



COMMUNITY BOARD 5, BROOKLYN

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Honorable Eric L. Adams

Brooklyn Borough President

APPROVED: December 19th, 2018 General Board Mtg.

Attendance: 26 Board Members

Andre T. Mitchell, Chairman



Melinda Perkins, District Manager

General Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, November 28, 2018 Transit Tech Career & Technical Education High School 1 Wells Street – Brooklyn NY 11208

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT = 33

ABDIN, MISBAH	FLORENTINO, WILFREDO	MITCHELL, ANDRE T.	SCOTT, BRAYBOY-JOYCE
AYANFODUN, TOYIN	FRANCO, JESSICA	MERCADO, DAMIAN	SCOTT, ALBERT
BAILEY, JESSICA	HOLLOWAY-DUNN, C	MULLEN-FIELDS, LESLIE	WATSON, GENA
BRIGHT, VIVIAN	JARRET, HELEN	NILES, MONTREZ	WATSON, KENNETH
BROWN, SHARON	KABIR, JAHANGIR	NKHEREANYE, KELE	WILKINS, WILLIAM
BULLOCK, CHARLES	KASRU, SYED	PLUMMER, VIOLA	WORLEY, HAZEL
CAMACHO, DENNIS	LEWIS, CARRION	RIGGINS, VINCENT	
COX, CERWIN	LOWMAN, ALICE	ROSADO, JOSE	
FELICIANO, MIGUEL	MITCHELL, ANDRATTA	SATTAR, ABDUL	

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT = 11

BUIE, SHARESE	LUCAS, NIKKI	SMITH, CINDY	
COLON, HENRY	MATTIS, COLINFORD	WALCOTT, ANDREW	
FISCHER, ANGUS	PETERSON, JAMES	WILLIAMS, TAHNIQUA	
HARLEY, MARIE	PITTS, DAMIAN		

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED = 5

ANDREW, JASON	PEAN, COLETTE		
ARTEAGA, NOHELY	RAMOS, ALBERTO		
MUHAMMAD, PAUL			

Total Board Members: 49

District Office Staff Present:

Melinda Perkins – District Manager

Keron Alleyne – Deputy District Manager

Jahayra Richardson – Community Associate

Shamika Chappel – Community Associate

OPENING

Board Chairman Andre T. Mitchell called the November 2018, General Board Meeting of Community Board 5 to order at 6:30pm. Chairman Mitchell welcomed community residents, board members and agencies to Transit Tech High School. He thanked the Parent Coordinator for allowing CB5 to be one of the first to hold a meeting in the new auditorium. He moved forward and asked for 1st Vice Chair Lowman to call on public speakers.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION – COMMUNITY VOICES

Jessica Franco – Education Comm Chair: Ms. Franco announced that there were refreshments provided at the meeting from NYC DOE's food division. She introduced Patricia Kelleher from DOE. Ms. Kelleher informed everyone that the refreshments were samples from breakfast and lunch snacks that are currently served in NYC DOE schools. She explained that DOE implemented the Breakfast after Bell initiative to ensure that every child who came into school after the breakfast period would be allowed to have a full breakfast. Ms. Kelleher explained that DOE wanted to ensure that all public school children are being provided with a healthy meal to support their education process.

Keenen Willis – Citizens Committee for NY: Mr. Willis informed every one about the grants that are provided through Citizens Committee. He provided information about the Neighborhood Grant and the Love your Block grants. Mr. Willis stated that grant amounts can be up to \$3,000 and that they are available to local community groups, even if they are not registered as a 501c3. For More information contact: www.citizensnyc.org

Lettice Layne – C.R.I.B: Ms. Layne informed everyone about the programs taking place at the C.R.I.B. including resources for families and youth in the community. For more information contact Ms. Layne at 646-968-3399. The C.R.I.B is located at 2779 Atlantic Avenue.

Toyin Ayanfodun – Tomorrow's Leaders NYC: Mr. Ayanfodun announced that Tomorrow's Leaders has been in existence for seven years and they provide mentoring and other programs for young adults through athletics, leadership training, and support in education. Also, Mr. John Prince of Tomorrow's Leaders announced the upcoming Basketball tournament and how young people can get involved with the league. For more information contact 718-928-7170; info@tlmnc.org; or visit the website at www.tlmnc.org

Kharul Islam: Mr. Islam informed the Board and community members that he and his neighbors had great concerns with the proposed housing at the Grant Avenue Municipal parking lot. He explained that the area is not good for housing and that there are a number of issues that will follow a housing development being put at the site. He said that he would continue to communicate.

Atalaya Johnson- Feli Kiwi: Ms. Johnson invited everyone to come out the events that would be up and coming with Feli Kiwi and their partnership at the C.R.I.B.

Bernice Edward: Ms. Edward explained that she was in need of help because her grandson was bullied and assaulted by a group of young people in her neighborhood and she feared for her family. Chairman Mitchell pointed out to Ms. Edwards that there were NCOs from the 75th precinct present at the meeting and asked that they speak with her to get greater understanding of the situation and see how it can be addressed properly. Additionally, he encouraged Ms. Edward to attend the Public Safety and Youth/Education Committees meetings and asked the Chairs of those committees to reach out to Ms. Edward to discuss some joint efforts to address the bullying.

