

**Community Board No. 8  
Hope City Empowerment Center  
650 Washington Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11238**

**October 13, 2011**

**Members Present**

Kim Albert  
Akosua Albritton  
Glinda Andrews  
Desmond Atkins  
Princess Benn-James  
Viola Bing  
Gail Branch-Muhammad  
Dr. Flize Bryan  
James Ellis  
Diana Foster  
Ede Fox  
Fred Frazier  
Nizjoni Granville  
Curtis Harris  
Xeerxeema Jordan  
Shalawn Langhorne  
Marie Louis  
Priscilla Maddox  
Robert Matthews  
Kwasi Mansah  
Adelaide Miller  
Dr. Fred Monderson  
Atim Oton  
Alton Pierce  
Angelina Pinto  
Robert Puca  
Mary Reed  
Cy Richardson  
Patricia Scantlebury  
Stacey Sheffey  
Meredith Staton  
Audrey Taitt-Hall  
Ethel Tyus  
Yves Vilus  
Robert Witherwax  
Deborah Young  
Vilma Zuniga

**Members Absent**

LeeAnn Banks  
Samantha Bernadine  
Julia Boyd  
Helen Coley  
Renaye Cuyler  
Doris Heriveaux  
Marlene Saunders  
Launa Thomas-Bullock  
Gregory Todd  
Sharon Wedderburn

**Agency Reps. Present**

Sam Pierre, Office of the Mayor  
Officer Pierre-Louis, Comm. Affairs, 77<sup>th</sup> Precinct  
Lieutenant Agate, 77<sup>th</sup> Precinct  
Andrea Phillips-Merriman, BNIA  
Ronda Messer, NYC Dept. of Transportation  
Kate Mikulick, NYC Dept. of Transportation  
Andy Inglesby, NYC Transit  
Ray Wong, NYC Transit  
Deborah Hyman, NYC Transit  
Eric Beaton, DOT  
Theodore Orosz, DOT

**Elected Official's Representatives**

Carl Luciano, Councilmember Mealy's Office  
Jim Vogel, Senator Montgomery's Office  
Simone Hawkins, Councilmember James's Office  
G. Davis Elliot, Councilmember James's Office  
Jervonne Singletary, Councilmember Camara's Office  
Jesse Hamilton, Senator Adams's Office

**CB Staff Present**

Michelle George, District Manager  
Julia Neale, Community Associate  
Valerie Hodges-Mitchell, Comm. Service Aide

The regular meeting of Community Board No. 8 was called to order by Ms. Granville, Chairperson, at 7:10 PM

**Acceptance of Minutes** – The minutes of the last Community Board meeting were accepted as written.

**Correspondence** – CB 8 newsletter and other material were distributed.

Ms. Granville asked Mr. Bradley Backus, Executive Director of Hope City Empowerment Center, to say a words and give a brief update on the services provided by Hope City.

**Hope City Empowerment Center** – Mr. Bradley Backus

Mr. Backus welcomed everyone to Hope City Empowerment Center on behalf of its Board of Directors. Hope City, he explained, is a 501c3 organizations that has been able to provide 10,970 meals to over 500 families in Bed Stuy, Prospect Heights, and Crown Heights. There is a soup kitchen and food pantry available for families in need. Hope City is affiliated with Beulah Church of the Nazarene, another pillar of the community. He also stated that space is available for community use, and if you have a desire to utilize it, contact him at 718.857.5698.

Ms. Granville thanked Mr. Backus for his welcome address and asked for a report on the Franklin Avenue Shuttle repairs.

