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Andre T. Mitchell, Chairman



Melinda Perkins, District Manager

General Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, January 25, 2016 ~~6~~ 7

6:30PM

Penn-Wortman Community Center – 895 Pennsylvania Ave

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Welcome

Community Updates & Announcements / Agency Presentations

- Community Speakers
- NIHOP – Blake & Hendrix Project: Sun Rock Development
- Linden Terrace Project: Radson Development
- Respite Site - 2645 Linden Blvd: Services for the Underserved
- Senior Housing – 485-515 Van Sinderen CCM Sponsored Development

Regular Board Meeting

- Call to order (*Opening of meeting*)
- Roll Call
- Approval of January 25, 2016 Agenda
- Approval Of December Minutes
- Committee Reports
- District Manager's Report
- Board Chairman's Report
- Old Business
- New Business
- Adjournment

Next General Board Meeting

- Date: February 22nd, 2017
- Time: 6:30PM
- Place: Cypress Hills Community Center - 475 Fountain Avenue





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General Board Meeting
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BOARD MEMBERS - PRESENT

1. Saddiq Abdul	16.Nkhereanye, Kelebohile
2. Kabir, Jahangir	17.Riggins, Vincent
3. Florentino, Wilfredo	18. Plummer, Viola
4. Franco, Jessica	19.Scott-Brayboy- Joyce
5. Pean, Colette	20.Watson, Kenneth
6. Lowman, Alice	21. Burgos, Manuel
7. Fischer, Angus	22.Bullock, Charles
8. Harley, Marie	23.Barker, Joshua
9. Abdin, Misba	24.Feliciano, Miguel
10. McIntosh, Rosalyn	25.Nikki, Lucas
11. Bright, Vivian	26.Davis, Selema
12. Alleyne, Keron	27.Wilkins,Bill
13. Rosado,Jose	28.Peterson ,James
14. Scott, Albert	29. Dunn-Halloway, Chawana
15. Mitchell, Andre T	30.Walcott,Andrew
	31. Colon ,Henry
	32.Mohammed, Paul
	33. Worley, Hazel

BOARD MEMBERS - ABSENT

1. Issac, D'Angelo	6. Brady,Oral
2. Jenkins, Emma	7. Maldonando, Bishop David
3. Ramos, Alberto	8. Brown, Sharon
4. Whitehead, John	9. Oliver, Shirley
5. Kasru, Syed	

BOARD MEMBERS - EXCUSED

1. Davila, Delores
2. Camacho, Dennis
3. Taylor, Dennis

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 regular meeting of Community Board #5 to order at 6:48PM. and thanked the CAMBA Cornerstone program and Penn Wortman Community Center, for the use of the facility. He indicated that he would begin by allowing for public discussion first and asked the Sgt. at Arms to call up the public speakers from the list.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Word-Up Café

Sharon Kennedy-Frost: Announced that Word Up Café's Grand Opening was held in October of 2016. She informed everyone that they host various events in the space - from Gospel Brunches every first Saturday of the month to Spoken Word on Thursdays. For more information, call 718-272-4070. Or visit Word Up Café in person at 652 Pennsylvania Ave.

(Samples of their tastiest dishes were provided at the General Public Meeting)

Free Art Days

Jason Andrew- Free Art Days is a program supported by Norte Maar and presented in collaboration with the Arlington Library. The program is free and invites local children ages 3-9 to meet an exciting group of professional artists, musicians, dancers etc. The program is held every Saturday at the Arlington Library, 203 Arlington Ave from 10:00AM – 11:30AM. For more information, call 646-361-8512.

Brite Leadership

Vincent Riggins- reported there is a new executive order that now limits people from smoking on any NYCHA property. He believes the community should be able to make that determination themselves. In the near future, they will host a forum with community leaders and residents so they can designate specific smoking areas.

Rooted Theater Company

Kareem Nemley - Auditions for a new production that will premiere in June will start February 2 at Arts East New York. They are looking for actors of all ages. For more information, call 347-951-0216.

Animal Care Centers of NYC

Alexandria Silver – For information on how to maintain healthy pets reach out to Animal Care Center admissions Center or one of the their partner organizations for other resources for your pets – call 212-788-4000

Brooklyn Born

Kele Nkhereanye – Announced she is in search of locations to place vending machines with healthy food choices. Anyone that has any information, please call 646-361-0891.

BACDYS

Misba Abdin - The organization is currently providing tax services to community members free of charge. For more information call 718-235-1700.

