

COMMUNITY BOARD #5
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HELD AT
PINK HOUSES COMMUNITY CENTER
2702 LINDEN BLVD

Guest list is on file at the Boards' office

Members Present

Abdin, Misba
Alleyne, Keron
Banks, Christopher
Bright, Vivian
Bullock, Charles
Chowdury, Kobir
Colon, Henry
Davila, Delores
Davis, Salema
Feliciano, Miguel
Fields, Jennifer
Fisher, Angus
Florentino, Wilfredo
Harley, Marie
Jones, Vernon
Kabir, Jahagir
Lowman, Alice
Lucas, Nikki
McIntosh, Rosalyn
Mitchell, Andre
Oliver, Shirley
Perkins, Melinda
Peterson, James
Plummer, Viola
Riggins, Vincent
Rodriguez, Jorge
Rosado, Jose M
Scott, Albert
Scoot-Brayboy, Joyce
Taylor, Dennis
Walker-Diallo, Carolyn
Walcott, Andrew
Washington, Peggy
Wastson, Kenneth
Whitehead, John
Wilkins, Williams

Members Absent/Excused

Barker, Joshua (E)
Burgos, Manuel (E)
Grant, Corinna (E)
Modeste, Ronald (E)
Kasru, Syed (A)
Worley, Hazel (A)
Suarez, Wilbur (A)
Jenkins, Emma (A)
Brady, Oral (A)
Reynolds, Jean (A)
Camacho, Dennis (A)

CB 5 Staff Present

Walter Campbell
Candida Ruiz
Shamika Chappel
Jahayra Richardson

Members

Present 36
Absent 7
Excused 4
Total Members 47

COMMUNITY BOARD 5 REGULAR MEETING

Chair welcomed everyone to the May 27, 2015 meeting. He expressed his appreciation to the staff of Luis Pink Houses for allowing us to use the space. He then asked the Vice Chair to start announcing the public speakers; Recording Secretary Rosalyn McIntosh greeted everyone and started announcing the public speakers.

Public Speakers

BPL/ Brion from the Brooklyn Public Library announced that the New Lots library recently launched an Oral History Project. They will be having a Friends of New Lots meeting June 9th at 5:30PM, the meeting will be held at the New Lots Branch. He also mentioned the library was awarded \$20,000 recently.

Judge Genie Edwards, explained the functions of a civil court, she explained it has a jurisdiction of \$25,000. Anything from credit card debit to delinquent gas bills, issue with a friend or Contractor etc... it can be handle at civil court, she mentioned that there's a resource center there as well. She went on to say that civil court also handles housing issues. Landlord Tenant issues and small claims.

Charles Madray from the Good Samaritan Village announced that there will be a transfer of Oasis licensing to Samaritan Village, July 1, 2015. He announced that the services provided will remain the same. And mentioned that they will be adding adolescent services.

Mona Edwards from Out of School Youth sponsored by the Italian American League, program is based for participants from ages 17- 25 and who currently not enrolled in school. The program is a 4 week which includes a paid internship.

Joan Ramsey, CAMPA Charter School, mentioned that they came before a year ago announcing the new Charter School. They are looking for current 5th graders about to entire the 6th grade. Parents may apply online at CAMPACHARTER.ORG.

Edmund Chambers, Homeowner from the Shepherd Ave Association shared that he has been mentioning to the precincts that they need more cameras in their areas, along with stop signs and speed bumps. He went on to announce that there have been more than 3 murders in his area. He wants to get cameras on his block so they can protect their neighborhoods back.

Jesse Nathaniel Reed, from Renew Lots/My life Style Inc., explained that ReNew Lots is an engine of economic development in East New York. He welcomed everyone to visit Renew Lots. He said there are many vendors and performances. For more information visit renew Lots on New Lots and Van Sinderen Avenues. Or call 347-878-7924.

Sharon Pope, from Bike New York Free summer Camp Program, announced that they are having a six week program (2 hours per week) for existing summer camp groups. The program offers campers a crash course in

the mechanics of riding a bike, the rules of the road, and best practices for riding in a group and on the street. For those interested visit bike.nyc.

Dennis Taylor, from Coretta Scott King Senior Houses, gave an update on Coretta Scott Housing, by saying that they will be having their ribbon cutting early July, 2015. Applications will be ready in a few days. For more information call 718-216-2643.

Jorge Rodriguez, representative for Hope and Prayer Center said that he does case management at the center, he helps people with evictions, housing, job placements, domestic violence counseling. For more information call 201-539-7407.

Bill Wilkins spoke about a program called The Rainy Day Fund that is being sponsored by Citi Bank in conjunction with local development Corps of East New York. He distributed flyers explaining the program, He announced that the LDC was celebrating 35 years in East New York. He encouraged everyone to support the Renew Lots on New Lots and Van Sinderen. For additional information call: 718-385-6700.

The chair thanked all the Public speakers for keeping the public and the community well informed on updates. He expressed that this is an information based meeting.

ELECTIVE OFFICIALS/REPRESENTATIVES:

The chair acknowledged; Ana Fisher representing Councilwoman Inez Barron, Yanuski Rodriguez representing District Attorney Kenneth Thompson, Ennis Johnson representing Letricia Walker, Brian McLaurin representing Public Advocate Leticia James and Anthony Drummond representing the Brooklyn Borough President.

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.

