MEETING AGENDA

• Brownsville Plan background, process, and goals
• Progress updates by strategy
• Longer-term projects
• Questions
• Community Updates
PROCESS

01 Learn
July - September 2016

Research pressing needs and learn about residents’ lived experiences. Develop a shared community-driven vision and set of guiding principles.

Activities:
- Workshop 1: Listen and Learn (July 19)
- Workshop 2: Vision, Goals, and Guiding Principles (Sept 29)
- Tabling/surveying at neighborhood events
- Online and texting campaign via coUrbanize
- Community Partners convening

02 Create
October - December 2016

Brainstorm solutions and strategies with the community. Test viability, feasibility, and desirability of potential projects and policies.

Activities:
- Workshop 3: Test Strategies and Actions (Nov 16)
- Topic-based meetings and roundtables
- Tabling/surveying at neighborhood events
- Online engagement: community mapping and housing survey
- Community Partners meetings

03 Finalize
January - May 2017

Create solutions that have consensus and potential to achieve community goals.

Activities:
- Workshop 4: Confirm and Prioritize (Mar 25)
- Online engagement: review the draft Neighborhood Plan
- Community Partners meetings
- Release Party (Jun 1)

04 Implement
Ongoing

Coordinate agency programs and capital budgets for implementation of key plan elements.

Activities:
- Continued engagement around neighborhood projects
- Citywide budgeting processes
- Land use review
- Regular public tracking and reporting

For more information on the process, visit nyc.gov/brownsville
PROCESS
PLAN RELEASE – JUNE 1, 2017
IMPLEMENTATION

• **Internal tracking** with Mayor’s Office of Operations

• **Annual progress** reports with an updated **public project tracker**, including:
  • Responsible agency/organization
  • Timeline
  • Status

• **Community Partners group**, to be re-convened by Community Board 16, meets with the City twice a year
  • Also present at full Community Board meeting
NEIGHBORHOOD GOALS

1. Achieve equitable health outcomes

2. Improve neighborhood safety

3. Promote community economic development

4. Foster local arts and identity
NEIGHBORHOOD STRATEGIES

01 PROMOTE ACTIVE MIXED-USE CORRIDORS

02 IMPROVE CONNECTIONS THROUGHOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD

03 CREATE ACTIVE AND SAFE PUBLIC SPACES

04 PROVIDE RESOURCES TO SUPPORT HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

05 CONNECT BROWNSVILLE RESIDENTS TO JOBS AND JOB TRAINING

06 SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESSES AND ASPIRING ENTREPRENEURS

07 IMPROVE HOUSING STABILITY AND SUPPORT RESIDENTS AT RISK OF DISPLACEMENT

08 SUPPORT CAPACITY BUILDING FOR LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS
PROGRESS UPDATES
01 PROMOTE ACTIVE MIXED-USE CORRIDORS

Highlights:
- Rockaway Ave MTA station pedestrian lighting pilot
  - Expanded to include intersection at Livonia Avenue and Chester Street
- Livonia Avenue Streetscape Plan anticipated release early 2020
- New mixed-use affordable developments on vacant lots:
  - About 700 homes in developments currently under construction or starting construction this summer
  - Including 2 sites currently being marketed within CB16
- RFP Sites currently in pre-development stage preparing for environmental and land use review.

Rendering of Ebenezer Plaza, 532 affordable homes for a range of incomes that will include ground-floor retail space, community facility space, and new church sanctuary. Phase I began construction in July 2018, and Phase II began summer 2019.
NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

BROWNSVILLE RFP SITES (ORANGE)
- BROWNSVILLE ARTS CENTER
- GLENMORE MANOR
- LIVONIA 4

* NOT PICTURED: SCATTERED-SITE RENTAL AND HOMEOWNERSHIP BUILDINGS

UNDER CONSTRUCTION:
- MOTHER GASTON HINSDALE NIHOP

DESIGN AND PREDEVELOPMENT:
- BED-STUY EAST AND WEEKSVILLE NIHOP
- VAN BUREN GREENE BROWNSVILLE
- BROWNSVILLE NORTH & SOUTH NCP
- EAST NY/BROWNSVILLE NIHOP

ULURP – PUBLICLY APPROVED
- BROWNSVILLE NORTH/OCEAN HILL NCP
- BROWNSVILLE SOUTH NCP

AFFORDABLE MIXED-USE

EDWIN’S PLACE (UNDRE CONST)
MARCUS GARVEY EXT. (CONST - 2020)
210-214 HEGEMAN (UNDRE CONST)
EBENEZER PLAZA (UNDRE CONST)
THE BROWNSVILLE ARTS CENTER AND APARTMENTS
ROCKAWAY AVE - ARTS AND CULTURE

GLENMORE MANOR APARTMENTS + BVILLE HUB
CHRISTOPHER-GLENMORE - INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

LIVONIA 4
LIVONIA AVE - HEALTHY LIVING AND FOOD SYSTEMS

Major Milestones:
• RFP Release 2017
• Review and selection 2018
• Predevelopment (1-2 yrs)
  • Environmental and land use review (1-1.5 yrs)
  • Finalizing project and financial closing (~1yr)
• Phased construction (2-4 yrs)
• Marketing and lease up
02 IMPROVE CONNECTIONS THROUGHOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Highlights:
• MOCJ continuing to lead public workshops on Safe Places and Active Spaces guide
• Outreach at NYCHA developments for implementation of new street crossings and traffic signals
• Brownsville Pedestrian Safety Improvements project initiated by DOT
• Final design development underway for accessibility improvements and link between Livonia Avenue and Junius Street stations
03 CREATE ACTIVE AND SAFE PUBLIC SPACES

