



COMMUNITY BOARD 5, BROOKLYN

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Honorable Eric L. Adams

Brooklyn Borough President

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Andre T. Mitchell, Chairman



Melinda Perkins, District Manager

General Board Meeting

May 24, 2017

Genesis Homes - 339 Blake Ave

BOARD MEMBERS - PRESENT

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| 1. Andrew T. Mitchell | 10. Jessica Franco | 20. Paul Muhammad |
| 2. Albert Scott | 11. Jose Rosado | 21. Rosalyn McIntosh |
| 3. Alberto Ramos | 12. Joshua Barker | 22. Saddiq Abdul |
| 4. Alice Lowman | 13. Joyce Scott-Brayboy | 23. Salema Davis |
| 5. Andrew Walcott | 14. Kele Nkhereanye | 24. Sharon Brown |
| 6. Angus Fischer | 15. Kenneth Watson | 25. Shirley Oliver |
| 7. Colette Pean | 16. Keron Alleyne | 26. Syed Kasru |
| 8. Henry Colon | 17. Manuel Burgos | 27. Viola Plummer |
| 9. Jahangir Kabir | 18. Marie Harley | 28. Vincent Riggins |
| | 19. Miguel Feliciano | 29. Vivian Bright |

BOARD MEMBERS – ABSENT

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| 1. Misba Abdin | 5. Bishop David Maldonado | 10. Emma Jenkins |
| 2. Nikki Lucas | 6. D'Angelo Isaac | 11. James Peterson |
| 3. Williams Wilkins | 7. Dennis Camacho | 12. John Whitehead |
| 4. C. Dunn - Holloway | 8. Dolores Davila | 13. Oral Brady |
| | 9. Dennis Taylor | 14. Ronald Modeste |

BOARD MEMBERS – EXCUSED

1. Wilfredo Florentino
2. Charles Bullock
3. Hazel Worley

Total Board Members: 46

District Office Staff:

Melinda Perkins, District Manager

Jahayra Richardson, Community Associate

Shamika Chappel, Community Aide

OPENING

Board Chairman Andre T. Mitchell called the General Meeting of Community Board #5 to order at 6:40PM. He thanked Genesis Homes for the usage of their Community Room. He indicated that he would begin by allowing for public discussion first and asked Sgt. of Arms Joyce Scott- Brayboy to call the public speakers from the list.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Cypress Hill Local Development Corp. Daniel Flores- announced the Homeowner Help Desk is available. For more information, call 718-647-8100.

Melvin Faulkner- announced starting June 201, Con Edison will begin upgrading its electric system in preparation for new smart meters. He also mentioned the issues surrounding deed fraud and gave some helpful tips on how to prevent it.

Man Up Inc. Ron Moore – announced the opening of The Prince Joshua Avitto Community Center, in the fall of 2017. There will be a forum held June 1st at 800 Van Siclen Ave where people can learn more about the services and programs that will be offered at the new state of the art center.

Jeanette Carter- expressed some concerns regarding the lack of Ped Ramps in East New York. She said this has been an on-going issue for the past 5 years. People in wheelchairs are forced to use the streets because they cannot access the sidewalk without the ramps.

Board Chairman thanked all public members for coming forth and voicing their concerns and sharing information.

ELECTED OFFICIAL REPORTS

The Board Chairman acknowledged the following elected officials staff members in attendance:

- NYC Council Member Inez Barron-42nd Council District
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- NYC Council Member Rafael Espinal- 37th Council District..... rep. Maria Matos
- NYC Assembly Charles Barron- 60th rep. Melvin Faulkner
- Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams..... rep. Anthony Drummond
- Acting Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez..... rep. Frangell Basora

NYC Council Member Inez Barron -42nd Council District announced the “Know Your Rights” workshop series, Thursday, June 8 at the New Lots Library. She also spoke about the various affordable housing projects being developed throughout the district. She emphasized that Governor Cuomo’s Excelsior Scholarship program is being presented to the public as free tuition, but there are a number of contradictions within the initiative that do not equate to “Free Tuition”. The scholarship is designed for families with an annual household income up to \$100,000. She expressed that this money can be better used for low income students who although get tuition assistance from TAP and Pell grants, still need assistance to pay for exorbitant non-tuition costs - i.e. textbooks room and board, transportation, food and childcare; all of which can oftentimes be extremely burdensome. The Council Member also stated that construction was set to begin sometime in 2019 at the Schenck Playground; which is in African Burial Ground way. The playground renovations include a brand new playground, learning area and sitting area.

New York City Department of City Planning Presentation:

Koren Manning- gave a presentation on the East New York Neighborhood Plan which is a coordinated plan to strengthen East New York with affordable housing, economic opportunities, and new community resources. This is the plan that came out of the ENY Rezoning. The plan is projected to create about 6000 units of housing over the next 16 years, half of which will be affordable (through MIH and City subsidies). As part of the plan, the city committed \$267 Million in capital projects and services for East New York.

The Council Member offered further clarification on the affordable housing formulas for the expected units and requested that City Planning be specific in the presentation.

Approval of Agenda

Viola Plummer accepted the motion to approve May’s Agenda – motion was seconded by Henry Colon.

Approval of Minutes

Albert Scott accepted the motion to approve April's minutes – it was seconded by Keron Alleyne.

Committee Reports

Education Committee, Jessica Franco – invited everyone to the 1st annual East New York Education Summit, taking place on Saturday, June 24th, 2017 at Linden/Gershwin Park.

District Manager Report-

District Manager announced she has been communicating with NYC DOT to coordinate more efforts in community outreach for district projects. She also stated that street activity permit submissions are well under way in the district. She advised any district-wide budget related matters be submitted to the District Office from their respective committees to prepare for budget consultations. June and July are individual budget consultation months and later in the fall will be Borough Consultations, which CB5 is coordinating for. She closed by announcing that the District Office will be hiring a new Community Coordinator.

A copy of the District Manger's report is available at the District Office.

Board Chairman Report

A copy of the Board Chairman's report is available at the District Office.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:35PM.