The regular meeting of Community Board 8 was called to order by Ms. Nizjoni Granville, Chairperson, at 7:15 PM. She welcomed everyone to the November meeting and wished all veterans an early Happy Veteran’s Day.
Acceptance of Minutes

Mr. Raji made a motion to accept the October minutes with any necessary corrections. The motion was seconded by Mr. Staton and carried unanimously.

Correspondence

The Community Board 8 newsletter and other information were distributed.

Brooklyn Children’s Museum – Ms. Stephanie Wilchfort, President and CEO

Ms. Wilchfort welcomed everyone to the Brooklyn Children’s Museum and thanked Community Board 8 for holding the meeting at the Museum. She mentioned that the Brooklyn Children’s Museum was the first museum created for children and has maintained its purpose of servicing the community for more than 120 years.

She announced that the museum offers free admission on Thursdays between 2PM and 6PM. She also stated that on Saturday, December 16, 2017 at 10AM, the museum will be opening a new exhibit called “Block Party” which will feature the work and designs of local artists from the community.

Lastly, she mentioned that there will be a Request For Proposal (RFP) regarding the Brooklyn Public Library relocating to the Brooklyn Children Museum. It will be listed by the Brooklyn Public Library. They will be updating the community board as things progress.

Ms. Granville thanked Ms. Wilchfort for hosting CB 8. She reiterated the importance of the community supporting the facility. Ms. Granville asked Ms. Wong from CaringKind to make a presentation.

CaringKind – Ms. Meredith Wong, Manager of Connect2Culture

Ms. Wong stated that CaringKind is an organization which focuses on caregiving for people suffering from Alzheimers and other conditions. She manages Connect2Culture which assists with bridging the gap between NYC cultural institutions and people with dementia and their caregivers through creative programming. Ms. Wong reaches out to cultural institutions like the Brooklyn Public Library, Brooklyn Botanic Gardens, Brooklyn Museum and others to encourage their support and participation in Connect2Culture. This program promotes therapeutic experiences like walking through a park or gallery. Ultimately, this program creates positive experiences between the person suffering from dementia and their caregiver.

Ms. Wong mentioned that on Monday evenings, Connect2Culture holds education meetings regarding dementia. They also offer assistance with Medicaid and a variety of programs such as the Wander Safety Program, Crisis Safety Hotline and others.

For additional information about CaringKind and Connect2Culture, please contact 646-744-2900 or visit www.caringkindnyc.org/connect2culture.

Ms. Granville thanked Ms. Wong for the information and asked for a report from the following committees:

Economic Development – Ms. Atim Oton, Chair

The Economic Development Committee met on Tuesday, November 1, 2017 at the Brooklyn Neighborhood Improvement Association located at 465 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, NY at 6:30PM. In addition to the Chair Ms. Atim Oton, present were: Yahya Raji, and Jonathan Marable.
The committee discussed initiatives for the upcoming year. One of the projects will focus on finding resources to assist with job readiness and training options for community residents. More specifically, the committee will be seeking resource options in 4 different areas of training which include Information Technology/Coding, Real Estate/Construction, Food/Manufacturing, and Healthcare/Bio-Technology.

By providing these resources and bringing awareness to the community about these programs, the committee is aiming to help residents increase their income. Additional training can deem a person more qualified for a higher position which can equate to higher pay.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 6, 2017 at 6:30 PM at BNIA located at 465 Sterling Place (corner of Washington Avenue), Brooklyn. All are invited to attend.

Executive Committee

Mr. Robert Witherwax, 2nd Vice Chair reported that According to the By-Laws Article 8.1(c), two or more Standing Committees may be merged for a specified period of time, not to exceed two years, by resolution of the Board. Such merger may be renewed, modified, or terminated at any time by resolution of the Board.

In light of this, the Executive Committee proposed to merge the Environment/Sanitation Committee with the Transportation Committee to form the Livable Streets Committee. The chair, Ms. Granville has appointed Mr. Robert Witherwax as Chair and Ms. Irsa Weatherspoon, Vice-Chair. Tentatively, the new committee will be called the Livable Streets Committee.

Mr. Stewart asked how the name was chosen for this new committee. Mr. Witherwax responded that the name was given by the District office and that it can be changed at any point in time.

