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Honorable Eric L. Adams  
Brooklyn Borough President

Andre T. Mitchell, Chairman



Melinda Perkins, District Manager

**General Board Meeting**  
**June 28, 2017**  
**P.S 13- Roberto Clemente School**

**BOARD MEMBERS - PRESENT**

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| 1. Abdul Sattar       | 13. Jose Rosado         | 24. Sadiq Abdul         |
| 2. Andrew T. Mitchell | 14. Joshua Barker       | 25. Salema Davis        |
| 3. Albert Scott       | 15. Joyce Scott Brayboy | 26. Sharese Buite       |
| 4. Alice Lowman       | 16. Kenneth Watson      | 27. Syed Kasru          |
| 5. Andrew Walcott     | 17. Manuel Burgos       | 28. Vincent Riggins     |
| 6. Angus Fischer      | 18. Marie Harley        | 29. Viola Plummer       |
| 7. C. Dunn-Halloway   | 19. Miguel Feliciano    | 30. Vivian Bright       |
| 8. Bishop Madonando   | 20. Nikki Lucas         | 31. Wilfredo Florentino |
| 9. Hazel Worley       | 21. Oral Brady          | 32. Williams Wilkins    |
| 10. Helen S. Jarrett  | 22. Paul Muhammad       |                         |
| 11. James Peterson    | 23. Rosalyn McIntosh    |                         |
| 12. Jessica Franco    |                         |                         |

**BOARD MEMBERS - ABSENT**

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| 1. Alberto Ramos     | 8. Henry Colon     |
| 2. Coltonford Mattis | 9. Jahangir Kabir  |
| 3. Damian Pitts      | 10. Jason Andrew   |
| 4. D'Angelo Issac    | 11. John Whitehead |
| 5. Dennis Camacho    | 12. Misba Abdin    |
| 6. Dennis Taylor     | 13. Sharon Brown   |
| 7. Emma Jenkins      | 14. Jessica Bailey |

**BOARD MEMBERS - EXCUSED**

1. Kele Nkhereanye
2. Charles Bullock
3. Colette Pean

**Total Board Members: 49**

**District Office Staff Present:**

Melinda Perkins, District Manager  
Jahayra Richardson, Community Associate  
Keron Alleyne, Community Coordinator



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**OPENING**

Board Chairman Andre T. Mitchell called the general meeting of Community Board #5 to order at 6:50PM. He thanked P.S. 13 for the use of their auditorium. The Chairman indicated that he would begin by allowing for public discussion; he asked Recording Secretary Rosalyn McIntosh to call the public speakers from the list.

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS**

*Community Member Nadine Greg* – shared some concerns regarding tractor-trailer congestions on Van Siclen and Flattlands Avenues.

*ICL & CHN* – announced that ICL will bring a new program to 2581 Atlantic Ave and it is going to be an intergraded hub. They will provide medical and health services. Regional Director of CHN Marlene Ford, mentioned that they would be collaborating with ICL to provide primary healthcare services to the community. She closed by stating they are looking to set up a Community Health Advisory Council, and would like help from the Community Board to understand the services that are needed in the district.

*FDNY Sandra Sanchez* – invited everyone to their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual block party, July 15 at 480 Sheffield Ave. This is the first time the block party was held in CB5. She also announced, if anyone is interested in receiving free CPR training please reach out to her at 718-999-0827.

*Civilian Complaint Review Board, Yajaira Sanchez* – announced they are hosting a Public meeting July 12 at P.S 323 to address the topic of police misconduct. Mrs. Sanchez stated that CCRB is a city agency that is independent of NYPD and she clarified the four categories that fall under their jurisdiction.

*ENVY Youth Market, Cory Wilkins* – The youth market will return to Cypress Hills on July 19th, on Richmond & Fulton. They will be accepting EBT and Coupon payments. For every \$5 spent on EBT, you get back \$2 in coupons. They will also have a compost program.

*Paul Mohammad* – shared some concerns about the rezoning. He expressed that Emblem health also came into the community and did not provide or discuss any employment opportunities for the community. He said the fight is not over.

*Neighborhood 360° Fellows, Jason Jitter* – Explained that they help community-based organizations complete commercial revitalization projects and connect local stakeholders to city resources. The fellows are paid by the NYC Department of Small Business Services (SBS) and are full-time community development professionals, community organizers, or planners. Mr. Jitter stated that they aim to build a network of leaders prepared with commercial revitalization expertise and experience in New York City neighborhoods.

*Jessica Franco* – Thanked everyone for their participation in the Education Summit that took place at Linden Park. She stressed the importance of education for employment and everything else in life. She acknowledges Oral Brady as Teacher of the Year, I.S 292 was acknowledged as School of the year, Mrs. Hagar as Principal of the year and the Allen parents as parents of the year. The Education Committee awarded them all.

