's giving us a short version of the same thing, you really haven't addressed the questions, you just feel so disingenuous, but yet, you still want us to make a decision based on something that are concerns I'm focused on. And that is something that I can't do.

Melissa: So I was just, I'm just echoing some of Desmond's sentiments and also just, you know, being on the permits and license committee and acknowledging that, you know, since you know, this program has launched, and we've been, you know, through 2020, with the, you know, in this emergency kind of program, and have opened up the sidewalks to businesses, just the influx of just the amount of, of people now, being on the sidewalk, I can tell you myself, because we all live here, but just sometimes it can be really rowdy, it can create a lot of chaos. And just, it is not pleasant sometimes to be living, I live right off the block and a lot of bars that have sidewalk cafes, and who are probably grandfathered in, like to look further into it, but just focusing on the quality of life issue is important to us, because we live here, we care about our community and our residents. And I just don't think it's fair, just to say, you know, this has nothing to do with zoning. But in fact, that all relates to each other. And it's something that we need answers to before, you know, making any decisions. And also with the program, you know, in in the phase that it's in just like, you know, being someone on that committee, knowing that people won't come to us anymore to get like a recommendation which goes through DOT, but about their sidewalk cafes now, it's not even part of the conversation anymore, which you know, also doesn't create or an opportunity for input. So I'm just a little concerned about that. Going forward as we move into the next steps and stages, I just wanted to share that.

Leroy: Thank you, if I can respond to that. I thank you for your concerns and Desmond and Mr. Camacho, you know, the way the sidewalk cafe program works before, right there were fees that restaurants have to pay to participate in the program. It's sort of necessary for them to have an exchange since they're using the public right of way and so we will be going back to that program that existed before so restaurants will have to apply to show what they're going to do. DOT will review those to make sure they're meeting the clear path requirements setting criteria. And then the sidewalk cafes will come to the community boards again as they did three COVID where the community could grow.

Mr. Camacho: We are going places to teach people and so that's what we need. So I want to thank you and thank your family for coming and sharing that day with us, your wife, on Friday, making it because I appreciate that.

Celeste: Just a quick housekeeping note, everyone. I know we've all gotten familiar with Zoom but if there are any organizations or representatives I've seen you add your information to the chat, please know the chat is there for you to use. You can add your information or any comments at any time. If there are any questions, I will be monitoring the chat throughout the evening. Any other questions for Captain Sanabria before we move on? Going once, going twice. Alright. Thank you, Captain. Thank you everyone. Alright, so moving us right along.

5) District Manager's Report

Celeste: Good evening everyone and Happy Latinx Heritage Month, echoing Mr Camacho, I'd like to welcome everyone back from the summer recess. September is one of the busiest, most of the years the board's new meeting year begins, and also budget consultations to inform next year's priorities, start. I hope everyone has taken a few minutes to fill out the statement of district

needs surveys that were included this month, a newsletter. Your feedback will allow the board leadership and the budget committee to better prepare for both the individual agency consultations and the need statement and budget request submissions, we'll be sending more information on that via our E newsletter, also through E blast, and now as of this summer, we are officially on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube. I will be sharing, once I finish my report all of the handles for people to check out our pages, and so of course they are up to date. We get a lot of requests every month for the meeting links, you will be able to find all the links to our meetings on our social media, as well as any notices or posts, other important information. So please follow us.

And then many of you have likely heard of participatory budgeting and might have helped advocate for certain projects to receive funding from your local council member. The community board, mandated by the city charter, plays an advisory role in the beginning of the budget process providing insight and specific requests to address community needs. In the beginning of October the board's budget committee will be meeting for those that are interested in getting more involved beyond filling out the surveys, feel free to reach out to me in the board's office, and other items of interest. We are currently hiring a full time Community Coordinator, some of you may know, our longtime staff member Willie Morales retired last December. We are now we have the green light from the city's office of management and budget to hire. If you need the details you're interested in that post, I'm happy to speak with you if you want to reach out to the board's office or send us an email at bk04@cb.nyc.gov. I will be dropping our contact info in the chat when I finish. And another quick note I want to ask everyone to please pardon, our website I know often we get emails about lack of access to information, it's very difficult for us to maintain the website on our own. A lot of the updates have to go through a separate city agency, we're trying to figure out an easier way for us to make sure that it is a resource for the community and hopefully we'll be working to improve it over the next couple of months. And that being said, I know Mr. Camacho's report was lengthy. We attend a lot of the same meetings. I won't go through all of the meetings that I've attended from the end of June to August. I will spare everyone, but I will say that it was a very full summer, we were able to address a lot of the emergency environmental situations whether it was heat events or you know storms. I spoke with my colleagues from across the city, not just in Brooklyn, we are continuing to work on the future of community boards report. I also connected with a lot of new board members so thank you to all of the new board members and welcome, we have 10 new board members this meeting year I encourage everyone over the next few months, try to get to know someone new, you know, and for the new board members that are here this evening, you can absolutely lean on anyone that's been on the board for more guidance, and to answer any questions about what's going on. And so I will leave my report there. Thank you everyone. Are there any questions or comments before we move on.

Mr. Camacho: Alright, I just want to say I just want to thank you so much, because I know I've been, I know you're the only one there. Sharon's there working only two people in their office they switch back and forth. And remember they had to do the phone call, they had to do the record. They got to go through the city agencies they got to. We also get complaints. Now you know nature is up as a private development. Now under the RAD we get complaints to some of the tenants over there so it really is really getting busy but I want to thank you. I know that often. I'm

on you, but I know that you're out there doing the right thing, and resource for this community so I just want to thank you for your work, and hopefully we'll get somebody to relieve some of the tension, don't want you to get any more gray hairs, over the top, so make sure you, because every time I call you this had to tell you, you know I'm learning to breathe in and out through the BCP which call to the Hispanic coalition, before we go through, maybe they make you on why so before you get there you start attacking me up. So let's say you read, and then make it happen. I hope everything is going to be alright and we will make it happen. Don't worry, we have a new year, a new day and we will make it happen. So I just want to thank you.

Celeste: Thank you. Alright, so I'll go ahead and move us along.

6) Committee Reports

Next we have our committee reports, starting with housing and land use and Guiney.

Housing and Land Use - Anne Guiney

Hi everybody. Wonderful to see folks again. After a few months after the summer, our last meeting was on June 29 So it was after the last time before meeting. And so I just like to give you a brief update on that meeting and what we discussed.