Mr. Ellis made a motion to support the Executive Committee’s recommendation to merge the Environment/Sanitation and Transportation Committees. The motion was seconded by Ms. Langhorne and carried to a final vote of 33 in favor, none opposed, with 2 abstentions.

Health and Human Services – Mr. Kwasi Mensah, Chair

The Health and Human Services Committee met on Monday, November 6, 2017 at the Brooklyn Neighborhood Improvement Association located at 465 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, NY at 6:30PM. In addition to the Chair, Mr. Kwasi Mensah, present were: Audrey Taitt-Hall, Linda Wilson, Tara Yarlagadda, Zara Watkins, and Noah Potter.

The committee discussed initiatives for the new year. The first initiative will encourage community members to learn how to produce and grow their own food through home-based agricultural methods such as planting and gardening.

Another initiative will address mental health and how the community can provide support and assistance to those who are diagnosed with or living with someone who is dealing with mental health issues. Mr. Mensah stated that he attended the Mental Health First Aid Certification Course sponsored by Councilwoman Cumbo on November 2, 2017 in which the topic of suicide was discussed in depth. He encouraged people to be more aware of people who have withdrawn from their daily lifestyles or regular activities because they may be suffering from a mental illness or considering suicide.

The committee is also looking forward to their 3rd Annual Health Fair next year in conjunction with the Parks Committee. The date and location are still being determined.
Lastly Mr. Mensah reminded everyone about the Free Rat Academy Workshop being sponsored by Community Board No. 8, Councilwoman Laurie Cumbo and NYC Department of Health on Thursday, November 16, 2017 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation located at 727 Classon Avenue, Brooklyn, NY from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Attendees will get a chance to learn about safe and effective methods to prevent rodent issues. The first 15 homeowners to RSVP will receive a rodent-resistant garbage can. Please RSVP to ratportal@health.nyc.gov or call 718-467-5620.

The next meeting will be Monday, December 11, 2017 at 6:30 PM at BNIA located at 465 Sterling Place (corner of Washington Avenue), Brooklyn. All are invited to attend.

**Housing** – Ms. Nizjoni Granville, Chairperson

The Housing Committee met on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at Brooklyn Neighborhood Improvement Association located at 465 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, NY at 6:30PM. In addition to the Chair Nizjoni Granville, present were: LeeAnn Banks, Yahya Raji, Greg Todd, Yves Vilus, Xeerxeema Jordan, Michael Cox, Tara Yanagadda, and Micaela Heck. However, no report was submitted. The next Housing Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 6:30 PM at BNIA located at 465 Sterling Place, Brooklyn. All are invited to attend.

**Land Use** – Ms. Ethel Tyus, Chair

The Land Use Committee met on Thursday, November 2, 2017 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation located at 727 Classon Avenue, Brooklyn, NY at 6:30PM. In addition to the Chair Ethel Tyus, present were: Princess Benn-James, Phu Duong, James Ellis, Nizjoni Granville, Crystal Hudson, Adelaide Miller, Katharine Perko, Robert Puca, Stacey Sheffey, Meredith Staton, Greg Todd, Irsa Weatherspoon, Deborah Young, Kate Crassweller, Victor Folletti, Jacqueline Francois, Oz Frankel, G.E. Hall, Michelle Hecoryk, David Hwang, Joey Koss, Wlodek Koss, David Licht, Kyle Ostroff, Frank St. Jacques, and Mideline Zlew.

The committee discussed the following applications:

1. **Application to LPC for Certificate of Appropriation to Install Solar Panels at 586 Bergen Street** *(Prospect Heights Historic District, LPC #SRP 171)*

Oisin Clancy, of Smart Roof, presented plans to install solar panel canopies on the roof and rear façade of 586 Bergen St. Both Mr. Clancy and Trustee Wlodek Koss explained that the goal of the project is to make the house energy efficient. Built in 1910, the building has two floors over a basement story, and consists of two apartments with an overall total of 2160 Square Feet. Several neighbors attended the presentation and complained that the solar panel mock-ups cantilevered off the rear façade at the tops of the parlor and second floor windows show that the panels will be problematic. While the presenters asserted that LPC has visited and said the mock-up is not visible from the street, the neighbors repeated that the mock-up shows the solar panels will detract from alignment of the windows and doors (i.e., fenestration as significant architectural feature) of the building and the adjacent buildings. Mr. Clancy suggested that the rear solar panels will be translucent glass to mitigate any shadows cast.

