May 14, 2015

Members Present

Kim Albert
Akosua Albritton
Glinda Andrews
Desmond Atkins
Wayne Bailey
LeeAnn Banks
Princess Benn-James
Julia Boyd
Gail Branch-Muhammad
Dr. Flize Bryan
Adem Bunkedeko
Helen Coley
Dian Duke
James Ellis
Diana Foster
Fred Frazier
Nizjoni Granville
Curtis Harris
Xeerxeema Jordan
Shalawn Langhorne
Robert Matthews
Kwasi Mensah
Adelaide Miller
Dr. Fred Monderson
Atim Oton
Robert Puca
Mary Reed
Stacey Sheffey
Meredith Staton
Audrey Taitt-Hall
Gregory Todd
Ethel Tyus
Sheryl Vassell
Gib Veconi
Yves Vilus
Irsa Weatherspoon
Sharon Wedderburn
Robert Witherwax
Greg Yerman
Deborah Young

Members Absent/Excused

Phu Duong
Phil Hawkins
Tarves Lord
Patricia Scantlebury
Vilma Zuniga

Elected Officials Present

District Leader Shirley Patterson, 43rd Assembly District
Ola Alabi, District Leader 57th Assembly District

Elected Official Representatives

Karen Crawford, Kings County District Attorney’s Office
Elisa Helligan, Senator Hamilton’s Office
Brian McLaurin, Public Advocate’s Office
Charles Jackson, Congresswoman Clarke’s Office
Arna Lipkind, Councilmember Mealy’s Office
Jim Vogel, Senator Montgomery’s Office

CB 8 Staff Present

Michelle George, District Manager
Melanie Grant, Community Assistant
Julia Neale, Community Associate
The regular meeting of Community Board No. 8 was called to order at 7:15 PM by Ms. Granville, Chairperson.

**Acceptance of Minutes** – The Chair asked for a motion to accept last month’s minutes with any necessary corrections. Dr. Monderson made a motion to accept the minutes; it was seconded by Mr. Atkins and carried unanimously.

**Correspondence** – CB 8 newsletter and other information was distributed.

Ms. Granville opened the floor for public comments.

**Public Comments**

**District Leader 57th Assembly District** – Ms. Ola Alabi

District Leader Alabi announced that in honor of National Older Americans Month, she is holding a Senior Citizen Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, May 28, 2015 at the Teen Challenge Center located at 444 Clinton Avenue, Brooklyn, NY at 6:30PM. For more information, please contact 718-398-0750.

**Repair the World New York** - Ms. Cindy Greenberg, Director

Ms. Greenberg announced that Repair the World New York will be opening a new center and invited everyone to their official launch party on Thursday, May 28, 2015 at 808 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, NY from 7PM to 10PM. The community center will act as a useful tool for social justice and community activism. Some of their services include providing access to food pantries and a plethora of other services. Ms. Greenberg encouraged members of the community to get involved in some of the activities so that the community could benefit collectively. For more information, please call 646-695-2700.

**New York Red Cross** – Mr. Steve Thorn, Community Ambassador

Mr. Thorn announced that earlier this month the FDNY celebrated 150 years by hosting Open Houses for the residents in the community. He suggested that residents reach out to the American Red Cross in efforts to receive or assist others with services in the event of a disaster or emergency. They offer Citizens Preparedness Training Courses along with other free training courses. For more information, log on to [www.nyredcross.org](http://www.nyredcross.org).

**New York Memory Center** – Dr. Sharon McLeod

Dr. McLeod stated that the center has received a grant from the state of New York enabling them to reach out to more community members to dispense critical information. In the past, the center has dealt mainly with Faith-Based organizations. They are grateful for the opportunity to broaden their outreach to reach more residents. On Sunday, May 17, 2015 there will be a brain fitness seminar at Berean Baptist Community and Family Life Center located at 1635 Bergen Street, Brooklyn, NY at 1:30PM. At the seminar they will discuss Alzheimer’s disease and dementia.

Dr. McLeod also stated that there will be a second portion of this seminar to discuss memory loss and some of the legal and financial options for people that are suffering from these illnesses and what people can do to improve their quality of life. The seminar will take place on Sunday, June 14, 2015 at Berean
Baptist Community and Family Life Center located at 1635 Bergen Street, Brooklyn, NY from 2 PM to 4 PM. All are welcomed to attend. For more information, please call 718-499-7701.