The first program is a zoning incentive for the creation of new supermarkets and neighborhoods that do not have a lot of them. Bushwick has been a part of the fresh program since it started in 2009, and we have had. Anyone who has, you know, come to an HLU meeting has seen a few of these applications come through over the years, they're generally well received, because I think people would like more supermarkets in the community, especially supermarkets that are really tailored to, you know, long term residents of the community. So, this expansion was to bring it to other parts of the neighborhood, there won't be very many things that changed for Bushwick since we have been a part of this community so it was really just letting us know. There were some questions about the reduction of parking requirements for supermarkets and people are always concerned about that. However, the response to our concerns was that the reduction in parking requirements is only happening in lower density communities zoned between our three and our five, right now we are six so those jeans requirements wouldn't affect us. Anyway, the next thing that she presented was about gyms and establishments for health. Basically, the idea is that right now they have special permits required, and it's apparently a six month process pretty, pretty tough. And so they would like to encourage more of them to hold what seems like a good thing, and treat them more like restaurants, drugstores, and so on. So there are still permits and hoops that they have to jump through, but not a special permit anymore. Even everybody may remember last year the conversation about creating special permits for hotels, So that's another example of needing a special permit just in that same way. And the idea is to remove that. There were some questions about noise about the physical integrity of existing buildings and the permitting process will still require those issues to be checked in on the third issue that she presented on was again open street open restaurants program was a longer presentation more. In June, and we had a very, very robust discussion, I think a lot of that came up today, in the comments that Mr Camacho Desmondee Mr Ceballos Melissa Ms. Spellen Ms. Bennett, Ms. Smith in this round, always, I

think, many, many of those things came up. Everything from congestion on sidewalks. The quality of the construction. The big big question of equity in that, you know, it's in a lot of ways it's a privatization of public space, garbage safety so a lot of these things, we really, we had a very robust discussion, the notes that were shared us Let's send out some pretty bullet pointed notes to board members that I think if anyone would like to look at them, I think, really capture a lot of those concerns. And what we as a committee felt very strongly because initially the, I believe that comments had to be returned to the city before the board would meet again. That was subsequently expanded or changed but we asked about that, this is far too important an issue for Bushwick for many of the communities, to not bring it before the full board and have this robust discussion that we had today too. So, I think I would refer everyone all the board members to those notes that were sent out people who are not on the board and are curious, you can absolutely reach out to either me or Celeste, we're happy to share, it's definitely not a, you know, you know, super top secret document or anything and I think it really shares a lot of the concerns that people had. And I think that as part of this process, it is absolutely important to share these detailed concerns with the city, as they go through this process. So those are the three big presentations we did. We went through that for most of the two hour meeting, there were a little bit of updates on old business and new business, which was just a quick update on 1325 Broadway, the restrictive declaration. You may recall that that is the building that is permitted to go up on the site of miss our handlers garden. So we were just following up on a project that we will be watching for, you know, in an ongoing way to give you a lot of quick updates. Also, our new business Mr Camacho just raised the issue that there was a power outage at one time on Grove Street so we just really felt like that was important to follow up on. And then, um, yeah, so our primary recommendation was to request that city planning come back and give a presentation today. Any questions.

Desmonde: I actually have one, it is regarding just the expansion of the FRESH program. I just want to. And although I think it's good. I also think it's bad, because although it does give the incentive for the developer or the owner operator on this market to expand and add more, it doesn't add any subsidy to people within those communities to have access to a food so it still can be really expensive. So even though there's a supermarket in your neighborhood, and you take advantage of fresh food, it doesn't mean you can afford to shop there. And I think now, you know we have a bunch of people who are running for office. They are on this call people who represent people in office, people who are their community leaders. I think they need to get together to figure out how besides snap. Press, April, of a business or cookies impression how fresh foods and healthy foods can be reduced so that people aren't eating breakfast out there. And that's the whole point and I think that that's a really big problem within communities of color. When it comes down to our nutrition, and what we have access to. And although when they put it out fresh, it's very like, oh my goodness sounds good, but then you can't afford it, there anyway. So it's just an issue. So I actually bring up the comment, just because we have people who are running for office who represent the petitioners in this call and maybe even go back and think about that because I think that should be an issue.

Anne: Absolutely does mean, I appreciate raising that. I think that, that, you know, this is a problem that is going to require attention and support from many city agencies, and you know

partnerships across agencies to tackle that one thing that every time an application comes before the housing and land use committee this issue comes up, and we are always very, very clear with anyone proposing it, it's, if it's an early stage and they, you know, they're just thinking about it and they're building and building or if they're converting an existing building, and they're actually already starting to talk to supermarket operators, we are absolutely clear that the stores, should, what, what this community wants is stores that are affordable and tailored to the residents of this community and not necessarily some fancy, you know, from a shop, something, something like that. Food access is a hugely important issue, and it's one that we stress. It's you know it's maybe it's technically outside of the purview of the housing and land use committee, but it's something that we raise every time these applications come on. Absolutely.

Just like, just like when I, when I was when I was a kid and everybody knows that we had the 25 cent juices and and then we you had the fresh juices, the fresh juices course a lot of money so since we only had a set amount of data so we bought was unhealthy because we couldn't afford to drink. The stress quiz too so we used to buy the final 25 cents juices so everybody knows that, you know, they go instead of buying them apples. You know now that Apple is 50 cents and I, I can buy two things and buy the chip for 50 cents instead of eating the apple that's 50 cents. So they have to make it affordable for us that we can afford to eat, and eat healthy, and that's that that's the key he's 100% Right, my thing was that, in regards to, in regards to the, the street sidewalk cafe, and all the boards or the community boards 59 For our zoo, and all of them will shoot me down there. So, for those who say it doesn't, it went. It went through a vote. A lot of people will report. I'll get the minutes, regardless of the vote, and a lot of people saying that we shouldn't be changing the zoning, for them to create more problems for us, because now some of them can offer to join the morning and he could still look in the street to tune in the morning and you think the person is leaving, drinking from the table. What's going to happen when you leave? So, you know, there's no checks and balances. It isn't like if you're inside a play, you can matter so hopefully we can do our recommendation and make sure that we represent the community and this needs. One last thing, I just saw in the chat. Linda Kelly asked about 1250 Willoughby, that is, I believe that is the other address for 349 Suydam project. So for anyone who's interested in that project that came before us about six years ago, maybe even earlier. And I think it is now, it has passed through Europe, it is that mixed use it's both residential and an existing manufacturing building that will be expanded and upgraded and new residential building that is 100% affordable at AMI that are a lot higher than area median incomes that are higher than is comfortable for a lot of folks on the board and in the community. But if it is 100% I think that we should have asked them to really put as much downward pressure on the lower AMI so that it can be adjusted to the community. But, my apologies Linda, this was really just more about last last June meeting but you know we can do it. I can commit to getting a good update on that project and less maybe you know anything but if not, we can give an update on it for next month.

Mr. Camacho: To find out about Kossuth and Bushwick with an attempt to be done, unfortunately. So we may want to find out via the front panel, what it is they want to do their purchase just knock it down. Absolutely. So I think that for next month we will get some project updates on a lot of the things that are going on.