Mr. Clancy’s presentation included additional components of the project plan, as follows:

- restoration of the front fencing,
- a ramp for wheel chair access,
- rooftop solar panels on a canopy and also lowering the roof deck,
- trash cans recessed into ground of the areaway
• condensers for water heaters in the front area

In line with the three LPC violations (dated 10/10/17 and showing on the DOB website but not discussed during the presentation), the neighbors complained that:

• the front entry door has already been replaced,
• the rear windows have been replaced with larger openings, and
• the solar panels hanging off the rear façade will cast shadows on the neighbors.

On motion made by Ms. Young and seconded by Ms. Sheffey, the Committee voted 10 in favor and three against with one abstention to withhold support for the project. We hope the full Board will support the Committee’s recommendation. The project is scheduled for a hearing at LPC in early December.

Mr. Witherwax asked if the Board will only be addressing the installation of the panels or will they be addressing all of the other work that was mentioned in addition to the solar panel installation. Ms. Tyus clarified that all of the other work that was discussed except the solar panel installation was done without LPC approval. Mr. Witherwax also asked whether the solar panels are being installed in the front or on the rear of the building. The applicant clarified that the panels are being installed on the rear and roof portions of the building.

Mr. Puca encouraged members to vote against the committees’ recommendation because the community should be encouraging the installation of solar panels because it promotes energy efficiency. Mr. Ellis stated that there are other factors being considered when reviewing this particular application like the fact that the design does not coincide with the standard design of buildings that currently exist within the Historical District. Mr. Veconi also added that the design element is inconsistent.

After a brief question and answer period, Mr. Sachs made a motion to accept the committees’ recommendation to withhold support for the project. The motion was seconded by Mr. Staton and carried to a final vote of 28 in favor, 5 opposed with 3 abstentions.

The committee also discussed a ULURP Application #I-80095 ZMK (CEQR #18DCP041K) to Rezone 35 Underhill Avenue from R6B to R6A/C2-4. The Public Hearing vote for this application will be held at the December 14th Community Board general meeting.

The next Land Use Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation located at 727 Classon Avenue, Brooklyn. All are invited to attend.

M-Crown Sub-Committee Update

The Department of City Planning’s Borough Chief, Mr. Von Engel indicated that the agency is currently reviewing the last comments from Community Board 8. They expect to be able to do a full presentation in early 2018. He has asked for an informal “check-in” with project principles in late December.

Parks & Recreation Committee – Ms. Glinda Andrews, Chair

Ms. Andrews announced that the next Parks Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at St. John’s Recreation Center located at 1251 Prospect Place (between Troy and Schenectady Avenues at 6:30PM. All are welcomed to attend.
Public Safety – Ms. Shalawn Langhorne, Chair

The Public Safety Committee met on Monday, October 23, 2017 at the 77th Precinct located at 127 Utica Avenue, Brooklyn, NY at 6PM. Ms. Langhorne announced that the Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) was present and gave the community information about their services. She encouraged the community to come to the Public Safety Committee meetings to discuss any issues related to police, fire, and emergency services.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 27, 2017 at 6 PM at the 77th Precinct located at 127 Utica Avenue (corner of Bergen Street), Brooklyn. All are invited to attend.

Seniors – Ms. Gail Branch-Muhammad, Chair

The Seniors Committee met on Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at David Chavis Apartments located at 230 Kingston Avenue, Brooklyn, NY at 6PM. In addition to the Chair Ms. Gail Branch-Muhammad, present were: Essie Spivey, Xeerxeema Jordan, Frances Langley, Faye Jones, Patricia Washington, Brenda Green, Yvonne Bailey, Mary Hodnett, Edison Stewart, Vilma Zuniga, Crystal Hudson, Ida Golson, Annette Jones, Adelaide Miller, Regina Kinsey, Vashhi Bentinck, Annabelle Boyd, Doreen Turner, Julia Boyd, William Boyd, Andrea Ferris, Glinda Andrews, Elijah Gray, Dennis Brown, Sheryl Vassell, Martin Wade, Patrick Matthews, Hazel Hurley, Perlie Mikell, Calvin Patterson, Gilbert Perrymen, Mary E. Williams, Mabel King, Linda Ragoo, Estelle Rogers, Sheila Ovid, R. Croom, and Magdelena Alfred.