Highlights:
• Newport Playground Renovations
  • Reopened Summer 2019
  • Comfort Station improvements anticipated completion Summer 2020
• Betsy Head Park Renovations
  • Phase I construction ongoing
  • Phase II began September 2019
  • Comfort Station at Imagination Playground is anticipated in Spring 2020
• MOCJ continuing to work through the Mayor’s Action Plan for Neighborhood Safety, renovations of Brownsville Houses Community Center, and new cameras and lighting around Brownsville Playground
04 PROVIDE RESOURCES TO SUPPORT HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

Highlights:
• In 2019, Building Healthy Communities awarded $32,000 to support CBOs in activating healthy programming
  • Capacity building grant developed to support community gardens – winners to be announced at end of February

• Design phase for Brownsville Recreation Center complete; developing construction timeline

• Family Wellness Suite completed at the Brownsville Neighborhood Health Action Center
05 CONNECT BROWNSVILLE RESIDENTS TO JOBS AND JOB TRAINING

Highlights

• Enrolled 3,104 Brownsville youth in Summer Youth Employment Program for Summer 2019.

• 342 youth ages 14-15 participating in project based learning sites
  • Brownsville Community Justice Center
  • Mt. Sinai Adolescent Health Center
  • Center for Court Innovation
  • Brooklyn Public Library – Stone Avenue Branch

• MOCJ continuing rolling recruitment of Brownsville youth for workforce training in green industries (energy efficiency, water systems, recycling, composting, etc.)
SBS launched applications for CBOs of Brownsville to provide up to $300,000 of funding for commercial revitalization services.

- Pitkin Avenue BID awarded second New York Main Street grant for additional storefront improvements.

- Expected completion of 181 Powell St industrial building Summer 2020.
07 IMPROVE HOUSING STABILITY AND SUPPORT RESIDENTS AT RISK OF DISPLACEMENT

**Highlights**

- Lease up Ebenezer Plaza Phase I
- Supporting homeowners, property owners, and preserving affordability
- Hosting tenant and homeowner/landlord resource fairs and property owner clinics
- Providing anti-eviction free legal services and Homebase homelessness prevention services
- Development of City-owned infill sites for affordable rentals and co-op homeownership for first-time buyers
- Launching housing quality and stability working group with CB16
Highlights:

- Fall 2019 NSTAT meeting convened to brainstorm ideas for projects that support community safety and well-being

- Development of the Brownsville Arts Center at the Rockaway-Chester RFP site
UPCOMING PROJECTS

Spring/Summer 2020

• Continued construction of Betsy Head Park Phase I, Ebenezer Plaza, and three other affordable housing developments

• Betsy Head Phase II construction start

• Betsy Head comfort station renovation start

• Brownsville Plan Third Annual Progress Report release

• Announcement of recipients for funding of community gardens to increase capacity

• Extension of Rockaway/Livonia pilot lighting project and anticipated release of the Livonia Streetscape Plan

• Launch of housing quality and stability stakeholder group
LONGER-TERM PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

• MTA Livonia Ave. and Junius St. accessibility

• DOT pedestrian improvements and bike lane expansions

• Construction of BRC, Betsy Head Park, Newport Playground, and 181 Powell Street renovations

• Construction and other public land use review processes of new affordable housing developments on City-owned sites

• Hiring outreach plan implementation and networking event for local contractors and subcontractors with Brownsville RFP awardees
Brownsville Plan coordinates over $150 million in City investments, including renovations of Brownsville’s parks, improvements to the open spaces on NYCHA developments, a new community center for teens at Brownsville Houses, and a new Neighborhood Health Action Center.

Much of this work will be complete or underway within the next five years, and HPD and its sister agencies are committed to regular communication and updates on these projects. View the **Executive Summary**.

**See What’s New**

*The Brownsville Plan Second Annual Progress Report* outlines the progress on the commitments made in the Brownsville Plan.

Examples of progress include almost 700 new affordable homes and community spaces currently under construction, the transformative renovation of Betsy Head Park that began construction in late 2018, renovation of an industrial building to spur jobs, improved access to fresh and healthy foods, pedestrian safety improvements, expanded activities for children and young adults, and so much more. See the updated appendix with the **Two-Year Project Tracker**.

HPD has also designated development teams identified through the **Brownsville Request for Proposals (RFP)** process that launched in August 2017 for three sites in the neighborhood. These projects are currently undergoing pre-development activities and preparing for environmental review and the public land use review. See also *The Brownsville Plan First Annual Progress Report*.

**Additional Updates**

Progress Update Presentations:
- Brownsville Plan Six-Month Progress Update Presentation
- Brownsville Plan One-Year Progress Update Presentation
- Brownsville Plan 18-Month Update Presentation
- Brownsville Plan Two-Year Update Presentation

**Planning Process**

The Brownsville Plan builds on extensive planning work that has been conducted by neighborhood organizations over the past five years, as well as the interagency coordination effort during the 100 Days of Progress Initiative in 2014. Between July 2016 and June 2017, HPD hosted a series of public interactive workshops.
QUESTIONS?