**MTA NYC Transit** – Mr. Andy Inglesby, Mr. Ray Wong, and Ms. Deborah Hyman

Mr. Inglesby announced that the Franklin Avenue Shuttle will be undergoing track settlement remediation under project number C-34796 beginning next year. The Franklin Avenue Shuttle extends from Prospect Park Station located at the intersection of Flatbush Avenue and Empire Boulevard to the Franklin Avenue Station near the intersection of Franklin Avenue and Atlantic Avenue. This project will remove poor quality cellular concrete filling and replace it with light weight concrete. Work will also include the removal and installation of tracks, ties and ballast. The signal cables and wayside equipment will be protected by sheeting. Some of the track segments will not be remediated, however they will have ballast added and tamping. The following track segments to be remediated include:

- 150 feet within Prospect Place bridge and St. Marks Ave. bridge
- 250 feet within St. Marks Ave. bridge and Bergen Street bridge
- 190 feet within Bergen Street bridge and Dean Street bridge
- 180 feet within Dean Street bridge and Pacific Street bridge
- 240 within Atlantic Ave. bridge and Lefferts Place bridge

Ms. Hyman, Design Manager for the project, stated that in 1999, the FAS underwent a full rehabilitation along all 4 stations of the shuttle. Since then, 3 areas have become overstressed and need maintenance work. The work will be completed over 14 months with the least amount of impact on commuters.

During the time that track repair will be completed, there will be periods when the shuttle will not be running. There will be a shuttle bus that runs along the shuttle's route to pick up passengers along the skipped portion of the route. The stops along the shuttle bus' route will

mimic as closely as possible those along the actual route of the shuttle. Signs will be posted alerting commuters to the route changes and shuttle buses.

Ms. Maddox asked how commuters will be able to differentiate between the regular bus that operates along Franklin Avenue and the shuttle bus. She was informed that the shuttle bus will be clearly indicated. Ms. Sheffey asked how the shuttle bus would affect parking and if there would be a bus standing area. She was informed that those specifications would be worked out at a later date.

Mr. Atkins asked if MTA NYC Transit would be staging heavy duty equipment and material near the rehabilitation site, and how the staging would affect residents. He was informed that the staging area would not close the street but could possibly eliminate a parking lane. The staging area will be phased.

Mr. Staton asked if MTA NYC Transit would be upgrading the electrical components of the FAS as well during this time. He was informed that no electrical work is needed at this time.

Dr. Monderson asked if there had been any threat of derailment because of the track deficiencies. He was informed that there had not been because of the temporary fixes performed. This job is a permanent fix for the problems. He also asked if there was going to be any station rehabilitations performed. He was informed that it is not within the rehabilitation 5 year plan. This is only a track maintenance project.

Ms. Oton asked what the plans are for informing the general public of the changes and was informed that notices will be placed in every affected station and there will also be staff members at each station to direct riders to the shuttle bus. Announcements will also be made at connecting stations.

Ms. Granville thanked the presenters for the information and asked for a presentation on Select Bus Service (SBS) for Nostrand and Rogers Avenues.

**NYC Dept. of Transportation** – Mr. Eric Beaton and Mr. Theodore Orosz

Mr. Beaton and Mr. Orosz showed the Board a Power Point presentation on Select Bus Service (SBS). SBS will replace regular southbound service on the B44 bus route along Nostrand Avenue. The northbound limited B44 will operate along Rogers Avenue and the northbound local B44 will continue to operate along New York Avenue.

SBS entails the following: Bus lanes where it makes sense, signal priority at traffic lights, and fare prepayment to speed boarding of buses. Prepayment will occur at a kiosk in the bus stop. Transfers for SBS prepayment will work the same as if you swiped your metrocard on the bus. The only difference is that you swipe your card at the kiosk and receive a receipt to present when requested. Occasionally, bus monitors will check to make sure that riders have their ticket indicating that they have prepaid at the kiosk to board the bus legally. There will be a \$100 fine for fare evasion. In the beginning of the process, however, bus monitors will show leniency as people learn the system and get accustomed to it. Each bus will have three doors for entry and exit.

The left most lane of traffic on Nostrand Avenue will be a moving lane at certain points of the day in certain areas. Other times, it is a bus only lane. This will help keep traffic moving and the

bus operating smoothly. On the right side of the street, there may be truck loading zones. At certain points, the bus loading zone will cause an extension of the curb into the street.