Ms. Charise Lawrence, Director of Brooklyn Community Outreach from the NYC Department for the Aging (DFTA), made a presentation on the services that DFTA offers to seniors and their families. She stated that they provide programming to help seniors age healthy and gracefully. Many of the programs are geared toward minimizing social isolation by encouraging seniors to volunteer. Seniors are able to volunteer through their Volunteer Resource Unit. They can volunteer to participate in an array of services which include educational/tutoring services, health promotions programs, foster grand parenting program, bill paying program, or even assisting school age children. Some of the volunteer opportunities even award a stipend to the seniors who participate.

Ms. Lawrence also mentioned that the agency has case management programs and often partners with numerous non-profit organizations to better assist seniors with their concerns.

The next Seniors Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 6 PM at David Chavis Apartments located at 230 Kingston Avenue, Brooklyn. All are invited to attend.

SLA and Sidewalk Café Review Committee (SLAC) – Mr. James Ellis, Chair; Mr. Robert Witherwax, Vice-Chair

The SLAC Committee met on Monday, November 6, 2017 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation located at 727 Classon Avenue, Brooklyn, NY at 6:30PM. In addition to the Chair Mr. James Ellis, present were: Wayne Bailey, Gail Branch-Muhammad, Cheryl Brown, Dian Duke, Fred Frazier, Jamie Hardt, Oliver Hardt, Atim Oton, Brian Saunders, Stacey Sheffey, Meredith Staton, Mark Thurton, Gib Veconi, Irsa Weatherspoon, Robert Witherwax, and Deborah Young.

The committee discussed the following applications:

1. Renewals:
   a. Friends and Lovers, 641 Classon Avenue (Pacific/Dean Streets) – Full License
   b. Neptune Diner II, 699 Classon Avenue (corner of St. Marks Avenue) – Full License
The committee voted to approve both renewal applications and hopes the full Board supports its recommendation.

Ms. Lord made a motion to accept the committees’ recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Weatherspoon and carried to a final vote of 28 in favor, none opposed with 4 abstentions.

2. Sidewalk Café:
   a. Malabar Kitchen, d/b/a Alta Calidad, 552 Vanderbilt Avenue (corner of Dean Street)
      - 9 tables with 19 chairs
      - Hours of Operation: 11 AM to 10 PM Sunday-Thursday; 11 AM to 11 PM Friday-Saturday

The committee voted 16 in favor to support the application as presented and hopes the full Board supports its recommendation.

Mr. Puca inquired about which side of the street the tables will be placed. Mr. Ellis responded that the tables will be on the Vanderbilt Avenue side. Mr. Veconi made a motion to accept the committees’ recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Staton and carried to a final vote of 31 in favor, none opposed with 2 abstentions.

3. New Applications:
   a. Good Chance Café, 758 Franklin Avenue (Sterling & St. Johns Places), Full License
      - Thai Restaurant
      - Hours of Operation: Sunday 1 PM-10 PM, Monday- Thursday Noon -10 PM, Friday 12PM -11 PM, Sunday 1PM -11PM
      - 25 seats
      - 500 foot exception explanation of benefit: upscale Thai sit down restaurant

The committee voted 17 in favor to support the application as presented and hopes the full Board supports its recommendation.

A resident raised concerns about the amount of liquor licensed establishments that are currently within a 4 block radius of this establishment. Mr. Ellis responded that the committee does not disregard applications based on saturation.