Zulmilena Then – Preserve East New York (PENY): Ms. Then announced that PENY would be hosting a program on December 1st at New Lots Library, to discuss the landmark and preservation of the Empire State Dairy building in East New York.

Brite Leadership Coalition Vincent Riggins – recalled the sale of Starrett City and highlighted the leadership of Councilmember Inez Barron and Assembly Member Charles Barron for their unprecedented consistency with meeting every section of the development. Mr. Riggins gave a report on their Father’s Day event in which Man Up Inc. participated in.

ELECTED OFFICIAL REPORTS

Chairman Mitchell acknowledged the following elected officials and staff members in attendance:

Congress Member Hakeem Jeffries.....	Rep. Frieda Menos
Congress Member Nydia Velazques.....	Julio Salazar
NYS Senator Roxanne Persaud – 19 th SD.....	Sandra Kalette
NYS Assembly Member Charles Barron – 60 th AD.....	Juan Bravo
NYC Council Member Inez Barron – 42 nd CD <i>Present</i>	
NYC Council Member Inez Barron.....	Anita Fischer
NYC Council Member Rafael Espinal	Carlos Soto
Borough President Eric L. Adams	Anthony Drummond
Brooklyn District Attorney	Frangell Basora

Councilmember Inez Barron – expressed greetings to Board Members and Community Members. The Council Member announced that they were able to collaborate with local groups and donators to provide 390 turkeys to families in the district. She also made announcements regarding the A.S.A.P program at Kingsborough Community College. She also stated that there were programs for seniors as well at Kingsborough for just \$50 to take various classes. Council Member Barron also reminded everyone that on December 1st, 2018 it would be the 60th year anniversary of the civil rights movement spark with Mrs. Rosa Parks and her decision that prompted the economic boycott in Montgomery.

Frieda Menos – gave updates on behalf of Congress Member Hakeem Jeffries an updated on the legislation to help reduce recidivism in our communities.

Anthony Drummond – gave greetings on behalf of Borough President Eric L. Adams and provided his contact information.

Kevin Morris – Mayor’s Office to Combat Domestic Violence: Mr. Morris provided clarity on how domestic violence is classified and ways to reach out if anyone was in need of support. He explained that there was resources available which included legal help, employment assistance, counseling and more. He alerted everyone that in East New York, in 2017, there were 3500 calls made to the police for domestic violence issues; so Mr. Morris stressed that we all take it seriously and get involved.

Frangell Basora: Gave greetings on behalf of Brooklyn DA Eric Gonzalez’s office. He also announced upcoming events.

The Chairman thanked all of the elected officials and representatives for their invaluable updates and information.

He then announced that there would be a presentation from the NYC Department of Sanitation by Mr. Iggy Terranova and Teresa Cunningham. Questions were fielded after the presentation and the Board thanked DSNY for coming out.

The Civilian Complaint Review Board was also in attendance and gave a brief explanation of CCRB and all of the services and assistance they provide as it relates to complaints and reports. Information was made available at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda: Board Member Vivian Bright
Seconded: Board Member Wilfredo Florentino

Voice Vote: All in Favor: 33 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve October's Minutes: Board Member Dennis Camacho
Seconded: Board Member Gena Watson

Corrections were noted for the following:

Board Member Riggins: Committee of the whole was brought up as a point of discussion and clarification on how that process should be executed. This was in reference to the vote for the letter of support to East New York Farms recommended from Chair Kele Nkhereanye. Due to additional questions regarding the procedure and Board Member Riggins request to recant his vote, the Board Members decided to table the motion.

Board Member Andratta Mitchell: Should be marked as excused for October's meeting.

Board Member Misba Abdin: Should be marked as excused for October's meeting.

Board Member Hazel Worley: Should be marked as excused for October's meeting.

Approval of October's minutes were tabled to bring back to the following month's meeting for approval.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Land Use & Economic Development Committee made a recommendation for the Board to provide a letter of support for the following items:

Item #1: BSA Application for 2240 through 2250 Linden Boulevard

Motion by Board Member Florentino, 2nd by Board Member Riggins

Voice Vote: All in Favor 33 Opposed 0 Abstentions 0

Item #2: East Brooklyn Congregations Senior Housing

Motion by Board Member Camacho, 2nd by Board Member Feliciano

Voice Vote: All in Favor 33 Opposed 0 Abstentions 0

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

A copy of the District Manager's report was distributed and is on file at the District Office.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A copy of the Board Chairman's report was distributed and is on file at the District Office. The Chairman also announced that the next General Member Meeting will be taking place on

December 19th due to the holiday and that the Executive Committee Meeting would be cancelled for November.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

AJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Accepted by Board Member Franco, 2nd by Board Member Abdin

November's General Board meeting was adjourned at 8:19pm.