Celeste: And just a quick note, so some of the developments that we will be speaking about are private and I just want to make the distinction, private applicants are private developers, meaning

that they're able to develop as of right without any type of zoning change, which would then come to the board. If there's no zoning change involved, those projects you can go online to Department of Buildings Building Information System, and usually see everything that they're planning to do there that's how folks at 1325 Broadway were able to identify a 20 story tower that they were trying to build and notified the board's office so we could then make sure that the relevant entities that were part of the restrictive Declaration on that property were notified, and so that that's ongoing, but absolutely for 349 Sadam I'm happy to follow up with the development team. There's also a community monitor that was appointed from the Fifth Avenue committee. That's the latest that I have on that.

Linda Kelly: Okay, because I was worrying about the 35 parking spaces on the street. Okay, so 35 parking spaces that they want to take on the street, that affects the teachers of the school. There were already those key kids who had nowhere to park 35 parking spaces and teachers going to park, and look for one school, just keep yourself up from our house to go to school. We can start. We will follow up. Okay, thank you.

Martha Brown: Okay, I have quite a lot this is lost and dropped down. I have question two, as relates to Kossuth Place and Bushwick Ave. When did the board approve for them just taking it from the sidewalk, just as long as the when you get off the bus. Do you know what I'm talking about Miss Guiney? I know what they come before the board for approval for the game. The building of the taking up of the sidewalk now Mr Camacho knows that around the corner from wait list that I want to know that they come to the board and take care of the clock, and from the street space is one of the 38 Plus, and on the push with him decide to build, to really tore down the house that Camacho I'm sure knows very much about it. I do with it they come for the board, they come to the board to get a permit to take that did not think.

Anne: Unfortunately that is not something that they have to come before the board, and a lot of people do sometimes, as a courtesy notify us, they did not. So we're going to help use our detective skills and figure out exactly what is going on. And, but we're on it. All right.

Martha: Okay, they don't want to because this is the problem that's going on in our community. These people are allowed to come in and do what they want to do, without any input from the community and from the community, go and as well. So they are inside, they feel that they are entitled to come and do what they want to do, to the detriment of the people that live here. No, I think that's something that we need to stay on top of with these developments, just because it is our right to not give them the right to make our people miserable.

Anne: And Ms. Brown one thing that we've been talking about Celeste and I have been actually to see if we can work with people who are more technologically savvy than, then at least I am to actually develop a tool that regularly checks in on all various types of permits demolition permits, you know, building applications zoning changes and things like that and automatically flags it for us so that we can keep on top of it because I think it's more than, you know, Celeste is our hands full, you know, everybody's really busy so it's, but as a way so that we're not caught like wait a second, what just happened, but that we can be proactively checking on that stuff without making it the very checking the 40 hour a week job or somebody because it would be, you know you're checking all these databases all the time. So that is something that I was on Ms. Spellen.

Annette Spellen: before I forget, and we also need to take control of these developers in these buildings. Each building, each age place. For example, LLC, they put the address and phone number. They come in and out if it wasn't on Sunday, they will work on Sundays on weekends to get more work done on Sunday. They have to come to the board before they can work on Sunday. Mr Camacho knows that anybody who's been on that board for the last 4050 years like us old timers knows they have to get a permit to work on Sunday. doing what they want to do, you must bother

Barbara Jackson: Because I'm Stockholm, I went there Saturday, but I checked, and I stopped because the guy he brought was blocking the street from going, and it was decided that DOT came from it for Saturday and Sunday from seven to seven. We hit the headset on Sundays off for Saturday's though, and we cannot. So they knew not only that we, you, you cannot go in and do that, I leave it all after them. I left the company and do whatever you want to do on a Sunday we need just a one stop with that as a boy, and make sure we take a yak and we need to go to do the and we need to go to the bowl president's office as well, because then we can do that and then they will forget they could call me and do anything they want to do, and he made was, and is not fair.

Anne: I think that the issue of enforcement is an incredibly important one that you raised in this town and I know that. Celeste regularly gets through one report, so if people can call 311 That's a way of aggregating all of those concerns and complaints, also to call the community board and say you know what the guy around the corner is working on Sunday, and we've done that, we've done that I said that you want to listen and listen. So let's call 311 First, we need to have oversight, before they become really oversized before they even build when they want to make that work on Sundays that they need to come to us, they used to come to us, but now they don't respect us. And I think they want to do it. Yeah, we'll find out because I know, I know we have Stockholm, they had a permanent I saw because I called a police officer. He came over and promised a Saturday, Sunday night, how they get. Did he come? So that's what we need to make sure and make sure we speak to do.

Martha: We know what we need to do and we need to get our elected officials, especially the archives will be able to stand up for us in that regard because like I said I'm not prejudiced, but you can do that in your neighborhood, you can now do a little stab, you're not going down near a young couple and work, you're not going down you're lost your son and work, why do they feel that they can come and I made this respect up on odd days of religious observance, every Sunday and doing their buildings I think that's something that we need to stay on top of. Okay, thank you. We'll do something.

Annette: This first position, would you look into the regulations for Airbnb in our neighborhood, because we're starting to get quite a few of them. I thought that there was a regulation against food and I'm not quite sure so when you look into that for us.

Anne: Absolutely, I am so glad you raised that I think it's a huge I mean, in certain neighborhoods, it's become a huge, huge problem, and you know I think in a lot of ways it is taking it is taking housing, out of, you know, the housing stock and is putting it into the hotel stock, so I think it's a real problem. My understanding of the rules is that you can't just have an empty apartment and rent it out at Airbnb all the time, that is reportable, if, if that is happening, you, I believe that if you have a two unit building, You can, if you live in that building, you can use one as Airbnb, up to a certain amount of time, but the current problem is that enforcement is that it sounds like they crack down on the guys who will buy a building and turn the entire young 20 units into basically help, like the major operators or do have 10 or 20 or 30 units scattered around the city, and are running them that way they crack down on those guys but the little ones, they tend not to. That is a really great point and I think I will get more clarity on those rules, and see if we can find out more about who was supposed to be enforcing it I believe that Airbnb says oh the city you should do it and the city says oh Airbnb, you should do it so it's one of those like nobody really wants to deal with it, situations. And I think nobody really wants to go after, like, super small operators just one person, but I think it's worth finding out, and learning more and seeing if we can get a sense of how many there are in the community.

My final words, we need to take a sample of Richard Bearak is being overrun by new developers, and they're doing what they want to do on their own and they are destroying our neighborhood. We need to stand up for ourselves.

Joshua Brown: Agree agreed given that, given that we do have leadership on M phone can we have Sandi comment just on current thoughts on this given that she'll be summoned into leadership as a council person, because we do and how influences in the most effective direction.