After a brief question and comment period Ms. Tyus made a motion to accept the committees’ recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Veconi and carried to a final vote of 32 in favor, none opposed with 3 abstentions.

   b. Nostrand Station, 818 Nostrand Avenue (Lincoln Place and Eastern Pkwy), Full License
      - Hours of Operation: Sunday 11AM-12AM, Monday 3PM-12 AM, Tuesday & Wednesday 3PM -1AM, Thursday 3PM - 2AM, Friday 3PM - 4AM, and Saturday 11AM – 4 AM
      - 7 seats at 1 bar; 9 tables with 18 seats; 6 seats at kitchen counter; 31 total seats
      - Amplified music indoors only

The committee voted to support the application as submitted and hopes the full Board supports its recommendation.
A resident asked if there is a specific timeframe in which a business can open and begin operating. Mr. Ellis responded that there is no required time period. An establishment can set their own hours of operation after they apply for a liquor license. Their application for a liquor license does not determine whether or not they can open their establishment for prep work.

After a brief question and answer period Ms. Tyus made a motion to accept the committees’ recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Staton and carried to a final vote of 31 in favor, 1 opposed, with 4 abstentions.

c. Heights Bar and Grill, 766 Classon Avenue (Sterling and St Johns Places), Full License
   - Hours of Operation: Sunday 10AM-12AM, Monday-Thursday 8AM-12 AM, Friday 8AM-4AM, Saturday 10 AM-4AM
   - 28 seats (Former Pete Zass/Holy Moley Pizza location)
   - Applicant requesting approval for wide variety of music activities
   - Outdoor: 20 seats, 10-11 PM 7 days a week
   - Question about accuracy of 200 foot report.
   - Neighbors concerned about noise, mode of business

The committee voted 15 in favor, 1 opposed, with 1 abstention to support the application with the following stipulations:
   - 10 PM rear closes, all doors close
   - No amplified sound in rear yard
   - Max 20 in rear yard
   - No amplified sound indoors after 2 AM
   - DJ only, no karaoke or live music
   - Contingent on verification of 200 foot question
   - Proprietor to provide contact number

A resident stated that even though the proprietor stated that they will be soundproofing, there has been no follow-up provided to the community as to the type of soundproofing.

Ms. Wedderburn asked for carification on why the 200ft ruling was being questioned. Mr. Ellis responded that the establishment which was previously licensed is located in close proximity to two schools (Stroud Elementary School and Brooklyn Jesuit Preparatory School). He stated that depending on the exact measurement of the establishment from the schools, the SLA will determine whether or not the proprietor will receive a full liquor license. Mr. Ellis also reiterated that the committee will support the application for a full liquor license contingent on the verification of the 200 foot ruling. If the establishment is indeed too close to the schools the SLA will decline their application for a Full Liquor License and the applicant will default to a Beer and Wine License.

After a brief question and answer period Ms. Tyus made a motion to support the committees’ recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Weatherspoon and carried to a final vote of 30 in favor, 2 opposed, with 4 abstentions.

d. Albero, 667 Classon Avenue (corner Bergen Street) – Beer/Wine/Cider
   - Café
   - 12 total seats
   - Hours of Operation: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9 AM -7:30 PM, Friday-Saturday 9 AM-10:30 PM, Sunday 9AM-8PM (closed Tuesday)
The committee voted 16 in favor to support the application as presented in hopes that the full Board supports its recommendation.
Mr. Witherwax made a motion to support the committees’ recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Branch-Muhammad and carried to a final vote of 33 in favor, none opposed, with 3 abstentions.

e. Café Forte, 619 St. Johns Place (Franklin and Classon Avenues), Full
   • Hours of Operation: Sunday-Thursday 7AM-12AM, Friday-Saturday 7AM-2AM
   • 34 seats
   • Question raised about 200 foot report

The committee voted 15 in favor to support the application as presented in the hopes that the full Board supports its recommendation.

Ms. Weatherspoon made a motion to accept the committees’ recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Staton and carried to a final vote of 31 in favor, 1 opposed, with 4 abstentions.

f. Atlantic Boat Club, 990 Atlantic Avenue (Grand and Classon Avenues), Full
   • Hours of Operation: Sunday-Thursday 11AM-12AM, Friday-Saturday 11AM-2AM
   • 58 seats

The committee voted 15 in favor to support the application as presented in hopes that the full Board supports its recommendation.

Ms. Branch-Muhammad made a motion to accept the committees’ recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Staton and carried to a final vote of 33 in favor, none opposed, with 3 abstentions.