Mr. Harris asked if the fare boxes will be wheelchair accessible and he was informed that they would be. Ms. Muhammad asked if DOT had reached out to schools to instruct students on what they could expect with the new system. She presented the potential for students to encounter problems. She was informed that the purpose of SBS is to make the bus line operate smoother and quicker. A brochure has been submitted to schools describing how the system works. In addition, for the first few weeks, there will be people at major stops explaining how the system works and what people could expect.

Ms. Granville thanked Mr. Beaton and Mr. Orosz for their presentation and asked for a report from the following committees:

**Aging/Health & Human Services** – Ms. Marlene Saunders, Chair; Dr. Flize Bryan, Co-Chair

The Aging/Health & Human Services Committee met on Monday, October 3, 2011 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation but did not have a report. The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 7, 2011 at 6:30 PM at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation, located at 727 Classon Avenue. All are invited to attend.

**Economic Development** – Ms. Priscilla Maddox, Chair; Ms. Atim Oton, Co-Chair

The Economic Development Committee met on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at 6:30 PM at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation located at 727 Classon Avenue. The committee discussed the following new applications:

- a.) The Proprietors of Cork & Fork at 659 Vanderbilt Avenue (between Park and Prospect Places) made a favorable presentation for their establishment that is seeking a Beer/Wine License. Cork & Fork will operate Sunday from 10 AM thru 12AM, Monday thru Wednesday from 4pm thru 11 PM, and Thursday thru Saturday from 4 PM thru Midnight. The bar/restaurant will include a total of 30 seats throughout the entire establishment including 8 seats at the bar. The maximum capacity for this location as mandated by the New York City Fire Department is 75. Cork & Fork will employ 6 individuals from the local community including a manager on site. They will obtain one security camera indoor and one outdoors. The Proprietors of Cork & Fork are also the owners of Plan B which is located at 626 Vanderbilt Avenue (between Park and Prospect Places).

Cork & Fork is located on the ground level of a store front occupied by residents above. The proprietors submitted letters of support from business owners, residents and The Prospect Heights Neighborhood Development Council. There were no police objections to their application and the full Board voted to support it with 30 members in favor, 4 opposed with 2 abstentions.

- b.) The proprietors of Pluto's Inc at 730 Classon Avenue (between Prospect and Park Places) made a favorable presentation for their establishment that is seeking a beer/wine license. This tavern/restaurant will operate 7 days a week from 11 AM thru 11 PM and will accommodate a total of 65 seats throughout the entire establishment including 4 seats at

the bar. The maximum capacity as mandated by the New York City Fire Department is 74. Pluto Inc will employ 4 individuals from the local community.

Pluto Inc is located at the ground level of a store front occupied by residents above. Proprietors of Pluto Inc specified that they have owned and been residents in this building for 6 years. It was indicated that there will be live acoustic music once a month with quiet background and recorded music all other days. This establishment will have 3 ply cotton sound attenuation insulation, homosote soundproofing and plywood. Proprietors submitted a substantial amount of letters of support from business owners and residents as well as a petition from neighbors of the immediate area. There were no police objections to this application and the full Board voted to support the application with 35 members in favor, 1 opposed, with no abstentions.

- c.) The proprietor of Shane's Restaurant at 798 Washington Avenue (between Sterling and St. John's Places) made a presentation for his establishment that is seeking a full liquor license. This establishment is an extension of Café Shane located at 794 Washington Avenue (between Sterling and St. John's Places). This bar/restaurant will operate on Sunday from 7 AM thru 9 PM, Monday thru Wednesday from 7 AM thru 10 PM, and Thursday thru Saturday from 7 AM thru 11 PM. There will be a total of 25 seats throughout the entire establishment including 8 seats at the bar. The maximum capacity as mandated by the New York City Fire Department is 70. Shane's Restaurant will hire 6 individuals from the local community.