Martha: Okay, well let's, let's review on that, let's get moving on that pun, reiterating with myself, what the crowd said, People oftentimes don't know if they're right for you just talked about, that you have developers coming in there, on weekends and operating on hours and when they're not authorized to do, I necessarily know as a homeowner or a neighbor, that they are violating that there are laws that you're not permitted to do that, you know, that the community board has been very good at informing tenants of their rights. I think it's time to take some action to inform homeowners have their rights, and that's a very good instance when people want their rights reported to the community board, but the tape, developers know they can come in here and do what they want to do, and violate Yeah, I think we can inform them that and you put it took a little bit who are whose they go to when they see that these people are violating Bushwick.

Yeah, yeah, yeah absolutely right. Well, you're absolutely right, I clearly agree with you. It's like me, it seems like it's just out of our control. Now I'm not going to, you know keep dying digressing on the issue, but it seems like it's out of our control now they have just come on in and just do what they want to do and I get your point across. Move on, we got to move forward right and you need to have your hand raised as well.

Annette: I know that there's a lot of a down year because the delivery of the house was a whole. Nobody loves it and people will come out. Next to me and I said oh, so there's a lot as far as the construction work is coming. I think some of us need to get more involved because a couple of

weeks ago, before the big free number was laughing and saying like, what are you doing I'm happy to announce that he was wearing, everyone else so I think, well, Hong Kong is not only in Hong Kong, living you have a lot of rent and so they really were, like, the plane is lifted up. So you're busy with three vehicles in the street, how do you close the street? Do you know the subject that causes the screen to be only five minutes and then I took some fiction, but I'm just saying. We could be big more of the same renting out the home you still need to be involved in what's going on right and be aware, be aware of what the ROI is and what the ROI is, as far as you're right, kids all mode are handled by as a status, and real life, existence as benefits to know when we call the bullet. So let's load the first 311. We'll take your report, in most cases, but one of the things they'll tell you is that it is not the response to your complaint for 1530, or 45 days. Right. Or do you call the police? It's not a police issue. You know, right, that somebody needs to do something about revamping 311 Yeah, we need to re-read what people want but they're not doing their due diligence. Anyway, I know we're spending a lot of time, so I just want to talk about the repellent banking and the selling. It's important, everyone knows this idea of ours. Okay.

Marcus Harris: Only thing I was going to say is, you know, the borough president has constituent assistance and so if you file a 311 complaint you can call that 37-digit number, and that center will follow up on the issue for you.

Celeste: So, if I may, and, and I just want to summarize my response to all of these comments so over the past year we've had a lot of conversations, there was a housing and land use committee meeting where we did have the senator's office come in to talk about homeowner issues and homeowner support specifically through the pandemic. And I also just want to comment a lot of times when you hear a presentation is focused on tenants, it's not just because the community board is choosing to do so but there is a large focus on tenants in the city. So a lot of the resources, a lot of the presentations, a lot of the materials have a focus on tenants, and we do our best to pass that along. But we of course do not forget about our small homeowners. Just yesterday I had a conversation with both Mr. Camacho and Anne about putting together a town hall next month specifically to provide homeowners with information from agencies such as the Department of Buildings Housing Preservation and Development. It'll most likely have a focus on recovery from the storm but of course preparing for tax lien season. You know there are a lot of aspects that go into this but these are conversations that we are having, and I do hear you and very similar to what Marcus just said the board is here for you to not have to wait those 30 days. So once you get me that service request number I will go directly to whether it's a liaison or to the commissioner's office and I will ask them for an update that very same day you get me that number, and depending on what they say to me I will let you know what the timeframe is for their response. So I know I know there was a lot that also was said, but we will be looking into what I was taking notes throughout the meeting and the discussion, and we will get back to you with outstanding questions.

And we're going to make sure that the city agencies respect this community, and not only because you make \$3,000 for more than a week, so we made that to make sure that our representation and our services are well heard and our complaints, our, so I will be following up with some of these commissioners and then I know that one of the salary data will tell all the elected officials

that they need to be the agencies in place to make sure they read, they respect this community, if they want to write a book is not going to tolerate that we have people that been here too long, and they don't want to be pushed away, things like that because they want to do what they wanted and that's not the way they are. And everybody. So let's move on to the agenda because it's getting late.

Celeste: I think it is, I have one final comment and that's just in regards to demolition on the city streets we do get notices at the board's office and the housing and land use committee has them in their mail folder for review during those meetings. We also get notices on a daily basis from DOT regarding street permits, the only way I'm able to follow up on any complaints regarding those is if I know there's a problem, so feel free to reach out to me. Alright. Thanks everyone

Environmental Protection/Transportation/Sanitation + Parks and Recreation

Louisa Chan, the Committee Chairperson, was absent from the meeting. Celeste summarized on her behalf.

Celeste: I'm going to give the fastest summary ever. There were two meetings. The first meeting was in June 2021. At the end of the month, there was a presentation from Lime Micro mobility. Some folks may be familiar with Revel, they're the light blue mopeds that you see but Lime are the light green ones. They came out to discuss their safety practices, how they've gotten a contract with the city, and how they'll be operating in the neighborhood. They wanted to make sure that we had a relationship with them, should there be any issues. That was the first presentation. The second presentation was an overview of the Bushwick Avenue traffic safety study, Sam Frommer formerly with City Council land use came out to provide an update on the work that we were doing. Mr. Camacho and I were able to do a walkthrough on Bushwick Avenue. He took a lot of information photos from that walkthrough and of course feedback from the committee, I know Ms. Brown, you were able to give him some great feedback that he incorporated, everyone was able to contribute. And that was the majority of that meeting in June. They also had a meeting at the end of August primarily to discuss the fall league permits, so I believe only two leagues came out. Quebradillas Baseball and Soccer Super Kids. So they have a schedule. Mr. Camacho, do you have that in front of you, the schedule?