*Vincent Riggins- Brite Leadership* – stated that he and his organization has been around for over 30 years advocating for the fight against police brutality against Black and Brown People. He thanked Councilmember Inez Barron for allocating the money to brighten up Linden Park.

*Sisters Build Sisters- Rosalyn McIntosh* – invited everyone to a Big Hats & Tea event at Success Garden on July 29, from 1:00pm – 5:00pm.

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**ELECTED OFFICIAL REPORTS**

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

NYC Council Member Inez Barron-42nd Council District  
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 NYC Assembly Charles Barron- 60<sup>th</sup> .....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* – expressed that we are continuing to move up and do better. She informed everyone that the money Parks invested on the Tennis Court in Sonny Carson Park was more they have ever invested in the any other park in the U.S. She mentioned she has put, \$12 Million into Parks, as well as funding for the new Prince Joshua Avitto Community Center that is coming soon and other capital projects throughout the district. The Council Member stated that it takes all of us to make a community that is vibrant. Our schools need help because DOE is not doing their job getting funds into our schools and directly to our classrooms. The Council Member also explained that she her office meets with principals to find out directly what the needs are in their schools. She closed by stating that she opposes Mayoral Control – and that no one person should have control over one million children, with a system that has no elected parents representing the Children. She stated that is committed to doing the work for this community.

*Honorable Judge Caroline Walker* – thanked for their support and wanted everyone to understand that she unfortunately will not be able to attend every event that she is invited to but she will continue to uphold and protect our community through her work. She invited all educators to bring their students to her courtroom to observe the process and learn. Judge Walker closed out by stating that she sees a lot of young people come through her courtroom and far too often, they have been involved with the wrong crowd. She urged that parents continue to watch out for the company that your children keep.

*Acting Brooklyn District Attorney – Eric Gonzalez's Office, Frangell Basora* – announced that their office is looking to collaborate with community-based organizations for a youth developed crime prevention program. The program will operate in various neighborhoods throughout the borough. The goal is to minimize criminal involvement in the youth.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Jessica Franco accepted the motion to approve June's Agenda, second by Vincent Riggins.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Vivian Bright accepted the motion to approve June's minutes. Second by Saddiq Abdul.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**LAND USE**

Viola Plummer stated that the committee met with City Planning and they presented on the Self-Storage Text Amendment for self-storage units in the IBZ. They stated that the furtherance of storage facilities in IBZ districts lessen employment opportunities and prohibit long-term growth, development and goals of the IBZ zones. The self-storage companies only provide an average of 5 to 6 jobs, which is adverse to employment growth in IBZ areas; where manufacturing companies and others can provide greater amounts of employment. The committee agreed with City Planning's presentation with amendments to the application to afford changes and boundaries. The Committee also stated that they would add the following amendments: an increase in boundaries for all storage facilities to allow for greater distances between the structures; and that there be transparency for commercial usage in the units.

Board Member Peterson asked for clarity on the distance. Viola Plummer stated that exact distance was not currently stated but that they stressed to City Planning that it be measured and reported back

Motion to accept Land Use committee's recommendations with amendments was accepted by Miguel Feliciano and seconded by Alice Lowman.

**Voice Vote: All in favor 32 Opposed 00 Abstention 00**  
**Motion Passed**

Viola Plummer stated the committee revisited concerns and questions that were raised during the January committee meeting surrounding a presentation done by Radson Development on the Linden Boulevard project (Linden Terrace Project). They discussed lighting cast on surrounding developments with lower heights, Spring Creek Gardens, Emerald Green, Amber St and Linden Blvd housing units; access for children to local day care facility; and parking to be included in the development, to the minimum allowable amounts for the project. Chair Plummer explained that all concerns were met with Radson in their return to the Land Use Committee, and therefore the Committee voted unanimously in support of the project. They made a recommendation for the Board to vote in favor of the Radson Development Project for Linden Terrace.

Motion accepted by James Peterson and seconded by Vivian Bright.

**Voice Vote: All in favor 32 Opposed 00 Abstention 00**  
**Motion passed**

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Wilfredo Florentino announced the committee reviewed the proposed CB5 Street Co-Naming Procedures, at the May meeting. The District Office provided assistance in the research and also made minor amendments as requested by the committee. The Committee voted unanimously in support of the new street co-naming procedures for Community Board 5 and made a motion for the Board to accept the recommendation.

Motion accepted by Saddiq Abdul and seconded by Alice Lowman.

**Voice Vote: All in favor 32 Opposed 00 Abstention 00**  
**Motion Passed**

**DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT**

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

**BOARD CHAIRMAN REPORT**

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:45PM.