

COMMUNITY BOARD #5
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HELD AT
GENESIS HOMES COMMUNITY CENTER
330 HINSDALE ST
JUNE 24, 2015

Guest list is on file at the Boards' office

Members Present

Alleyne, Keron
Banks, Christopher
Barker, Joshua
Bright, Vivian
Bullock, Charles
Burgos, Manuel
Colon, Henry
Davila, Dolores
Fields, Jennifer
Fisher, Angus
Florentino, Wilfredo
Harley, Marie
Jenkins, Emma
Jones, Vernon
Kasru, Syed
Lowman, Alice
Lucas, Nikki
McIntosh, Rosalyn
Modeste, Ronald
Oliver, Shirley
Perkins, Melinda
Peterson, James
Mitcheal, Andre
Riggins, Vincent
Scott-Brayboy, Joyce
Taylor, Dennis
Watson, Kenneth
Whitehead, John
Worley, Hazel

Members Excused

Rosado, Jose
Grant, Corinna
Walker, Carolyn
Davis, Salema
Plummer, Viola
Abdin, Misba

Members Absent

Scott, Albert
Suarez, Wilbur
Wilkins, William
Oral, Brady
Camacho, Dennis
Chowdaury, Kobir
Feliciano, Miguel
Rodriguez, Jorge
Kabir, Jahagir
Reynolds, Jean

CB5 Staff Present

Walter Campbell
Shamika Chappel
Jahayra Richardson

Members

Present 29
Absent 10
Excused 6
Total Members 45

Community Board 5 Regular Monthly Meeting

June 24, 2015

Chairman welcomed everyone to June meeting. He explained the meeting process to the new guest. He thanked the Genesis community for the use of their community facility. He asked recording secretary Rosalyn McIntosh, to started calling the public speakers.

Public Discussion

Nicole Usman, deputy director of safety from Department of Transportation spoke about Atlantic Avenue capital project vision zero great streets, part of Mayor de Blasio's great streets initiative. The project will be on Atlantic Ave between Georgia Ave and Conduit Blvd. The benefits of the proposal includes, raised, planted center median, left turn bays, left turn bans, midblock crossing, curb extensions and marking upgrades. The design will be completed by August 2016 and construction is scheduled to begin by spring 2017.

Zenovia Earle, Community Ambassador for Red Cross. She spoke about a disaster program in partnership with Governor Cuomo. She expressed that is a very basic program and it could be done online. The program teaches people how to prepare for disasters such as fires, hurricanes etc... She said that the Red Cross would come out to organizations and conduct the training. For more information call 718-310-9005.

J. Chestnut Jr asked for a moment of silence for the victims of North Carolina church massacre.

Mary Elizabeth Prall, from Acres. Spoke how 596 Acres help people get access to vacant land throughout the city for different source of community projects. She said they have created a large map on their website showing all the different projects and vacant lots. For more information log on to 596acres.org.

Drerell Wilson, active community Gardner spoke about the dangers Eden Learning Garden is facing due to the rezoning that is taking place in East New York. He has partnered up with City Farms and 596 Acres for assistance and is asking CB5 for support.

Melvin Faulkner mention he came across some property being sold without the ok given. He said that any developers that come into the community should be investigated.

Dennis Taylor mentioned that the Coretta Scott King senior housing has been completed and the application process has started. Several community organizations are handing out applications, including the district office.

Koren Manning spoke about the Town Hall forum, July 1 at 108 Pine St. She explained that the forum topic will be on affordable housing, economic development and community resources. She also expressed that the community residents should attend so they can share their feedback on the proposed plan.

Pat Hernandez from Bridge Street announced that they will be hosting a Mortgage readiness clinic on understanding homeowners insurance, Thursday July 16, 6:30-8:30. For more information call 718-636-7596.

Delores Davila announced that Sisters Building Sisters in Brooklyn will be hosting their 3rd annual big hat & tea cup affair, July 18 1:00PM- 5:00PM at the success garden. To rsvp log on to Builidasister.org.

Elective Officials\Representative

The chair acknowledged; Ana Fisher representing Councilwoman Inez Barron, Jessica Allen representing District Attorney Kenneth Thompson, Brian McLaurin representing Public Advocate Leticia James, Frieda Menos representing Congressman Hakim Jeffries, Maria Matos representative of City Councilman Rafael Espinal and Anthony Drummond representing the Brooklyn Borough President.