Mr. Camacho: Yes, I do. Quebradillas has Hope Ballfield and Green Central Knoll from eight to eight and Sunday, Monday through Friday from six to eight. There's only two, with the same times the only difference is that we want to look at what he put in for the permit. No one came from Real Guadupe or, I don't know, she has a lot of businesses. He has somebody else taken care of and we got a lot of complaints about that. So, what the committee done was they gave Super Kids, my actual part from eight Saturdays and Sundays. Mondays to Wednesday from six to eight, and then they gave them Bushwick Playground. All we did was we needed to cut it down because there's we've been getting a lot of complaints in regards to drinking, people selling in their complaint to friends so while we did was we, we gave them from nine to seven Saturdays and Sunday after scrolls, and then Monday Tuesday from six to eight, and those were the two meats that we had that only applied from the fruit to the prompts in motion. Also I had gotten a call from a Patrol Borough North, they do not have football, frankly, and they wanted some time. I said that

I will see what we can do to help our kids, the eighth grade does have going to have a flagship body for our kids, but they want to place the practice. So you know all our parks and our practicing. When the some of the points that I can speak to some of the people that have the permit and talk to them and tell them that they're not going to have any game. Use them to practice on a regular whatever that are there is no time for the kids to use to practice for the flag football. So I told officer Lopez that I'll find out what we can do to help these kids. The kids that are going to be 13 to 12 play football in a matter street in a waste of time and make sure that there's somewhere safe to play, not just football or boxing or Yes, where we're trying to work. We're trying to work with Julia Salazar to say we can get for 422 Central to do a clinic in regards to the case of learning techniques in fighting back in boxing, you know, show the kids a little bit we're trying to see what we can do, you know it's a little overpriced because a lot of people wanted to know, but you know just self-defense to protect a, you know, the basic job role to keep themselves in shape to make sure you know that the kids are very well calm and, you know, sometimes they all they want to do is play in a game to sit all day in the house, maybe they can come out, they see that there's something new, you don't have a shadow box through pride, defend itself with self-defense doesn't hurt anybody there will be no sparring because there's no liability insurance, because you know you got to sign waivers and people getting hurt or something like that so just set up a clinic in regards to teaching kids how to do lateral movement and fighting is anyone in offices or above so that's a basic. Thank you. Thank you.

Celeste: Thank you. And just to summarize the other concerns that were expressed during the meeting, there have been some issues in our parks. I know Bushwick playground there were concerns about drinking in the park, illegal vending in the park. There's also a shooting near the park or within the park, and then of course there were leagues that were giving out their permit to adult leagues after the kids were playing, so we were addressing those issues with the Parks Department it's still being monitored to make sure that everyone is doing right, We did hear from one of the leaks that were saying they were having issues with the folks in the park that are bringing trouble. So we'll be working a combination with Parks enforcement patrol and then of course the 83rd precinct. In addition to that Green Central Knoll park, there have been issues with all the dogs on the field, the field is not for dogs, There is no dog run at Green Central no children have been jumped on while playing games, I don't know if anyone has been bitten by a dog but I know that the dogs have started to create dangerous environment for the children. We've emailed both the council members' office and the borough commissioner from the parks department. All of this is caused because of a design flaw when they renovated the park they left the field open, and so not everyone can use it whenever they want, even though it's permitted out for the kids to use. So we don't want any children getting hurt by pet waste. Yeah. We want them to take advantage. We want them to be safe, and so we will be following up on that. In addition, everything else with the committee that we discussed was largely related to the ongoing sanitation issues in the neighborhood we know there's illegal dumping we know there's garbage everywhere we know no one's moving their car for alternate side parking,

So the committee will be having a larger discussion about that anyone that has any issue that falls under this committee, I highly encourage you to come to the meeting and hold up. Any other

questions about this committee's report? Otherwise, we will move on to economic development plus permits and licenses.

Economic Development + Permits and Licenses - Melissa Carrera

Melissa: Thank you, Celeste. Good evening, everyone, apologies for not being on video this evening, I'm not feeling too well. The Committee met on Tuesday, August 31 We had, it was our first meeting in person, we had a couple of folks join us virtually. Mr. Camacho coming in for their liquor license application review. The first agenda item. We had cocktail magic, seven to wipe off Avenue requested a full liquor license. I'm going to be brief, you can all look at my report that I'm just going to cover the basics. It's a bar and lounge, providing live entertainment to guests. It will open in March of 2022. This is a pre-existing theater business that's located on Troutman, you might have seen their signs for less live entertainment, but they want to offer a different kind of setup for their guests to enjoy a cocktail, have some live entertainment, but be more laid back. There are intensive operating hours for seven days a week from Monday to Wednesday 5pm to 2am Thursday through Saturday from 5pm to 4am and Sundays from 5pm to 12pm, and the establishment is in compliance with no selling of alcohol after 12am On Sundays, I will say that this applicant came to us was a very impressive on portfolio, just providing us with a lot of information on their history, who they are and what they look forward to doing and contributing to the community. They hope to connect with the arts and culture committee and also, we'll post jobs on any upcoming jobs with the job board that Desmonde and folks on the economic development side have been working on. Second, we had Anthony Makes with WMP located at 430 Troutman 428 Troutman history, which is one of the most interesting, I would say layouts for business. The front will be a coffee shop and in the back is more of an entertainment area, they return to the committee, to follow up and gain clarity on the recommendation that we made back in May of 2021. They returned to us with some proof of doing some outreach with local nonprofits and are hoping to throw an annual benefit show. So that's in the works and they are hoping to do that. Going forward, I'm really excited about that. And the hour.

In this meeting, no changes are being made, asked for the Committee's recommendation, and it's Sammy. I just want to say that they have confirmed now that they are in total compliance with no selling of alcohol after 12am On Sundays, which as you all know is a stipulation and seen before. And I just want to make this like one small note that we don't make any special treatment for anyone. This is something that we want to keep in uniform and sell us and I and others have talked about creating a stipulation sheet just to provide to the establishment. before they come forward to our committee because it's really important for us to take into consideration residential areas, places that will be directly affected with places being open and serving alcohol. Maybe it's a real part of the program on Sundays. So I just want to say that. So they felt really good. After returning to us and understanding that this does not mean that you have to close at 12am, it just means that you have to stop selling alcohol at 12am, and we had Money Cat at 544 Wilson Avenue, looking for a wine and beer license, it's a family-owned Vietnamese restaurant. Christopher, the owner, owns Father Knows Best which is a nice cafe slash actually tried it last week, delicious food, and they're looking to open up an ad if you're in a wine it should increase revenue, they, their intended operating hours are seven days a week, Monday through Sunday,