Smart EMS

Vivian Bright – Announced the Smart EMS app – a free app for smart phone users that can save lives. You are able to download your medical history, your preferred hospital and emergency contact information. Smart EMS provides EMS with your hospital choice and also contacts your emergency contact to inform them that you are being taken to the hospital. Mrs. Bright encouraged people to learn more and get the app.

CAMBA CORNERSTONE at Boulevard Houses/NYCHA

Boulevard Cornerstone representatives announced upcoming events at their site .They also offered free space for community events at all cornerstones. For more information call 718-649-1371.

James Saunders- expressed some concerns around the homes that are turning into shelters. He is afraid that it may reduce the property value of the residential homes in the area. He was advised to speak to the Land Use committee on the matter.

Joyce Scott- Brayboy announced a Public Hearing for federal funding, January 25, 2017. 534 Livonia Ave 6:00PM – 8PM. She encouraged everyone to attend.

East New York Restoration Local Development Corp.

Joshua Barker - announced a “Keep it in the family” workshop. January 20 and February 4 at the New Lots Library.

ELECTED OFFICIAL REPORTS

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

NYS Senator Roxanne Persaud – 19th Senatorial District /

NYS Assembly Member Charles Barron – 60th Assembly District / rep. Melvin Faulkner

NYC Council Member Inez Barron - 42nd Council District / rep. Anita Fischer

Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams / rep. Anthony Drummond

Acting Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez / rep. Frangell Basora

42nd Council Inez Barron

Anita Fischer - announced a “Know Your Rights” workshop series. Thursday, February 9, 2017. At the New Lots library 665 New Lots Ave. 6:00PM – 8:00PM. The focus will be on family court issues and father’s rights. People with ACS related issues were also welcomed to attend. For more information, call 718-649-9495.

Acting District Attorney Eric Gonzalez

Frangell Basora – reported that 2016 was the safest year for the borough of Brooklyn. He announced there would be a “Suit for Success” suit drive for formerly incarcerated residents. The drive will take place February 17 at the District Attorney’s office. They will also take financial donations. He also reported that The Brooklyn Human Trafficking Task Force will host a “Success in Collaboration” event on January 26, 2017 at the YWCA – at 6:00PM. For more information visit BKHUMANTRAFFICING@BROOKLYNDA.ORG

Female District Leader

Nicki Lucas announced an advocacy day for school based health centers, February 7. Anyone interested can participate in support. For more information, call 646-441-1740. For text alerts text “Peoplefirst” at 5546.

CB5 MEETING BUSINESS

Approval of Agenda

Wilfredo Florentino accepted the motion. Seconded by Vincent Riggins.

Voice Vote: All in favor 33 Opposed 00 Abstention 00

Approval of Minutes:

Keron Alleyne accepted the motion to approve Decembers' minutes, seconded by Manuel Burgos.

Voice Vote: All in favor 33 Opposed 00 Abstention 00

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Land Use

Committee Chair, Viola Plummer reported that Community Counseling and Mediation (CCM) came before the committee on January 23, 2017, seeking a letter of support for a variance of the current zoning to develop senior housing located at 485-515 Van Sinderen Ave, which is partially located in the East Brooklyn Industrial Business Zone. President and CEO of CCM, Emory Brooks gave a brief presentation on the proposed development project. Mr. Brooks explained that the project includes 139 units with long-term affordability, an on-site urban farm component, and economic opportunities for employment and small business in the community. He also spoke about the land currently falls in the Industrial Business Zone, and that a rezoning would be necessary to allow for residential units to be built on the property. CCM purchased the land two years ago.

Questions from the Board Members were addressed:

Mr. Brooks' responses – 70% of the units will be set aside for low income applicants with an average income of \$39,000 annually. 30% of the units will be allocated to applicants who are deemed homeless with no income.

Mrs. Plummer – informed everyone that the Land Use committee inquired about the following during their meeting – selected management company for the site; the general contractor; and also could there be an advisory board established. There was an agreement to an advisory board upon approval of the project and the General Contractor and management companies information would be submitted to the board.

The motion was made to accept the recommendation for a letter of support to Community Counseling and Mediation for the proposed development of Jean's Place – Senior housing at

485-515 Van Sinderen Avenue. Motion accepted Board Member Riggins and seconded by Board Member Bright.