**Brooklyn Public Library** – Mr. Morris Denmark, Librarian

Mr. Morris stated that he is a librarian at the Brower Park Branch. He announced that there is a program for the youth of incarcerated parents. The program allows incarcerated parents to read books to their children via live video feeds. This initiative was designed to supplement, not replace, in person visits. For more information, please call 718 230-2745.

**Senator Jesse Hamilton’s Office** – Ms. Alicia Helligar

Ms. Helligar announced that Senator Hamilton will be holding two events this month. The first event is the Seth Low Health Fair on Saturday, May 16, 2015 at 137 Belmont Avenue, Brooklyn, NY from 10AM to 3PM.

The second event is the Sunset Housing Fraud Forum which will take place on Thursday, May 28, 2015 at Sunset Park Recreation Center which is located at 7th Avenue and 42nd Street, Brooklyn, NY at 6PM. For more information on either event, please contact 718-284-4700.

**Public Advocate Letitia James’ Office** - Mr. Brian McLaurin

Mr. McLaurin announced that on Thursday, April 23, 2015 Manhattan Supreme Court Justice Peter Moulton ruled in favor of Public Advocate Letitia James, and other plaintiffs, in a lawsuit filed against the NYC Department of Education and decided that School Leadership Team meetings must be open to the public. The Public Advocate joined Class Size Matters and Michael Thomas in the Thomas versus NYC Department of Education lawsuit in December of 2014 after the Department of Education refused a request to open up School Leadership Team meetings to the general public. Laura Barbieri of Advocates for Justice represented the Public Advocate in this matter. New York Lawyers for the Public Interest (NYLPI) also participated in the briefing and argument of the case as co-counsel with Advocates for Justice for Class Size Matters.

Every New York City public school is required to have a school leadership team (SLT), which includes the principal, parent association president, teachers union representative, and parent and staff members. These teams create road maps for the school’s annual goals, which are required to be reflected in the school budget. The teams are also consulted for new hires and new policies.

The case he stated was about increasing transparency, community involvement, and parental input in the education system. It is an important step toward restoring voices that have been shut out of our system and improving public schools overall.


Mr. McLaurin also advised anyone who has been forced/aged out of the foster care system and needs assistance to contact 212-669-7200.
Mr. Rusty Zimmerman, Portrait Artist, announced that he will be giving free portraits to residents of Crown Heights for one year to create a portrait of the place through the people. Mr. Zimmerman will paint 200 residents from June 2015 to May 2016 and will work with local galleries to display the work as it emerges. He will show the entire collection in 2016 and give the paintings to their subjects for free. As a community arts initiative, the project will be crowd-funded with a Kickstarter campaign launched on April 15th, with a goal of raising $48,000 to fund the work for an entire year. To participate and for additional information, visit www.rustyzimmerman.com

820 Rivers Street, Inc. - Mr. Antonio Valdez, Regional Director

Mr. Valdez spoke about the variety of services they offer to the community. They assist people who suffer from mental illnesses. They offer substance abuse treatment and an array of other support services to gentlemen and their families because substance abuse not only affects the person but the family as well. The facility is located at 1140 Pacific Street, Brooklyn, NY. For more information, please contact 718-230-7780, ext: 208.

Brooklyn District Attorney's Office - Ms. Karen Crawford, Community Relations

Ms. Crawford announced that there will be an Immigration Forum on Saturday, June 6, 2015 at St. Matthews Church located at 1345 Lincoln Place, 4th Floor, Brooklyn, NY from 10AM to 2:30PM. This forum was inspired by a 73 year old woman who was afraid to travel because she did not know if she was a citizen. This forum will help people with their residency status. Interested people can also sign up for the new NYC identification cards. For more information, please contact 718-250-4877.

Ms. Granville thanked everyone for the information and asked the following committee for reports.

Economic Development – Ms. Atim Oton, Chair

The Economic Development Committee met on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation but had no action items. The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at CNR-Center Light Health Care Center located at 727 Classon Avenue at 6:30 PM. All are invited to attend.

Education – Ms. Sharon Wedderburn, Chair; Mr. Kwasi Mensah, Vice Chair

The Education Committee met on Tuesday, May 6, 2015 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation. In addition to the Chair, Sharon Wedderburn, also present were xeexoeema Jordan, Patricia Scantlebury, Audrey Taitt-Hall, Zulika Bumpus, Alli Lesovoy, Ada Terry, Fred Baptiste, Adem Bunkeddeko, and Melina Bernardine. The committee had no action items.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at CNR-Center Light Health Care Center located at 727 Classon Avenue at 7 PM. All are invited to attend.