12pm to 12am, and they updated their application, I checked on our resources folder to reflect the fact that they will be adding lunch to their menu going forward. And the owner lives in the neighborhood and has contributed and looks forward to continuing to work with this community and has already claimed a couple of cleanup around the park there on by Halsey, so really excited about that. Last we had Deuce Ex, Inc. at 1446 Myrtle Avenue, the owner Jason Kleinman presented, they were looking for a full liquor license in the former Starliner bar right by the Popeye's, the subway on that kind of strip where we have multiple bars. Not much updates. They just wanted to run the same business model, really just reopen it with a new name, new owner, and have not done much outreach in the community and not even to their own neighbors upstairs. I will say that our conversation with the owner did not go so well. They were a bit concerned about the proposed hours for sales of alcohol and as we stated is a primary residential block, and we don't want to make any exceptions for anyone. We just want to take into consideration the quality of life issue, and also complaints, and I know Scholas was going to follow up with the 83rd to check in on any complaints that might have come from the previous owner, and they were not in compliance with a, with our stipulation of no sales of alcohol after 12am On Sundays, and as a committee we agreed that we will not provide our support if the establishment won't meet the sales of alcohol, hours, as stated in our meeting. And there was an update that I'd like to share with everyone. the establishment actually pulled their application, and will not be applying for the license, and we received that a couple days ago, via email so just want to share that with everyone. They ended up pulling their, their, their application, which I think just speaks, you know, So honestly standing our ground and also, you know, being able to tell when someone's more interested in like the money that they're getting making in their pockets, rather than building community and be really contributing and being part of the conversation. So just want to share that I know Mr. Camacho you had some thoughts and feelings. During the meeting, when we were speaking with the owner and he was really not, you know, understanding where we were coming from and we were just hoping that he could meet us in the middle, but unfortunately that did not happen. So they pulled out their application. We talked about some old business. Desmonde shared some feedback on the economic development plan for Bushwick, that we will be getting some more information from Pratt Institute and we will be reviewing that as a committee, and giving some feedback as well as getting the final design for the CB four job board, and that will be up and running so we're really excited for that. And just thinking about marketing and making sure that we get that out to the residents here, new business. So let's discuss stimulation sheets which is something I touched on briefly earlier and drafting something that we can use to send out to applicants and I will follow up with less this month, just to look over the draft, and information that CB three and Manhattan sent over to us, and just really think through something that we can have going forward to make it concrete, and that we can reference to at every meeting, I think will be really helpful. And we spoke a little bit about the eviction moratorium and Desmonde said he will connect us with some folks to hopefully provide some training or opportunities to learn more about what's happening. And that pretty much sums up my report, if there are any questions, please let me know or concerns, I'm happy to answer any

Desmonde: one thing I'm gonna put in the chat window right now is the section three, compliance, and it's a lot of information and I don't want to go over section three right now, everybody but it goes deals with development, and all these tax credit initiatives that are happening in your

community, and by reading because understand about the job opportunities that are available. When it comes to you're looking at developments we're looking at 19 developments and you're looking at fresh, the origin of these types of credit programs, that's where they get the money from. So, one drop of HUD money on any sort of private or capital project triggers all these compliance regulations, but they will have an economic development they will help through jobs and community but I think people won't pass these projects and they don't understand what how they're funded, so they don't understand how they can be a part of it, and that even comes with small businesses as well as contracting firms. So, just read a little bit about the section Google clients will circle back probably next month, we can go over a little bit.

Celeste: Thank you both. If there are no other questions, We'll move on to the arts and culture, technology,

Mr. Camacho: what I just want to thank Melissa, and Desmonde, for their work and coming out at their own summertime and addressing this. And to say that the team really works. He was not, not wanting to get over it. He said that his precise words were, I have to check to see, I have to check if it's beneficial to me, and if my money is. This is what it is, because the hours are gonna be beneficial to us and what we can make, and it doesn't, it doesn't add up. So I said well, when I've done a bit over. And this is what we're going to do, and this is what we always do, and you're not getting any fruit. And eventually we got a letter saying that he's not going to do so we stuck to our guns. And he knew that he wasn't going to get what he wanted and told us that he is going to operate the way he wants to because he's the owner. So hopefully we don't look amazing.

Arts/Culture/Technology

Dustin Sonneborn was excused due to the holiday. Celeste summarized on his behalf.

Celeste: the meeting was held at the end of June as well. And there was one agenda item, primarily it was to speak with the Bushwick Starr team, thank you to know everyone else that joined us they had their full team there to talk us through a little bit about their new space on Eldridge street, and they want to make sure that the community has an opportunity to help them be a part of the design process. So how is that space going to be used, you know, what is it going to look like, You know, and how is it going to best serve the community. So there's a full report that you can review for other details. I believe the committee also referenced just pending projects for a while they wanted to do an event, obviously things were put off due to the pandemic, but I know that there are plans to do some type of community style event, there are proposals that are being explored that are exciting right now. One of the projects could potentially be joint collaboration with the Center for Brooklyn History, there'll be coming to speak to the committee next Thursday, to do some type of archival project in Bushwick so anyone that has any memorabilia, photos, documents, anything that you know relates to the history of Bushwick that they want to share. Hopefully that will be able to culminate and we can make the most of that, under the umbrella of preservation in the neighborhood, and that was about the gist of that meeting. Any questions?. All right, we can move on to recommendations.

7) Recommendations

Economic Development + Permits and Licenses

Melissa: So, the recommendations from the committee are as follows. We moved to approve the applications, as is with the internal sales of alcohol, hours as stated in the committee meeting, and I can reference those now. So Cocteau magic 17 Wipe off Avenue, Monday through Wednesday from 5pm to 2am Thursday through Saturday from 5pm to 4am, and Sundays from 5pm to 12am, and planning from 430 and 428 Troutman Street are the same. As stated in the previous meeting, we were just able to provide some clarity around the hours and the expectations. money cat located at 544 Wilson Avenue, we extended operating hours, or seven days a week, Monday through Sunday, from 12pm to 12am. And, with, of course, in compliance, no sign off at 12am On Sundays, and then Jason Kleiman from juice 814 46 Myrtle Avenue. The committee will not provide a letter of support, and they ended up pulling their application. Anyways, that is the recommendation from the committee.

Celeste: Is there a motion for a blanket vote for these applications for a collective vote?
Andrew Choi made a motion for a blanket vote. It was seconded by James Fitzgerald. All were in favor, so moved.

Celeste: Now, a motion for the recommendation?
Desmonde made a motion for the committee's recommendations. It was seconded by Elvena Davis. All in favor, so moved.

Housing and Land Use

Anne: Point of clarification, Celeste, as it is a zoning text amendment, we are allowed to give feedback but they do not need to—they don't need a vote from us, but I think we should discuss right now how we best want to respond to this and make sure our wishes are clearly understood. Is that correct?

Celeste: So there is an option for a vote, regardless of whether or not it's a zoning text amendment. The options are the same, yes, no, yes with stipulations or no with stipulations.

Anne: So I think like I wasn't clear in my question to it, unlike in say you learn where it is part of ULURP it's cooked into that process. Is that the case, I don't believe that is the case.

Celeste: It is not required but it is like I said before an option, so you can choose to vote with those four, or you could just provide feedback, it's up to the board.

Anne: So I just want to say I think that there's so many strong feelings and we should absolutely take a vote. My point is that this is not a binding vote.

Celeste: None of them are binding. They're all advisory.

