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Andre T. Mitchell, Chairman



Melinda Perkins, District Manager

General Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, March 22, 2016

6:30PM

North Brooklyn YMCA – 570 Jamaica Ave

March 22, 2017

Welcome

Community Updates & Announcements

- NYC Department of Transportation – Bike Network Expansion for ENY

Regular Board Meeting

- Call to order/Roll Call (*Opening of meeting*)
- Approval of March 22, 2016 Agenda
- Approval Of February's Minutes
- Committee Reports
- District Manager's Report
- Board Chairman's Report
- Old Business
- New Business
- Adjournment



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BOARD MEMBERS - PRESENT

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| 1. Abdul, Saddiq | 12. Abdin, Misba |
| 2. Colon, Henry | 13. Barker, Joshua |
| 3. Davis, Salema | 14. Dunn, Chawana |
| 4. Fischer, Angus | 15. Feliciano, Miguel |
| 5. Franco, Jessica | 16. Lucas, Nikki |
| 6. Kabir, Jahangir | 17. Mitchell, Andre |
| 7. Lowman, Alice | 18. Pean, Colette |
| 8. McIntosh, Rosalyn | 19. Peterson, James |
| 9. Riggins, Vincent | 20. Plummer, Viola |
| 10. Scott, Albert | 21. Watson, Kenneth |
| 11. Scott-Brayboy, Joyce | |

BOARD MEMBERS – ABSENT

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| 1. Bright, Vivian | 10. Alleyne, Keron |
| 2. Isaac, D'Angelo | 11. Brady, Oral |
| 3. Jenkins, Emma | 12. Brown, Sharon |
| 4. Kasru, Syed | 13. Bullock, Charles |
| 5. Maldonado, Bishop David | 14. Davila, Dolores |
| 6. Ramos, Alberto | 15. Harley, Marie |
| 7. Walcott, Andrew | 16. Modeste, Ronald |
| 8. Whitehead, John | 17. Muhammad, Paul |
| 9. Wilkins, William | 18. Oliver, Shirley |

BOARD MEMBERS – EXCUSED

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| 1. Burgos, Manuel |
| 2. Camacho, Dennis |
| 3. Florentino, Wilfredo |
| 4. Nkhereanye, Kele |
| 5. Rosado, Jose |
| 6. Taylor, Dennis |
| 7. Worley, Hazel |

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 6:50PM and thanked the North Brooklyn Y.M.C.A for the usage of their gymnasium. He indicated that he would begin by allowing for public discussion first and asked Recording Secretary Rosalyn McIntosh to call the public speakers from the list.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Norte Maar – Invited everyone to the Bewilder Art Exhibit, on March 25th, 4:00pm-6:00pm at 88 Pine Street. He also announced that they are providing free art classes for children on Saturdays at the Arlington Library – located at 203 Arlington Ave. For more information call 646-361-8512.

North Brooklyn Y.M.C.A announced the Diabetes Prevention Program that they offer every Thursday. It is a 6 weeks program. For more information call 917-843-7289.

Jessica Franco announced the education summit will be held on June 24th, 2017. She also mentioned there is a “What does Education Mean to You?” essay contest for children in grades K-12. *Essay applications are available at the District office for those interested.*

East New York Restoration LDC - Colette Pean announced a Book Fair at New Lots Library on April 1st from 12 to 2pm featuring author Javaka Steptoe who will doing an interactive book reading and arts and crafts workshop. The New Lots Library is located at 665 New Lots Avenue. For more information contact: 718-649-9495

Menelek Wuller A six year old member of the community addressed the full board and community members to encourage them to start their own businesses.

Coalition of Home Owners - Heather-Sky McField informed the public they are fighting for rights on taxes, Airbnb issues, and housing court issues. She indicated that they have started a petition for housing court because there is currently a disparity with how Home owners are being treated. For more information call 718-450-1803.

Board Chairman thanked all public members for coming forth and voicing their concerns.