The next meeting of the SLAC committee will be held on Monday, December 4, 2017 at 6 PM at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation located at 727 Classon Avenue, Brooklyn. All are invited to attend.

Transportation – Mr. Robert Witherwax, Vice Chair

The Transportation Committee met on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation located at 727 Classon Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. In addition to the Chair Dr. Fred Monderson, present were: Frances Langley, Desmond Atkins, Holly Fuchs, Irsa Weatherspoon, Robert Witherwax, Michelle George, Julia Neale, Meredith Staton, Xeerxeema Jordan, Isaac Blasenstein, Nizjoni Granville, Mark Thurton, Alan Gerber, Edison Stewart, Deborah Young, and Regina Kinsey.

The committee discussed the Alternate Side Parking Public Hearing being held on Monday, November 13, 2017 at Hope City Empowerment Center located at 650 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn, NY from 6PM to 8PM. Due to a 90% cleanliness rating for two consecutive years within Community District 8, the Department of Sanitation is open to reducing the amount of days for alternate side parking from 4 days to 2 days. The committee encourages residents and community organizations/associations to come out and let their voices be heard about the reduction proposal.

The committee also reviewed Street Co-Naming guidelines and committee goals for the new year.

The next Transportation Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation located at 727 Classon Avenue, Brooklyn. All are invited to attend.
Youth and Education – Ms. Sharon Wedderburn, Chair; Mr. Kwasi Mensah, Vice Chair

The Youth and Education Committee met on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at the Brooklyn Neighborhood Improvement Association (BNIA) located at 465 Sterling Place, Brooklyn at 6:30PM. In addition to the Chair Ms. Sharon Wedderburn, present were: Adem Bunkeddeko, Xeerxeema Jordan, Laurel Dagrosa, Pamela Harman, Emma Saltzberg, Mira Nthanson, Yahya Raji, Keisha Jacobs, Latonya Hampton, Cindy Bradshaw, and Audrey Taitt-Hall.

The committee discussed plans for their Youth Fair which is slated to take place in either February or March 2018. Some of the ideas they would like to implement into the fair include family and youth literacy, preparation practices for those thinking about joining the workforce, and mentoring/job opportunities.

The next Youth & Education Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 6:30 PM at BNIA located at 465 Sterling Place, Brooklyn. All are invited to attend.

Ms. Granville thanked the committee’s for their reports and opened the floor for public comments and announcements.

Ms. Primavera Vasquez, Outreach Coordinator of the Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) stated that the CCRB investigates immediate allegations of misconduct filed against members of the NYPD. They only investigate oversight matters which does not include criminal or civil matters. Complaints can be filed regardless of a person’s citizenship status or criminal history. She reported the number of allegations in 2017 for the Precincts covered by Community Board 8.

For the 77th Precinct there have been a total of 65 complaints. 51 including abuse of authority, 23 including excessive force, 24 including discourtesy, and 4 including offensive language. For the 78th Precinct there is a total of 23 complaints. 9 including excessive force, 18 including abuse of authority, 7 including discourtesy, and 3 including offensive language. She noted that sometimes one complaint may contain multiple allegations and encouraged the community to remain peaceful and calm when interacting with a police officer regardless of their actions. For more information or to file a CCRB complaint, please contact 1-800-341-2272. Members of the community can also track complaints across the city by using the CCRB’s online Complaint Activity Map, which can be accessed by visiting https://www1.nyc.gov/site/ccrb/policy/complaint-activity-map.page.

Mr. Tom Angelo, Library Commission Supervisor from the Brooklyn Public Library’s Brower Park Branch announced that the BPL recently had an amnesty for children and teens 17 years old and under. All library fines and fees accrued before October 19th were cleared.

He also announced that the Brooklyn Public Library will be partnering with Bard Micro College to offer full time classes toward a degree. They will be offering classes in Philosophy, Literature, History, Math, etc. The classes will be held at the Central Library located at 10 Grand Army Plaza, Brooklyn, NY. People interested in the program are only required to do an interview and write an essay. There is no cost to students participating in the program. Tuition and books are fully covered through grants and Brooklyn Public Library Scholarships. For additional information about this program, please contact 845-752-5900, email microcollege@bard.edu or log on to www.microcollege.bard.edu.