Mr. Camacho: Tonight, the recommendation is that we don't want to change this, we're not we're not catering to changing, allowing them to change the zoning amendment, so I make a public vote that and all the boards are making an effort to see an update to the time we didn't really didn't change it if they apply. We're not going to agree to those terms and conditions. It is what they want to do, they want to give them the right to do what it is they want and they want to make money and they want to. That's what it is basically just like everybody's gonna have a nice take that I make a recommendation that turns somebody down.

Celeste: If I may add really quickly. If the board would like to, you can also include the feedback that was provided from the last committee meeting as part of that now, just to provide a little bit more information on that recommendation. So up to you. Got it. Anne: I'm sorry, could you reiterate that?

Celeste: Yes so I was just saying, in addition to Mr Camacho's no, the Board may consider, the committee may consider recommending that you include the feedback from the meeting specifically for open restaurants as part of the motion, just to provide more context for that. It's up to the board though.

Anne: And I would recommend including that feedback. It is available for everybody to review. I do think it's incredibly important that the specific concerns that everyone raised today in these meetings, or in this conversation and also on June 29 There's a lot of detail. And I think it's, there's a lot of thoughtful, thoughtful criticism that should absolutely be included. So, I would like to add that perfect

Celeste: so, Mr Camacho, I have here no change to the zoning and to include the feedback from housing and land use, are you comfortable with that as a motion. Yes, yes. Okay. Is there a second for this motion? Andrew Choi seconded the motion. All in favor, so moved.

Parks and Recreation

Mr. Camacho: There's only two Saturdays and Sundays from eight to eight. On Monday through Friday from six to eight. Remember the spool earlier. And then he's gonna get on our street from eight to eight Saturdays and Sunday, Monday through Friday from six to eight and a super team is going to use sector four from eight to eight, and Monday through Friday from six to eight, and then a portion is going to be NY am to 7pm Saturdays and Sunday and Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday from six to eight, and the school to use during the time when they're not usually so they want to see.

Celeste: Is there a motion for this recommendation from the parks committee. Barbara Smith made a motion for the committee's recommendation. Raul Rubio seconded the motion. All were in favor, so moved.

8) Old Business

None

9) New Business

None

Joshua Brown: We have Sandy Nurse. Is there a possibility we can have a short speech? She's gonna come in if possible. The board allowed her to speak.

Mr. Camacho: I think she left. I'm not too sure. I think I saw a message and I just had to leave because I saw. Yeah, She just jumped out, or just.

Celeste: Alright, that's okay thank you, Samy, did you have anything?

Samy: Okay, you call me. Yeah, super quick and I don't know if this is the right moment to bring it up but whether to see is for the next transportation committee to evaluate and can be made to review the request for a stop sign on some sort of live or any measures to prevent accidents in the intersection of evergreen and bleacher or there have been several car accidents, last week, including one, we're getting through the children have so Martha Brown and I will be working on a petition with neighbors, but hopefully can be finished by the next meeting, to get some guidance from the community. Certainly what happened. Well, there is not a stop sign in the Evergreen intersection by Sunrise Sunset Cafe, And of course continue Bleecker is, you know, like a highway so cars are continuing to bikers and it's a very dangerous intersection, and I knew that this is just one block from DSM, five, so he's still at school area so maybe it had an evergreen and both those streets have the school safety measures but one block away. Leaker does not in this card start giving out like rounds and children were bleeding from the nose and they were saved by Hon so all over 40 neighbors came out, and everyone heard the noise and really they're all aware or even in agreement that something needs to be done.

Celeste: So, wow, absolutely I will speak to Louisa about this. Typically these types of requests do go through the board's office and we can follow up directly with the OT but if anyone ever wants extra support from one of the board's committees, just feel free to reach out to me and I will make sure to connect you to the leadership for that committee, and then get you on the schedule for the next meeting. Okay. All right, any other new business? Thanks, hearing no other new business, we'll move on now to announcements.

10) Announcements

Celeste: a minute and a half, if folks can please raise their hands if they have an announcement, it'll make things a lot easier. I do not have the same list that I usually have. I'll give you a few more seconds to raise your hands. Any announcements? Going once, going twice.

Ramon Pebenito - Senator Julia Salazar's office

Good evening everyone, this is Ramon from Senator Salazar's office again. We recently have just promoted from within our office, our new Chief of Staff and so I put Ms Isabel Anreus' personal cell phone which she wanted me to convey to you all there in the chat and I'm happy to say

verbally to those listening on the line. The number is 908-370-8790 and I've email address, I'll say to those who are listening on the phone. Anreuse@nysenate.gov. So we are accountable to her. Chief, Chief of Staff, and you know we really always standard so if it should happen to be the case that an elderly person in from the community should reach out to our office and there's maybe an insert, where maybe is not trained properly to deal with as many people, you know, we'd love to hear about that. We'd love to hold everyone accountable because that's what our job is as representatives of the community. So, you know, please reach out to our student staff, your information is right there. Thank you so much. Miss Barbara. And then, Isabel and race, Miss Barbara. Yes. All right. Thank you, Ramon,

Jibreel Jalloh - Office of Public Advocate Jumaane Williams

Hello Can folks hear me? Yes. Hey, good evening everyone, thank you for acknowledging we just want to know first off, welcome everyone back from the summer congressional members and chairs I am Toubro John Lawson is a broker or advocate for the New York City Public Advocate office just want to quickly bring greetings on behalf of Jumaane Williams, and just again intro myself to any new members of job my informal chat. If anyone needs help with anything city related or storm any applications or anything like that was in the city, please reach out to the office, please reach out to me, it is, again, congrats. Members, Thank you for the time and look forward to it for sure.

Mr. Camacho: Thank you so much. Thank you, gentlemen, for being a great help with us. I appreciate it very much. I see you all the time. Thank you so much. We're gonna need you for this form, if we do because we want to make sure that we will continue today. **Jibreel:** 100% always happy to support you knowing what your mind loves, loves you or not. Yes and thank you so much.

Marcus Harris, Office of Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams:

This coming Saturday from 11 to four at Brooklyn Borough Hall in the plaza behind Borough Hall, we'll be doing an adopt a shelter pet program. So that will be this Saturday from 11 to four. In addition, on Sunday at noon, we will be partnering with the People's Republic of China for autumn. Moonlight Lancer and celebration, so you can come out on Thursday, from 11 to four and Sunday at 12, there'll be a lot of festivities of course everything being socially distance and safe. We asked if you do come that you have a mask if you don't think we will provide you. Thank you.

Celeste: Last call for comments.