Environment/Sanitation – Ms. Helen Coley, Chair

The Environment/Sanitation Committee met on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at the Community Board 8 District office. In addition to the Chair, Helen Coley, also present were Julia Boyd, Michelle George, Greg Todd, Brad Nicoll, Victoria Lawrence, and Maria Fuller.
The committee discussed the upcoming Environment/Sanitation Forum on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 from 6-8 PM at Hope City Empowerment Center located at 650 Washington Avenue. There will be speakers/presenters present for the forum and the community will be given an opportunity to participate in a question and answer session. Some of the presenters include the NYC Department of Sanitation, Con Edison, National Grid, and the NYC Department of Environmental Protection.

In lieu of the May meeting, the forum will be held. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at the Community Board 8 District office located at 1291 St. Marks Avenue, Brooklyn. All are invited to attend.

**Health and Human Services** – Mr. Kwasi Mensah, Chair; Dr. Flize Bryan, Vice Chair

The Health and Human Services Committee met on Monday, May 4, 2015 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation. Present were the Chair, Kwasi Mensah, and Vice Chair, Dr. Flize Bryan. The two discussed the lack of Board member participation and brainstormed ideas on how to increase member participation. Mr. Mensah is going to work with the Parks Committee on a Health Fair in the fall and believes that might be a way to generate interest.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 1, 2015 at CNR-Center Light Health Care Center located at 727 Classon Avenue at 6:30 PM. All are invited to attend.

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

The Housing/ULURP Committee met on Thursday, May 7, 2015 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation. In addition to the Chair and Vice Chair, also present were Wayne Bailey, Princess Benn-James, Diana Foster, Xeerxeema Jordan, Nizjoni Granville, Mary Reed, Stacey Sheffey, Margie Smith, Meredith Staton, Gib Veconi, Yves Vilus, Irsa Weatherspoon, Deborah Young, Allegra Blackburn-Doar, Francis D’Haene, Celena DeLeon, Isac Deutch, Tony Dillion, Diane Duke, Mary Galloway, Joel Greenfield, Larry Jayson, Vladimir Joseph, Tarves Lord, David McAlpine, Isit Pouh, Aleksandra Saberamowitz, Yoel Schwimmer, Zsolt Tallozcy, and Irene Wong. The committee discussed the following:

1. **Application to LPC for Certificate of Appropriateness: 413 Sterling Place– Prospect Heights Historic District - Block 116, Lot 73, Zoned R6B - proposal to alter the rear facade and construct a rear addition**

The building is a Renaissance Revival/Romanesque Revival style row house designed by Axel S. Hedman and built c.1898. Owner, Francis D’Haene, presented his project plans to convert this four family dwelling to a one-family with a ground level extension that will provide a terrace for the parlor floor. The proposed plan also includes replacement windows and rear yard fence. Two A/C compressors will be added to the roof. The proposed fenestration is design change to casement windows with six horizontal panels rather than the current double-hung style. The next-door neighbors, Ms. Wong and Mr. Talloczy, provided drawings explicating their concerns that only 23 of the 63 houses on the block have extensions of the same size or larger as the one planned for this project; and therefore, the proposal requires a public hearing under LPC’s rules. The neighbors were also concerned that with the planned extension covering the full width of the building, the privacy space between the buildings would be eliminated, and the parlor floor terrace will overlook their bedroom windows. Mr. Veconi, as a representative from Prospect Heights Neighborhood Development Council, relayed PHNDC’s concerns
with maintaining the character of the doughnut hole/backyard commons by preserving a similar style fenestration for the upper floors. The owner agreed to discuss the plans with his neighbors. No letters were provided from the other two abutting neighbors at 415 Sterling Pl. and 418 Park Place. The LPC hearing is scheduled for May 19, 2015.

A motion was made and seconded, the committee voted 6 in favor, 1 opposed and 1 abstention to support the project on condition that the third and fourth floor windows be in character with the double-hung windows in the other rear facades on the block. The owner was subsequently advised by voicemail to provide the Board office with proof of notice to the two remaining adjoining homeowners, which has been provided. The committee hopes the full Board supports its recommendation.