Shane's Restaurant is located on the ground level of a store front occupied by residents above. The proprietor specified that he will have sound proofing installation foam and a soundproof board. This establishment will comprise hi-tech surveillance cameras and a security system. Shane's Restaurant is in compliance with both the 200 ft and 500 ft rule. There were no police objections to this application. The proprietor submitted 4 letters of support; however, the Board requires that the applicant submit 5 letters of support. The committee voted in support of this application contingent upon the owner/proprietor submitting an additional letter of support to the full Board. The full Board voted to support the application with 35 members in favor, 2 opposed, with no abstentions.

- d.) The proprietors of 791 Washington Avenue (currently Teddy's) (between Lincoln and St. John's Places) made a presentation for their establishment that is seeking a full liquor license. This bar/restaurant will serve Italian food and operate 7 days a week from 11 AM thru 11 PM. There will be a stereo playing music from an ipod. Teddy's will seat 45 indoor, 40 outdoor. The maximum capacity as mandated by the New York City Fire Department for this location is 75. There were concerns raised about Teddy's exceeding the maximum capacity mandated for this location. These proprietors are the current owners of Al Di La Trattoria located at 248 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue (between 5<sup>th</sup> Ave and Carroll Street).

This establishment is located on the ground level of a store front occupied by residents above. Teddy's will hire 10 – 15 individuals from the local community. There will be security cameras and window gates. This establishment is in compliance with the 200ft and 500ft rule. The committee voted in support of this application provided that the proprietor limits the amount of seating to 75 or less. The owner clarified that there would be 36 seats indoors and 38 outdoors, making it compliant with the 75 person maximum.

Subsequently, the full Board voted to support the application with 34 members in favor, 3 opposed, with no abstentions.

- e.) The Proprietor of M. Helen's Kitchen & Bar at 636 Carlton Avenue (between Carlton and Flatbush Avenues) made a presentation before the Economic Development Committee for his establishment that is seeking a full liquor license. This bar/restaurant will operate 7 days a week from 8AM thru 11 PM and accommodate 30 seats throughout the entire establishment including 6 seats at the bar. The maximum capacity for this location as mandated by the New York City Fire Department is 49. M. Helen's Kitchen & Bar will employ 12 individuals from the local community including security. Other security measures will include management and staff as well as three 24hr security cameras indoors and outdoors. The proprietors of M. Helen's Kitchen & Bar are also the owners of Burrito Bar & Kitchen which is located at 307 Flatbush Avenue (corner of Prospect Place).

M. Helens Kitchen & Bar is located on the ground level of a store front occupied by residents above. There will be a soundproof board in the ceiling of this building. The proprietors have not submitted any letters of support to the Committee and agreed to bring all letters of support to the full Board meeting. This establishment is in compliance with the 200 ft rule. There were no police objections to this application. One committee member expressed concerns of M. Helen's Kitchen & Bar adhering to the 500 ft rule. After careful analysis and deliberation the committee voted to support this application contingent upon the owner/proprietor submitting 5 letters of support to the full Board and submitting proof of compliance of the 500 ft rule. While the committee supported the application, the full Board tabled the item pending clarification of whether or not it was in compliance with the 500 foot rule. It will be discussed again at the November 8, 2011 Economic Development Committee meeting and voted on at the full Board meeting on November 10, 2011.

In addition, the committee also discussed the renewal application for Zaytoons, located at 594 Vanderbilt Avenue (corner St. Marks Avenue). The proprietors stated that there are no operational changes to their establishment. There were no police complaints regarding Zaytoons and the committee voted in support of the renewal application with 15 in favor, 0 opposed, with 2 abstentions. The full Board voted 35 in favor, 2 opposed, with no abstentions.