Mr. Camacho: Can I follow up? Ramon. Yes, there are there, there are situations that I would like to speak to the senator in regards to our senior and the hardship that our seniors are having in regards to finding I know, I know that the senator is an advocate or trying to find homes for our seniors, because I know we have one member that's also a veteran, and I'm very sick and she's in NYCHA complex, and we want to see if we can plan for her to senior will be her. Her and her father are here, they are raised and I know them very well. It was called Imagine Sad to see my seniors go away to pray for the dinner happy and being and we want to make sure we bring them back home. Is there any way that we can work with the center and see if we can work something

out what we are seeing is that Congress I'm seeing too much of that as going on that our seniors are going into Soto because they don't want to go until the buildings are taken away from them, taking them away from us and we really need to bring us to seniors that we may try trying to call to try to bring back home and you're having issues and they're in Florida, and she's working and she's a veteran, which is trying to help with what's taking so we're really grateful that we do X anymore for anyone who really needs to sit with her and find out what's going on now seniors with a permanent senior housing for our seniors, and she works for the New York City Department of Health, so she's out there right now, getting those people that came from Afghanistan to accomplish out to the people that just came from my dad and that he wasn't a father, on their own 80 years old. And another one. This is designing, we can keep reading, a senior right there and our family and so I'm echoing that we need to sit down and we need to find out what it is that we can do to make sure people are not all elected officials that are on. I'm going to echo my seniors, for my people. It kind of breaks my heart to see that our board members and our families are getting pushed out, and it's hard for them and they work, we know we all have to tell them. And we got a course and hope I've seen is, most of all the barnacles and we really need to do it now because it breaks my heart to see all our seniors, being treated that way, the nation. The remaining of their land should be comfortable for governments to take them to heaven. They can't go on living. And we got to make sure because we're all going to be there.

Ramon: I want to I want to, you know, I've heard those same sentiments as you want to say blanket Yes, whatever you said you just simply tell us what to do. There we go. And, you know, I just want to reiterate this one fundamental belief which is two things. One, we're all God's children and I want a woman who is beyond acceptable for those who live and strive for so long, to not have comfort and dignity in their old age, so I want to let you know if it really was up to us. We would have been a lot faster on some of this stuff. Some people who should be here in our hands. As you know, Senators aren't dictators, I really wish to work because we had, we'd have a good one. Well, you know, these are what they are.

Mr. Camacho: Thank you.

Desmonde: But there's the issue with, thankfully, there has been an extension on the eviction moratorium, but there is now an extension on the key way for mentors and business owners who have lost stuff, during COVID. How is and is the governor saying that they're not going to go ahead and move forward. But this is an issue that's going to cause more of a crisis. What is it, how are you guys or. Has anyone addressed the fact that, yes, it but New Yorkers still need that financial subsidy, it's just, it's just there. That's a fact. Especially after either. Then, the damage now let's move on to basement apartments which were low income in the first place, and trying to find other apartments, and now we have no income, and no doubt.

Ramon: Yeah, no question, you know, it was not as much. It was just as much of God as it was the failure of the camera infrastructure. And also, We're working. We're also at the mercy of other executive agencies and other executive officials, but that does not mean we cannot continue to agitate. The senator met with Governor Hochul when she first came in as you know, especially with the Brooklyn area senators, and the entire thing was hinged upon the entire, like Colyton

curtain and hinged upon expediting understandings, academic benefits. It's essential. And that requires unity, federal, state, municipal, and we have something like that. And that's where we are, I cannot make something to tell you that it's going to be resolved in 48 hours. However, we are looking at the first moment that something happens of course we have to report. But I have given you God's honest truth on it, you see that it's going to play more people into either small, small businesses closing or not in small businesses even entrepreneurs who are trying to start their business closing,

Desmonde: I just, I just, I just see a really big issue, workers and everything and, and, again, as a business owner, like you know I tapped into my savings to make sure that my employees, and everybody else got what they needed and so and I know my partner's sins I think so, I don't. I just don't see cutting the benefit. I understand people like well, they go back to work, they're going back to work with jobs that are, you know what I mean. So I want a shortcut basically every single day. Much of the anguish and anxiety is based on the fact that hundreds and millions of dollars allocated for us, for the people here in Europe as a joke, that's why they weren't enough for two months. Right. No one got that way. We were promised it so it's a dysfunctional system, but rather than cry about how it's a dysfunctional system which is so often the case, we tend to need visual invigilate Congress in any past year I'm not expecting today that maybe you know we're gonna work out and then maybe even if it's a roll, we'll have sex. I'm not expecting that I'm just letting you know that she's concerned if you can take that back with your meetings, that would be amazing.

Ramon: I mean seriously so I'm gonna just, I just mentioned one small business owner who has a refrigerator right he lost all of his produce right during this pandemic, you know, because of the lack of inventory coming in. Everything had to be thrown away. Right. And what are we doing? Seriously, what do you do with that happen everybody, you know it's a hole right. Everybody needs to be made whole. We're not there.

Celeste: Thank you so thank you Desmonde and thank you, Ramon and please absolutely keep us posted. We can bring any updates to the Economic Development Committee and however we can be helpful. We will absolutely do that. Just to make sure these concerns are amplified. So I believe that concludes our announcements. I don't see any other hands raised.

Andrew Choi, CB4 Board Member

So I can make one small announcement, it's really quick. And so I knew that you mentioned social media accounts. I just looked at our Twitter account right now and it only has nine followers, so everybody on the board if you have a Twitter account, and anybody here, especially people in our elected officials offices, it's @bk_cb4. Okay, cool. Yeah. And our first post was two days ago, follow us on Twitter.

Celeste: Thank you, Andrew.

11) Second Roll Call

Celeste: We will now move on to our second roll call Board Members please be ready. We will be going in reverse order.

Board Members in attendance: Frank Zimmerman, Carlotta Williams, Jerry Valentin, Annette Spellen, Barbara Smith, Vernedeaner Shell (online--did not respond during roll call), Raul Rubio, Acire Polight, Samy Nemir Olivares, Desmonde Monroe, Imini Mitchell, Andy Marte, Virgie Jones, Cheryl Jones, Kristen Jock, Barbara Jackson, Tanesha Honeygan, Jared Hicks, Hadiyah Harrison, Anne Guiney, Egaudy Gomez, Freddy Fowler, James Fitzgerald, Elvena Davis, Daniella Davi, Andrew Choi, Felix Ceballos, Melissa Carrera, Gardea Caphart, Robert Camacho, Rawle Brown, Martha Brown, Jo-Ena Bennett

Excused: Dustin Sonneborn, Zulma Novoa, Kyle O'Rourke, Luisa Jose, Jose Guzman,

Absent: Odolph Wright, Leo Tineo, Eliseo Ruiz, Gladys Puglla, Mary McClellan, Migdalia Gutierrez, Christopher Graham, Carlos Feliciano, Louisa Chan, Joshua Brown Grace Aytes, Marcus Alston

12) Adjournment

Celeste asked for a motion to adjourn. Barbara Jackson made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Melissa Carrera. All were in favor, so moved. Good night.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:05pm