Anna Fisher representing Councilwoman Inez Barron spoke about the Tenants' Forum June 11, 6:30- 8:00PM at Maxwell High School. In partnership with Councilman Rafael Espinal, Cypress Hill Local Development Corp and other governmental agencies. She mentioned that the forum focus will be on rent stabilization rules, housing court, rent protection for seniors and the disable, rental lotteries etc.

Yanuski Rodriguez, representative of the Brooklyn District Attorneys' office announced that they will be hosting a Begin Again event father's day weekend at Emmanuel Baptist Church 279 Lafayette Ave, 9:00AM – 3:00PM. This is to help people resolve outstanding summons warrants. For more information contact 718-250-3888.

PUBLIC HEARING

ULURP-APPLICATION # C150180 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 653, 655, and 659 Linwood St. (Block 4067, Lots 12, 13 and 14), as an Urban Development Action Area: and
- b) An Urban Development Action Area Project for such area:

2. Pursuant to Section 197-c of the New York City Charter for the disposition of such property to be selected by HPD:

To facilitate development of a four- story residential building with approximately 10 units of affordable housing and four parking spaces under HPD’s Low Income Rental Program, Borough of Brooklyn, Community District 5

After a long lengthy conversation, Land Use Chair Viola Plummer made a motion to approve ULURP item, location 653,655 and 659 Linwood St. Motion was approved by Wilfredo Florentino second by Vernon Jones.

The Board voted 30 in favor, 1 Nay. The URLURP item was approved.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Henry Colon made a motion to approve the May 25, 2015 Agenda seconded by Wilfredo Florentino. Approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Vincent Riggins, made a motion to approve March 25, 2015 Minutes, seconded by Jose Rosado. Approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Communication

Keron Allenye, asked everyone to check the website because their critique is most needed. He also mentioned the website will have a Board Member resource tab, Resource tab, by laws tab etc..; He encouraged any community or board member who wants to share any information that they may have thru the website email address. BKCB5CC@gmail.com.

The chair thanked the Communication Committee for their hard work and dedication to the website. He also expressed that he is really excited about any inch of improvement the board makes. Thus the website along the Facebook page that will be forth coming this month.

Parks

Salema Davis, Parks Chair announced that the Parks Department gave a presentation on Sperandeo Brothers Park. The park is located at 350 Linwood St which is connecting to IS 302. There where renovations done in the past to this a park on the Atlantic Ave side and now the Parks Department would like to continue renovating on the Liberty Ave side. This project will consist of the handball courts and basketball courts. It will take the Parks Department at 9 months to complete this project; therefore the park will not be accessible. Project has not started. Council Member Rafael Espinal allocated funds for the completion of this project.

Social Services

Social Services committee Joyce Scoot-Brayboy. Stated last month Social Service committee met with CB16 social services committee regarding the shelter saturation throughout the community. She said they will be meeting with the Commissioner of the Department of Homeless services on June 16, 2015, at 6:00PM the topic of discussion will be “no more shelters in the communities”.

Transportation

Transportation Chair, Wilfredo Florentine reported that the committee met on May 11th and all were invited. After a Statement the chair moved for a vote on the Bike Lane expansion in ENY Phase II. Christopher Banks motioned, second by Miguel Feliciano.

The Board voted, all in favor. 1Nay. The Letter of recommendation was approved.

District Manager Report:

Manager highlighted his report and informed all that a copy is in their folder. A copy is on file at the office.

Chairman Report:

Chairman welcomed all the new board members. He announced that for the first time ever they are now eligible to accept members as young as 16 years old. He said he wants to keep the door open for the young people to join. He would like to keep the young voices included. Talking with them instead of talking to them. He wanted to make it clear that being a Board member isn't just a title; you must be active and responsible on the Board. He said that he is really proud of the board members for taking time out to dedicate their time for the board because this is a volunteer work. He said he doesn't want anyone to come down on the board members because they are taking time out to help the community. He also said that the Board will have to stand firm on all the new changes that the community is about to face. He also announced that members can send their request for what committee they want to be in. He said he cannot guarantee everyone can get the slots that they request. He also mentioned that they Executive Committee met with the Department of City Planning, and notify them that their plans are not conducive to the community .He also mention that they will have a public presentation by the Department of City Planning sometime next month. He encouraged everyone to come out if he has any concerns and questions pertaining to the rezoning. He also spoke about the current shooting that take place a few minutes before the meeting started, and he said everyone duties in the community is to encourage everyone to stop the violence.

Old Business

Christopher Banks mentioned that a few months ago the board voted to suspend presentations on land use items and he wanted to know what principle and leg work has been put into place by the land use committee.

Chairman addressed Christopher Banks concerns by saying that they have had meetings with city official, elective officials, and also a tanning with the city comptroller office. He said that they did flush out and now they have a better understanding of the process without stopping the process. But they also want the developers to include the community in their planning.

Viola Plummer invited everyone to the June 22, Land Use Committee meeting and to feel free to bring and share any information or concerns he or she might have. She also mentioned they will have all the information the chairman had just mentioned.

Chairman announced that on Father's Day, Sunday June 21, 2015 Man up will be hosting a Walk against Violence. They will be starting on Ralph and Sutter Avenues ending on Lincoln and Sutter Avenues.

New Business: NO

Adjournment:

Viola Plummer made motion to adjourn, second by Vincent Riggins.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48PM