Prior to the vote, Ms. Tyus announced to the Board that she was reversing her initial vote from the Housing Committee because of the greenspace issue and the area’s general paucity of greenspace. She stated that the desire is for LPC to review these types of applications instead of avoiding hearings by having them reviewed by staff. The architect also stated that the owner consented to the committee’s request that the windows on the second floor be double hung.

Mr. Puca voiced his concerns over the green space as well. The architect for the project stated that the lot is 118 feet deep, 18 feet deeper than most row house lots. There is already a one story extension, and the project calls for rebuilding it and turning the top into a patio. Roughly 1/3 of the properties on the block have extensions.

The neighbors at 411 Sterling Place announced that they had concerns because it is a privacy issue and will cover up green space. The extension and patio will also reduce light and damage their plants. There are also concerns for the upstairs tenant who has a bedroom that will be encroached upon as will their bedroom window.

As point of clarity, Mr. Witherwax confirmed that they were taking existing extension and making it slightly larger by 5 feet deeper and will abut both properties instead of just one. He was informed that is indeed the project plan.

Mr. Veconi made a motion to support the committee’s recommendation. It was seconded by Mr. Mensah. Ms. Tyus asked that the plans be re-presented to the committee and the item tabled because the Board was entertaining information that was not available before.

After an extended back and forth about the conditions added on to the item after the Housing meeting, Mr. Veconi pleaded for the Board to vote on the application instead of tabling it. He stated that PHNDC is in support of the application because the organization believes that LPC will approve the extension since they have approved larger extensions. He stated that in the view of PHNDC, historic districts do not stop development. Certain characteristics of the houses are fundamental to the historical nature, but they do not believe that all exterior modifications to rear yards should be prohibited.

Ms. Oton referenced the statement of procedure: each committee has procedures and Board members are supposed to follow the committee’s procedures. She stated that if we vote on the item now, we are going to an agency without the due diligence of the applicants meeting with the neighbors.
Ms. Tyus stated that if the item was tabled, the Board would notify LPC and ask them to table the item on their end until the Housing Committee was given time to review the new information. Mr. Harris made a motion to table the item. It was not seconded.

Mr. Veconi pressed by stating that the item is scheduled for next week at LPC. He said that if the Board does not take action this evening, the item will be heard and the Board’s voice will not be heard. Ms. Granville reiterated that the Board would notify LPC and ask them not to review until all is settled.

Mr. Veconi made a second motion to support the committee’s recommendation of supporting the application. The motion was again seconded by Mr. Mensah. The item failed to pass with a final vote of 11 in favor, 15 opposed, with 8 abstentions.

2. Application to LPC for Certificate of Appropriateness: 240 Prospect Place - Prospect Heights Historic District – proposal to replace portion of roof deck and add pergola

The building is one of two Renaissance Revival style flats buildings, designed by Angell & Higginson and built c. 1898 by Charles Hagedorn. With four stories and a basement, the buildings were constructed with ground floor storefronts and residential space above at a time when Vanderbilt Avenue was developing into one of the area's most important commercial thoroughfares. Owner Allegra Blackwell-Doar presented her plans to replace one of two roof decks and add a 7’5” pergola. A pergola is an archway in a garden or park consisting of a framework covered with trained climbing or trailing plants. The structure will be minimally visible from the street at a point two blocks South of Vanderbilt. The LPC hearing date remains to be ascertained.

The committee voted 9 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention to support the proposal, and hopes the full board will do the same.

Mr. Puca asked for clarity on what “minimally visible” meant. He was informed by the owner that they constructed a mockup of the pergola that was not visible from any of the streets or corners but seen if you exited the historic district a few blocks down.

Mr. Ellis made a motion to support the committee’s recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Atkins and carried with a final tally of 35 in favor, 0 opposed, with 1 abstention.

Parks – Ms. Glinda Andrews, Chair; Ms. Kim Albert, Vice Chair

The Parks Committee met on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at St. John’s Recreation Center but had no action items. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at St. John’s Recreation Center located at 1251 Prospect Place at 6 PM. Representatives from the Parks Department will be present to discuss the Stroud Playground proposal. All are invited to attend.

Public Safety – Ms. Shalawn Langhorne, Chair; Mr. Desmond Atkins, Vice Chair

The Public Safety Committee met on Monday, April 20, 2015 at the 77th Precinct but had no action items. Ms. Langhorne mentioned that Officer Royston Ferguson from the 77th Precinct was recently killed in a motorcycle accident. She asked everyone to say a prayer for his family.
The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 18, 2015 at the 78th Precinct located at 65 6th Avenue at 6 PM. All are invited to attend.