The following applications were tabled for the next committee meeting:

- a.) Exquisite Inc., located at 710 Nostrand Avenue (corner of Prospect Place). This applicant was not prepared to present before the committee. (New)
- b.) Renewal of Winner's Delight located at 171 Utica Avenue (corner of St. Marks Avenue). This applicant was absent from the committee meeting
- c.) Sidewalk Café renewal application for Barette, located at 601 Vanderbilt Avenue (corner of Bergen Street). This applicant was not prepared to present before the committee.

The next meeting of the Economic Development Committee will be Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at 6:30 PM at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation, located at 727 Classon Avenue. All are invited to attend.

**Education** – Ms. Sharon Wedderburn, Chair; Mr. Kwasi Mensah, Co-Chair

The Education Committee met on Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation but did not have a report. The next two meetings will be held on Wednesday, October 19, 2011 and November 16, 2011 at 7:00PM at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation located at 727 Classon Avenue. All are invited to attend.

**Environment/Sanitation** – Ms. Ede Fox, Chair; Ms. Helen Coley, Co-Chair

The Environment/Sanitation Committee met on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation but did not have a report. The next two meetings will be held on Tuesday, October 19, 2011 and Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation located at 727 Classon Avenue. All are invited to attend.

**Fire/Safety** – Mr. Robert Witherwax, Chair

The Fire/Safety Committee met on Tuesday, October 12, 2011 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation but did not have a report. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at 7:00PM at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation located at 727 Classon Avenue. All are invited to attend.

**Housing/ULURP** – Ms. Nizjoni Granville, Chair; Ms. Ethel Tyus, Co-Chair

The Housing/ULURP Committee met on Thursday, October 6, 2011 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation located at 727 Classon Avenue. The committee discussed the following items:

Mr. John Mulvey, Legislative Director for Councilmember Daniel Halloran (Queens) made a presentation on the proposed bipartisan legislation which is designed to provide Community Boards with meaningful input into the zoning variance process. Zoning variances are required when commercial properties operate outside of proper zoning. From time to time the BSA grants variances despite opposition by the Community Board and the Borough President. Variances typically have five, 10 or 20 year terms. Many property owners allow their variances to expire which means that they are operating illegally and contrary to zoning. However, when a property continues to operate with an expired variance, it denies the local Community Board their right to participate in the variance process by reviewing the application, holding a public hearing, and recommending conditions on the issuance of a new variance.

- A. Int. 650 will require the Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA) to notify property owners six months before their variance expires. This allows the property owner to prepare to timely file for a new variance. If the property owner ignores the notice and continues to operate for six months with an expired variance (i.e., a full year after they received the notice from the BSA), they will be subject to fines. The purpose of the bill is to encourage compliance with existing law.
- B. Int. 651 will allow the Community Board or the Borough Board thirty days to appeal a decision of the BSA to the Council. Presently, the BSA is the final decision maker on zoning variance applications.

The committee voted unanimously to send a letter of support to Councilmember Gail Brewer, Chair of the Council Committee on Governmental Operations. The full Board voted with 35 in favor,

The committee also entertained a request for support for Certificate of Appropriateness to legalize the installation of siding without Landmarks Preservation Commission permits.

106 Brooklyn Ave. is an attached one-family house built in 1877 and altered prior to designation of Phase I of the Crown Heights North Historic District. Owner Wendell Peters appeared to request the Board's support for LPC's issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness for vinyl siding installed in the wake of a fire that occurred after historic district designation. He is in the process of converting the building to a two-family. His insurer assisted in the cost of the repairs needed for damage to the siding caused by the FDNY ladder. Mr. Peters indicated that he was not aware that he needed to request approvals from LPC for work on the building's exterior. He retained a local person he thought was an architect who secured DOB permits only for the interior repairs. Because the aluminum siding in place when the area was designated is no longer available in the market, Mr. Peters was unable to replace the siding with the same material. Outreach to LPC on the matter revealed that had the owner contacted LPC prior to making the repair, LPC would have assisted him in securing grants to return the exterior to the clapboard siding used during the original construction. The Committee discussed the problem of owners proceeding with exterior work in our historic districts without securing the requisite approvals from LPC, and then requesting support from the Community Board to legalize the work done without a permit. The Committee also considered the fact that the building did not appear much different from when the area was designated, and the financial burden on this small home owner of redoing work rejected by LPC.

