

**Community Board #5**  
**Franklin K. Lane High School, 999 Jamaica Ave**  
**October 28, 2015 6:30**

**Members Present**

Abdin, Misba  
Alleyne, Keron  
Banks, Christopher  
Barker, Joshua  
Brady, Oral  
Bright, Vivian  
Bullock, Charles  
Burgos, Manuel  
Chowdhury, Bill  
Colon, Henry  
Davila, Delores  
Davis, Salema  
Feliciano, Miguel  
Fisher, Angus  
Florentino, Wilfredo  
Harley, Marie  
Jenkins, Emma  
Kabir, Jahagir  
Kasru, Syed  
Lowman, Alice  
Lucas, Nikki  
McIntosh, Rosalyn  
Mitchell, Andre  
Modeste, Ronald  
Perkins, Melinda  
Plummer, Viola  
Riggins, Vincent  
Scott, Albert  
Scott-Brayboy, Joyce  
Taylor, Dennis  
Walker, Carolyn  
Watson, Kenneth  
Wilkins, Bill

**Members Excused**

Fields, Jennifer  
Grant, Corinna  
Jones, Vernon  
Peterson, James  
Rosado, Jose  
Suarez, Wilbur  
Whitehead, John  
Worley, Hazel

**Members Absent**

Camacho, Dennis  
Oliver, Shirley  
Rodriguez, Jorge  
Walcott, Andrew  
Washington, Peggy

**CB5 Staff**

Walter Campbell  
Shamika Chappel

**Members**

Present 33  
Excused 8  
Absent 5  
Total Members 46

# Minutes of Community Board 5 Regular Monthly Meeting

October 28, 2015

Chairman welcomed everyone to The October meeting. He explained that the meeting process to the new guests. He thanked Franklin K. Lane High School for the use of their campus facility. He stated that the Board has been reviewing the proposed city planning action over the past year and have held special meetings throughout the district pertaining to the rezoning but tonight they will address the proposal as a plan for the community. He explained the order of the meeting

## Public Hearing

Chair called on Viola Plummer, Land Use Committee chair. She welcomed Miguel Feliciano and Many Burgos to the Land Use committee. She stated that they have been really busy reviewing Agenda Item BSA# 57-15-BZ.

And after some discussion with committee members, the committee's recommended approval for the variances.

- I. BSA # 57-15-BZ: This is an application for a variance pursuant to ZR 34-233 to permit the development of a three story , three family residential development in a R5/C1-3 zoning district located 482 Logan St. A variance is required as the side lot line of the premises, which is also a district boundary line, coincides with a side lot line pf an adjacent residential building which is located entirely in an R5 zoning district. Due to this condition, pursuant to ZR 34-233, an 8` open area is required along the side lot line of the premises. No open area alongside lot line is proposed.

After some discussion by board members, Joshua Barker made a motion to accept the committee's recommendation, second by Keron Alleyne.

**Voted: Yes 33 Against: 0 Abstain: 0**

Vincent Riggins stated that the Resolution against Broken Window and Stop and Frisk policing policy report has been submitted to the board and will be submitted to the mayor's office as well. The Public Safety Committee approved the resolution. He is now asking for the Board's approval. He stated that there is copy in each Board Member folder.

**Voted: Yes 33 Against: 0 Abstain: 0**

V. The Chair stated that the Capital and Expense budget is also something that the Board has to vote on, in which for the past two years they have decided as a board not to approve because there are many items on the budget that never comes to pass. He opened the floor for members to speak on it.

District Manager Walter Campbell stated that they would be getting feedback some time in February.

Christopher Banks made a motion to oppose Budget Capital and Expense Budget, second by Albert Scott.

**Voted: Yes 33 Against: 0 Abstain: 0**

- II. Application # C 160035ZMK. In the Matter of an application submitted by the Department of City Planning pursuant of Sections 197-c NS 201 of The New York City Charter for an amendment of the Zoning Map, Section Nos. 17c and 17d. (See attached 18 pages). Presentation by: Korean Manning, Dept. of City Planning.
- III. Application # C 160037. In the matter of an application submitted by the Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) pursuant to section 505 of Article 15 of the general Municipal (Urban Renewal) Law of New York State and section 197-c of the New York Charter for the amendment to the Dinsmore-Chestnut Urban Renewal Plan for the Dinsmore-Chestnut Urban Renewal Area. Presentation by: Ms. Manning, City Planning
- IV. Application # C 160042 HDK. In the matter of an application submitted by the Depart. of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD), pursuant to Section 197-c of the New York City Charter, for the disposition of City-owned property comprising Site A (Block 4142, Lot 32), within the Dinsmore-Chestnut Urban Renewal Area. Presentation by: City Planning

Winston Von Engle from City Planning along with other several city agencies did a presentation on the East New York community plan in which they have conducted in the past several years. He also acknowledged all the elected officials present. He also stated a mandatory inclusion in housing, a requirement in the new zoning to include affordable housing in every new development. Second proposal is to improve and build affordable housing in NYC. Third is the East New York City plan which includes two components: A rezoning as well as a rezoning change already incorporated into it as well as economic development, better transportation, and open space. He then went on to say that Mayor de Blasio made a cornerstone of his administration to build, support and protect two hundred thousand units of affordable housing in the next 10 years and it will start in East New York. A copy of the presentation is on file at the District office.