Lastly Mr. Angelo announced that the BPL is also offering programs in computer literacy, Health Literacy, Citizenship preparation, ESL (English Second Language) etc. For additional information about the programs being offered by the Brooklyn Public library please contact 718-230-2191.

Mr. Matthew Pitt from Councilwoman Laurie Cumbo’s Office invited everyone to sign up for a free certification course in Mental Health First Aid training. This 8-hour course is an informational class which
teaches you how to identify signs and symptoms of depression, anxiety, and other mental illnesses. You will also learn how to respond if you see people with these signs. Participants will receive a certificate in Mental Health First Aid Training valid for 3 years. The course will take place on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 55 Hanson Place, on the 13th floor from 9:30AM to 5:30PM. Please log on to [http://bit.ly/freementalhealthfirstaid](http://bit.ly/freementalhealthfirstaid) to RSVP. For additional information, please contact her office at 718-260-9191.

Ms. Nefertiti Macauley from Assemblywoman Richardson’s Office announced that Assemblywoman Richardson hosts “Meet Me Mondays”. For 30 minutes individuals can meet with Assemblywoman Richardson between 12PM and 3PM to discuss their issues. The next meeting days are slated for Monday, November 13th and Monday, November 20th. Please call 718-771-3105 to book your appointment.

On Tuesday, November 14, 2017 she will be partnering with Save Our Streets Crown Heights to offer 100 Suits for 100 Men in need free of cost. The men who attend can also receive shirts and ties, grooming services and mentoring sessions. This event is free and open to the public. The event will be held at 256 Kingston Avenue, Brooklyn, NY at 4:30PM sharp. For additional information about these events, please contact 718-771-3105.

Ms. Macauley also announced that on Wednesday, November 22, 2017 the Assemblywoman will be hosting NYC Tenant Support Workshop which provides assistance to at-risk New Yorkers who may be at risk of displacement or experiencing harassment by connecting them with a range of resources. The event will take place at 330 Empire Boulevard, Brooklyn, NY from 12PM to 2PM.

Ms. Elisa Helligar from Senator Hamilton’s Office announced that on Monday, November 27, 2017 the Senator will be providing free confidential legal services for youth ages 24 and under from 1PM to 5PM. Their office is also offering on-site Immigration Services on Monday, November 20, 2017 from 12PM to 4PM along with free housing services. All services will be offered at his office located at 1669 Bedford Avenue, 2nd Floor, Brooklyn, NY. For additional information about these services or to schedule an appointment, please contact 718-284-4700.

Ms. Karen Chambers from the Brooklyn District Attorney’s Office thanked everyone for voting for DA Gonzalez and encouraged residents to call the Community Action Unit if they have any concerns regarding victim services, immigration services, corruption or fraud. Please contact 718-250-2340 or 718-250-4877.

Mr. Reginald Belon from Congresswoman Clarke’s Office mentioned that the open enrollment period for health plan coverage began on November 1st and will be open until Friday, December 15th. Now is the time to make changes concerning your healthcare coverage.

He announced that Congresswoman Clarke continues to remain at the forefront when advocating for immigration reform on behalf of all immigrants in the United States. She has recently begun discussion on 10 different issues affecting her congressional district on Capitol Hill. You can find this information by visiting [https://clarke.house.gov/](https://clarke.house.gov/). Mr. Belon also stated he left some information regarding the DACA Program (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals), which President Trump announced has ended as of September 5, 2017. For further assistance or information regarding open enrollment or DACA, you can visit their office at 222 Lenox Road or call at 718-287-1142.

Mr. Belon wished all vets a Happy Veteran’s Day and everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Ms. Granville thanked everyone attending and adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 7 PM at the Concern for Independent Living located at 151 Rochester Avenue (corner of St. Marks Avenue), Brooklyn, NY. All are encouraged to attend.
GUESTS

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Monica Battle
Konstantinos Doukas
Valerie Nero-Reid
Regina Kinsey
Primavera Vasquez
Willie Mae Frierson
Francis Leo
Anthony Taylor
Hazel Hurley
Hellen Denman
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Cherie Washington
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Jerome Michaux
Frances Langley
Aliza Carter
Cassey McFadden
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Margaret Walton
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