The full Board voted 35 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions to support sending a support letter regarding the two introductions.

The next meeting of the Housing/ULURP Committee will be held on Thursday, November 3, 2011 at 6:30 PM at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation, located at 727 Classon Avenue. All are invited to attend.

**Parks & Recreation** – Ms. Glinda Andrews, Chair; Ms. Kim Albert, Co-Chair

The Parks & Recreation Committee met on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 at St. John's Recreation Center but did not have a report. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at St. John's Recreation Center located at 1251 Prospect Place. All are invited to attend.

**Police/Public Safety Committee** – Ms. Shalawn Langhorne, Chair

The Police Committee met on Monday, September 19, 2011 at the 77th Precinct at 6:00 PM. In attendance were the following: Xeerxeema Jordan, Willard Hawkins, Dorothy Bembry-Grant, Charles Hickman, Shirley Mondesir, Helen Beidal, Florence Weintraub and Chairperson Shalawn Langhorne.

Ms. Langhorne stated that this was the first meeting of the 2011-2012 year. The meeting opened with paying respect and remembrance to Ms. Dunham, a member that passed away during the summer due to a stroke.

The committee discussed the violence that occurred throughout the summer months and the various organizations working to address and denounce the crime. Save Our Streets (SOS) Crown Heights is a project through the Crown Heights Mediation Center that uses Outreach Workers and Violence Interrupters to go into catchment areas within Crown Heights to try to stop violence from occurring. The staff is comprised of formerly incarcerated and former gang members who are familiar with the street culture and hot spots for violence.

Ms. Langhorne mentioned that Brooklyn Clergy-NYPD Task Force is a coalition of clergy and community members working with Commissioner Kelly and the NYPD to denounce violence through an initiative of a 10 point plan. Some of the projects include Gun Buy Backs, Precinct House Tours, Grandmother's Love Over Violence, Church Block Watch Program reinstating community policing through the churches, and several other projects.

She also stated that Senator Eric Adam's Take Back Our Community (TBOC) is a plan to bring community policing back through captains of block associations and businesses. Residents patrol their blocks and neighborhoods to monitor quality of life issues, inform block residents, task force leaders and precincts.

Community Board 8's police and public safety committee will support these initiatives to help create safer communities and streets. The committee will request a list of block association presidents from the district office, reach out to each block, attend meetings and recruit others to get involved.

There were several community concerns that were brought to the attention of the committee. One major concern was the shootings during the Labor Day Weekend, including seven on the day of the parade. The committee would like to meet with the organizers of the parade to address the safety plan put in place for this annual parade. While the committee does not hold the organizers responsible, if the organizers apply for a special events/parade permit through the board, then the committee however would like to address the safety plan the committee has to accommodate over 1 million people during its festivities.

There was a request for visible police presence around Brower Park, especially on Park Place between Kingston and Albany Avenues. Another request was for Councilmember Albert Vann to allocate funds for lighting in parks; more specifically, near Public School 289.

The next two meetings are as scheduled: October 17, 2011 at 6:00 PM and November 21, 2011 at 6:00PM. Both meetings will be held at the 77<sup>th</sup> Precinct located at 127 Utica Avenue.

### **Transportation** – Dr. Frederick Monderson, Chair

The Transportation Committee met on Tuesday, October 24, 2011 at Haitian American Day Care Center. The committee discussed the Utica Avenue Safety Plan. The chair attended a meeting the District Manager at DOT's office along with Community Board's 9 and 17. The merchant's association requested that DOT survey the commercial strip in an attempt to make it safer.