Kevin Morris from the Mayor's office announced that the mayor's office now have a Family justice Center for domestic violence located at 350 Jay St and services are free and all are welcomed regardless of language, income, or immigration status. For more information call 311 or 1-800-621-HOPE.

Freida Menos representative from Congressman Hakim Jeffries announced that in the wake of the recent massacre in South Carolina the congressman aware of streets that are named of Confederate street names and have them removed from our streets. She closed by mentioning that the Congressman will be on the area August 5th, for those that want to learn more about his legislative agenda. For more information call 718-718-237-2211

Maria Matos representative of City Councilman Rafael Espinal announced that they now have an Ocean Hill Mobile Office in the Federation Multicultural programs center, located at 2 Van Sinderen Avenue. They can help with Community Concerns, Immigration Assistance, SNAP, and Housing Etc. She went on to explain that they are working on securing additional dates for future events over the summer. For more information call 718-642-8664.

Jessica Allen, representative of District Attorney Kenneth Thompson, announced that she is now the new Community Based Liaison of public engagement. She announced that she can be reached at 718-250-3024 or at AllenJ@BrooklynDA.org

Anthony Drummond announced that the borough hall will be hosting several events throughout the summer. July 8, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 pm there will be a financial education hearing because 17% of Brooklynite overall debt levels surpass that of New York City. He also announced that they will be having a tenant harassment hearing where tenants can safely share stories, and identify potential legal cases. The hearing will be held July 14, 16, 28 at 6:00pm. For more information call 718-802-2682.

Public Hearing

1. ULURP-APPLICATION# C150380 HAK-IN THE MATTER OF: an application submitted by the Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD):

1. Pursuant to Article 16 of the General Municipal Law of New York State for:

a) The designation of property located at 115 Williams Avenue (Block 3700, Lot 8),

As an Urban Development Action Area: and

b) An Urban Development Action Area Project for such area: and

2. Pursuant to Section 197-c of the New York City Charter for the disposition of such property

To a developer to be selected by HPD:

To facilitate the enlargement of an accessory open parking lot for an existing poultry distribution facility, Borough of Brooklyn, Community District 5.

Chair called on Vivian Bright Vice-Chair of Land Use committee. She stated that the Land Use committee met on June 15, 2015. After some discussion with the committee members, the committee recommended approval for the variances.

After some discussion by board members, James Peterson made a motion to accept the committee's recommendation, second by Vincent Riggins.

Vote Yes: 28 Votes: No 0 Abstain: 0

End of Public Hearing

Approval of agenda

Vernon Jones made a motion to approve the June 25, 2015 Agenda seconded by James Peterson. Approved.

Approval of minutes

Vincent Riggins, made a motion to approve May 25, 2015 Minutes, seconded by Dolores Davila. Approved.

Committee Reports

Land Use

Vivian Bright share that the Land Use committee discussed the pro-cons of 421A. In which they are asking the board to go on record opposing the continuation of 421A as is presently exists.

She went on to say that they are also requesting the board to invite Mayor De Blasio along with his chief strategist to inform them of the method and work plans going forward for the "Housing New York: Zoning for quality and affordability.

Motion to oppose 421A was made by Wilfredo Florentino, second by Dennis Taylor.

The Board voted 24 in favor, 0 opposed, with 2 assentation to oppose the enlargement of a parking lot.

Education

Melinda Perkins expressed District's 19 held its very first SDTEMlympics competition which allowed students to submit various projects and presentations on submit various projects and presentations on science technology, engineering and math. Shen also announced that we have students who have been accepted in specialized schools. She closed by acknowledging the New Lots branch of Brooklyn Public library for winning the NYC neighborhood Library award for their service to the East New York community.

Social Services

Joyce Scott Brayboy gave an account of the most recent social service meeting. She mentioned that the Social Services committee has been meeting with CBO's, NFP's Mental health and General health providers, as well as shelter providers with the district. She went on to say that an Urgent care ambulatory center has been open in which it has taken the load off the emergency room facility to reduce the burden on the patient care of the hospital.

District Manger's Report

Copy available at the district office and on the website, Brooklyncb5.org

Chairman's Report

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Old Business

No old Business

New Business

Chairman announced that board members that are excessively absent will be voted off the board.

Adjournment 8:58pm