ELECTED OFFICIAL REPORTS

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

NYC Senator Martin Malave- Dilan 18th Senatorial District.....rep Hugo Espinal
 NYC Council Member Inez Barron-42nd Council District.....rep Joy Simmons, Anita Fischer
 NYC Council Member Rafael Espinal- 37th Council District..... rep Maria Matos
 NY Mayor Bill Debase.....rep Tahirah A. Moore
 Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams..... rep Anthony Drummond
 Acting Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez..... rep Frangell Basora
 Public Advocate Letitia James.....rep Darryl White

Council Member Inez Barron, *rep Joy Simmons* gave a few updates: Dr. Betty Shabazz Clinic located on Blake Ave is now being remodeled into a state-of-the-art facility. A ‘Know your rights’ clinic will be conducted on April 13th, at the New Lots Library – 665 New Lots Avenue. She further mentioned that the Council Member’s office met with the Dept. of Education to assure that water filters will be installed in all drinking fountains within schools.

Public Advocate Letitia James, *rep Darryl White* invited everyone to “Talk to Tish” session to discuss issues/concerns in Bushwick and Cypress Hills on March 31st, 2017 at the North Brooklyn Y.M.C.A - 570 Jamaica Avenue.

Council Member Rafael Espinal, *rep Maria Matos* announced there is an immigration attorney at the office every Monday, 10:00am – 4:00pm; Housing attorney every Wednesday 10:00am – 12:00 and that all services are free of charge but an appointment is needed. For more information call 718-642-8664.

Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams, *rep Anthony Drummond* gave a few updates: Free tax services are still available at the BP’s office until April 13th. In celebration of Women’s History month, a group of workshops tailored to educate, engage and empower women will be held on March 30th, 2017 at Borough Hall - 209 Joralemon Street.

Dept. of Transportation

Nathan Albert announced the safety improvements on Linden Blvd would commence this month, along with Conduit Blvd. There was also a presentation provided on the East New York safety improvements and Bike Expansion network. The update presentation included:

- Timeline from June 2011 to 2016.
- Phase I results- Bike Network Growth and Safety.
- Phase II- Timeline from Fall 2016 – Summer 2017. Community Engagement.
- Potential short term project

A Copy of the presentation is available at the District Office

Colette Pean expressed the bike lanes did not serve the community members of East New York but were little used passageways for people outside the neighborhood. The money spent on bike lanes should be spent on repairing the terrible pothole issues and other DOT related concerns throughout the district, because that is what the community has asked for. We are tax payers and should have a say where the money from our community is spent in our community - this is within the DOT mandate to fix potholes with capital money rather than build bike lanes with capital money.

Approval of Agenda

No quorum.

Approval of Minutes

No quorum.

Committee Report

Communications Committee - *Chair Saddiq Abdul* announced the current website will not be accessible for a few days, so for any updates call the District Office. *A copy of the Communication's Committee report is available at the District Office.*

Parks Committee - *Chair Salema Davis* invited everyone to the Parks Committee Meeting where they are going to discuss the wildlife preservation at Highland Park. They would like to hear feedback from community members. The Parks Committee meeting is every first Thursday, 6:00pm at 404 Pine St.

Education Committee - *Jessica Franco* gave an update on the topics discussed at the last Education Committee meeting, including a Public hearing they voted on for May 4, 2017. *A copy of the Education committee report is available at the District Office.*

District Manager Report- *District Manager Melinda Perkins* announced the first District Level Emergency Outreach conference call was held on March 14th, to address response plans and needs of the district for the storm/blizzard that hit the city. Council Member Inez Barron's office was present on the call, as well as a number of city agencies who provided key information for district operations. Mrs. Perkins also spoke about the success of the second public meeting for the new school at the Dinsmore-Chestnut site, which was held on March 7th. In addition to the School Construction Authority being attendance, City Planning, HPD, and DOT were there to answer questions specific to their agencies in relation to the site. Council Member Rafael Espinal also provided information and assured everyone that his office would continue to monitor the process.

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 to the District Office.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:45PM.