DOT has committed to conducting a comprehensive study of the Utica Avenue corridor that spans from Crown Heights North and South to East Flatbush. Additional information will be provided at a later date.

The next two meetings will be held on Tuesday, October 25, 2011 at Haitian American Day Care Center located at 1491 Bedford Avenue, and Tuesday, November 22, 2011, 7:00PM at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation located at 727 Classon Avenue. All are invited to attend.

**Youth & Family Services** – Ms. Akosua Albritton, Chair

The Youth & Family Services Committee met on Wednesday, October 5, 2011 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation but did not have a report. The next two meetings will be held Wednesday, November 2, 2011 and Wednesday, December 7, 2011 6:30PM at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation located at 727 Classon Avenue. All are invited to attend.

Ms. Granville thanked the committee chairs for their reports and opened the floor for public comments.

**Mr. Jim Vogel** from Senator Velmanette Montgomery's office informed the Board that the operational plans for the Barclay's Center (Nets arena) will be revealed by December 2011. If you have any concerns regarding the arena project, you should contact your state legislators with them.

**Mr. Carl Luciano** from Councilwoman Darlene Mealy's office announced the Councilwoman's Advisory Board meeting will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2011 from 10 AM to Noon at the councilwoman's office located at 1757 Union Street. He encouraged attendance and participation in the meeting.

**Mr. Jesse Hamilton** from Senator Eric Adams office announced that the Senator is giving out 200 whistles for Take Back Our Community (TBOC) and also to women for safety purposes. The Senator also distributed 300 bookbags with school supplies for returning students. Mr. Hamilton also announced that last month, Senator Adams co-sponsored a widely successful skateboarding event in Brower Park.

The S.A.G. campaign is seeking community support. It is a campaign to get young men to stop wearing their pants sagging in schools. Senator Adams is in the process of reaching out to Brooklyn Community Boards for support.

**Ms. Akosua Albritton** mentioned the Occupy Wall Street campaign and urged people to show support for the protesters by going to Zucotti Park on Wall Street to help protest the Mayor's plan to forcibly end the demonstration on Friday, October 11, 2011. The opportune time to go would be before 7 AM, when parks and police personnel would be attempting to "clean" the venue. Allegedly, cleaning is the guise that the mayor is using to remove the protesters from the park.

**Ms. Emi Wang** of the Citizens Committee for New York City announced "Love Your Block Grant Awards". Love Your Block Grants range from \$500-\$1000 and help with block transformations and beautifications. Support from certain city agencies is given as part of the

grant. The application deadline is November 8, 2011. To download an application, please visit [www.citizensnyc.org/grants/love\\_your\\_block.html](http://www.citizensnyc.org/grants/love_your_block.html). To learn more about the grant, contact Saleen Shah at 212.822.9566 or via email at [sshah@citizensnyc.org](mailto:sshah@citizensnyc.org).

Ms. Granville thanked everyone for their comments and adjourned the meeting at 9:15. The next meeting of Community Board No. 8 will be held on Thursday, November 10, 2011 at 7 PM at the Brooklyn Children's Museum, located at 145 Brooklyn Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. All are encouraged to attend.

### **Guest List**

Sam Frommer  
Emi Wang  
Robert Wissenba  
Kareem Bey  
Lula Staton  
A. Andrews  
Jacob Somers  
Lauren Masseria  
Kathi K.  
Estelle M.  
William Pace  
Molly Bradford  
Laura Keith  
Greg Yerman  
Sharon Davidson  
Carolyn Sanders-James  
Alphonso Kitt  
A. Davis  
Charles Hickmon  
Ahmad S.  
Shirley Mondesir  
D. Reynolds  
Glenda Bryant  
Lawrence Brown  
Betty Davis  
Ralph Poynter  
Romel Viel  
Malcolm McDaniel  
Luther Williams  
Paula P.  
Valerie Nero-Reid  
Robert Palisin