Koren Manning, project manager gave a detailed explanation of the plan. She also stated that they have been working with other city agencies to develop strategies to develop a plan that address land use issues, housing and economic development. Stated that HPD has developed an affordable housing plan for East New York meeting the community needs. Which the goals to preserve affordable housing and protect tenants who lives in East New York. Hard copy of the presentation is available at the District Office.

After the presentation chair acknowledge the Elected Officials before the Q&A period.

The chair acknowledged; Assemblyman Charles Barron, Counsel member Inez Barron, Frieda Menos representative for Hakeem Jeffries, Hugo Espinal representing State representative Martin Malave-Dilan, Council member Rafael L Espinal, Tahirah A Moore representing the Mayor's Office, Jessica Allen representing District Attorney, Ana Fisher representing Councilwoman Inez Barron, Maria Matos representative of City Councilman Rafael Espinal and Anthony Drummond representing the Brooklyn Borough President.

## Q&A

Assemblyman Charles Barron stated that when the mayor says "I want to build 200,000 units of affordable housing, the first thing they got to ask is, 'Affordable to whom?'. He went on to say that the area median income in East New York is \$34,000 for a family of four. And that the mayor's plan for East New York as well as city wide policy proposal to require certain ranges of affordable housing in exchange for getting land rezoned, will leave out some of the poorest residents. He finished by stating that they are going to tell you we need a diversity of income. But they need to listen to the community.

Councilwoman Inez Barron stated the community needs to look at the plan the city is bringing forward being they have been fooled before. And that the area of income median is not in the community's neighborhood. She also mentioned that the administration has promised to use public dollars to subsidize the low income units are rented at less than \$583 a month: 16 percent at less than \$777 a month; 14 percent at less than \$971 a month; and 39 percent at less than \$1,165 a month. The remaining 20 percent could be rented for up to \$1,748 a month she stated that those rent are too high for many current residents.

District Leader Joy Simmons stated that in the East NY Housing plan 50% of 6,300 units targeted for this neighborhood are proposed to go at the market rate. The current AMI of the neighborhood is \$34,500, so half of this plan automatically excludes the majority of the current economic makeup of the neighborhood. To continue on, with the first 50% set for the market, that leaves the other 50% to be so-called affordable for residents—or does it? According to this plan 60% of the so-called affordable units will be for those earning \$46,600 and above. The latter 40%, of the so-called affordable housing, will be reserved for those earning below \$46,600.

Frieda Menos, representative for congressman Hakim Jeffries stated that the congressman will be having a Town hall meeting on the East New York rezoning proposal titled "Development or displacement". Tuesday November 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm at New Hope Family Worship family Center, 17 Livonia Ave. For more information call 718 237-2311.

Evelyn Cruz representative for Nydia Valezquez stated that she is from Williamsburg and it's not the Williamsburg it was 10 years ago. They have lived through the rezoning plan, a plan that has more market rate housing than affordable ones. She stated that the plan isn't one that neither works for the community nor reflect the income of the current residents. She also stated that the small community business needs to be supported.

Anthony Drummond from Brooklyn Borough President Office sated there will be a meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> regarding the URLURP item. Brooklyn Borough Hall, 209 Joralemon St. For more information call 718-802-3700.

Chairman thanked all the elected officials for listening to the people and speaking the people's language. He then gave the people a chance to voice their opinion. After that being said several community residents came up and voiced their opinions against the City planning proposal.

Marisol Quinones president of Cypress Hills Local Corporation commended the city for planning on opening a 1000 seating school for 2021 school year. But she urges the city to document it. She stated the city has not taking to account the 16 charter schools that serves the community. The seats for charter school should be removed from local public school capacity. Any city action to relief school congestions in the rezoning plan should include plan to eliminate exist transformable seats by adding seats to exist facilities under new construction.

Audrey Sazon from Walmart Free NYC thanked everyone who helps in the fight to keep Walmart out back in 2012. She expressed that without union retail jobs people cannot afford to life in the city. And they believe that the city has the tools to address this issue. She also mentioned that they have started a petition asking the Mayor to institute a good job retail contract.

Chair stated that the Board will not take a vote tonight, but will continue the Public Hearing at the November 18<sup>th</sup>, meeting.

## **Committee Reports**

District Manger's Report: Copy in folder and available at the district office and on the website, [Brooklyncb5.org](http://Brooklyncb5.org)

Chairman's Report: Copy in folder and at the district office and on the website [Brooklyncb5.org](http://Brooklyncb5.org).

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment 9:00pm