Voice Vote: All in favor 33 Opposed 00 Abstention 00

Social Services Committee

Committee Chair Colette Pean stated they met January 11, 2017 and a presentation was made by Services for the Underserved (SUS), seeking a letter of support to establish a Respite Site at 2645 Linden Boulevard. The site would provide services for 4 individuals with developmental disabilities who would reside on the ground floor for short-term stays. Certified and trained staff will provide medical assistance, life-skills training, and other resources to encourage independent living. The committee recommended a letter of approval for the respite site at 2645 Linden Boulevard for Services for the Underserved. A motion was made to approve the recommendation. Motion accepted by Board Member Riggins and seconded by Board Member Lowman.

Voice Vote: All in favor 33 Opposed 00 Abstention 00

Parks Committee

Committee Chair, Salema Davis stated that the committee met with the Brooklyn Parks Commissioner Marty Maher on January 5, 2017. The Parks Department gave a presentation on the proposed renovations for Public Place Mall located at Elderts Lane and Liberty Avenue. A copy of the presentation is available at the District Office. The committee recommended a letter of support for the renovation project of Public Place Mall. A motion was made to accept the recommendation. Motion accepted by Board Member Burgos and seconded by Board Member Harley.

Voice Vote: All in favor 33 Opposed 00 Abstention 01

The 2nd project recommended for support out of committee, was for the proposed renovations of the track and field at Linden Park (Sonny Carson Park) which included lowering the gates that are adjacent to Gershwin Junior High School. The committee agreed to the proposed renovations with the stipulation that the gates will not be lowered beyond 6 to 7 feet. The committee recommended a letter of support for the upgrades and renovations at Linden Park. A motion was made to accept the recommendation. Motion was accepted by Board Member Dunn-Holloway and seconded by Board Member Feliciano

Chawana Dunn-Halloway accepted the motion, second by Miguel Feliciano.

Voice Vote: All in Favor 33 Opposed 00 Abstentions 01

Education Committee

Committee Chair, Jessica Franco reported only 12% of our students are proficient in math and 23% in reading. Which means that 77% are not performing at grade level therefore we have to make the drastic changes to improve it. The committee is looking to awaken the parents and the community by building relationships with the Superintendents and PTA's etc. She stated that parents must become involved with the children's education at school and at home. She closed by stating that they are looking to host a summit which they will be discussing at the next Education Committee meeting, February 9. At 404 Pine St.

Communications Committee

Kieron Alleyne - Stated he hopes that this will be his last time reporting on behalf of the Communications Committee without having a Chair of the committee in place. This is his call to the membership of the Community Board to extend your time, if you have it available, to fill the position of Chair of the Communications Committee. The vision has been for CB5 to be a hub for information to the community. So far we have done an excellent job, but we're not functioning at full capacity. These meetings are full now because of the community outreach days that press the flesh of our fellow neighbors, but we need to be better. We need this position filled, so that our efforts may work at full capacity. He hopes that one of you by the next meeting will step up and continue to push us in the right direction.

District Manager Report

Melinda Perkins announced that we have received the FY18 Community District Needs and Budget Requests Reports from the NYC Department of City Planning. A copy is available at the District Office. Along with the capital budget reports for districts from the Office of Budget and Management. She stated that the reports are lengthy and she encouraged Board Members to please contact the office for detailed reports for CB5 and citywide. The City Planning full report and summarized OMB statements were included in Board Members' folders.

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

Board Member Manuel Burgos reported that seven to eight months ago several people (including him) spoke with the City regarding the Dinsmore & Chestnut project, and the bonus category for local nonprofit partnerships. However, it was not included at the recent proposal conference. He witnessed that at the conference there were large non-profits that were not from the community. These non-profits have done work in the community but they were not from the community. He asked if the Board could send a letter to HPD asking what happened because it was clearly promised to us, and demand they issue an addendum with the bonus category.

Treasurer Albert Scott spoke about the project across from the Dinsmore-Chestnut Street project – the Phipps Development project on the old Chloe Foods site. He explained that they are proposing to build one thousand units of housing but have displayed they are not community partners. To date, Phipps has not been forthcoming with their financials or updates on how the project is progressing and ways that they are willing to work with the community for local employment and sub-contracting opportunities. He asked that the Board request an audit of the site. He further stated that with all the new developments going up, we are going to see a lot of new restaurants and we need to review how liquor licenses are being issued because a new establishment just opened up on Flatlands Ave right next to school where alcohol is being served.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Florentino accepted the motion to adjourn; it was seconded by Board Member Colon.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40PM.