**Seniors** – Ms. Kim Albert, Chair

The Seniors Committee met on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at David Chavis Apartments but had no action items. Ms. Charise Lawrence from the NYC Dept. for the Aging made a presentation on the services provided by the agency. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at David Chavis Apartments located at 250 Kingston Avenue at 6 PM. All are invited to attend.

**SLA and Sidewalk Café Review Committee** – Mr. James Ellis, Chair; Mr. Robert Witherwax, Vice Chair

The SLAC Committee met on Monday, May 4, 2015 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation. Present were Wayne Bailey, Gail Branch-Muhammad, Cheryl Brown, Barbara Campbell, Dian Duke, James Ellis, Frank Esquilin, Fred Frazier, Tarves Lord, Atim Oton, Delissa Reynolds, Meredith Staton, Mark Thurton, Sheryl Vassell, Irsa Weatherspoon, Robert Witherwax, and Deborah Young. The committee discussed the following applications:

1. **New Application: Rendered Room, 722 Dean Street (Underhill and Washington Avenues)—Full license**

   - Hours of operation 11 AM to 5 PM on Sunday; 10 AM to 8 PM Monday thru Thursday; 10 AM to 10 PM Friday; and 10 AM to 11 PM Saturday
   - 5 tables with 22 seats with another 3 at a separate bar/counter
   - Backyard space for general socializing with space for 10. The outdoor space will only be in use Friday and Saturday from Noon to 5 PM
   - Space to operate as a retail bar selling housewares with a cafe

   The committee supported the application but asked that the proprietor come back for an alteration application for use of the backyard. The committee voted 15 in favor, 0 opposed to support the application in hopes that the full Board supports its recommendation.

   Dr. Monderson made a motion to support the committee’s recommendation. It was seconded by Ms. Boyd and carried with a final tally of 34 in favor, 1 opposed, with 1 abstention.

2. **Sidewalk Café Renewal for Branded Cattle Saloon, 603 Bergen Street (corner of Vanderbilt Avenue)**

   - 10 tables, 24 seats
   - Closing 10 PM seven days a week

   The committee voted 14 in favor with 1 abstention to support the renewal application in hopes that the full Board supports its recommendation.

   Mr. Atkins asked if there were any complaints by the 77th Precinct. He was informed that the 77th was represented at the meeting and had no complaints.
Mr. Bailey made a motion to support the committee’s recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Atkins and carried with a final tally of 33 in favor, 1 opposed, with 5 abstentions.

3. **Renewals, no complaints or stipulations:**

   a. Bearded Lady, 686A Washington Avenue (corner St. Marks) – Full Liquor License
   b. Café Rue Dix, 1451 Bedford Avenue (corner Park) – Full Liquor License
   c. Kim Chi Grill, 766 Washington Avenue (Sterling/Park) – Full Liquor License
   d. Taqueria de los Muertos, 663 Washington Avenue (St. Marks/Prospect) – Full Liquor License
   e. Tao Palate, 329 Flatbush Avenue (Park/Prospect) – Beer/Wine License

The committee voted to support all 5 renewal applications and hopes the full Board will support its recommendation.

A motion to support the committee’s recommendation was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Staton. It carried with a final tally of 34 in favor, 2 opposed, with 1 abstention.

4. **Renewals, stipulations:**

   a. **Cent’Anni, 742 Franklin Avenue (Sterling/St. Johns) – Full Liquor License**

      - Alteration to legalize existing use of rear yard, which is not included on the current license
      - No other changes, no complaints

   The committee voted to support this renewal application with the following stipulations:

      - Rear yard to close Sunday thru Thursday at 10 PM, and 11 PM Friday-Saturday
      - Proof of notice to neighbors received by 5/14
      - Letter to SLA will state facts concerning rear yard use

   Mr. Bailey made a motion to support the committee’s recommendation. It was seconded by Mr. Staton and carried with a final tally of 35 in favor, 1 opposed, with 2 abstentions.

   b. **Roscoe’s Pizzeria, 685 Franklin Avenue (corner Prospect) – Beer/Wine License**

      i. No operational changes, no complaint

   The committee voted to support this renewal application with the following stipulations:

      - Rear yard to close at 10 PM Sunday thru Thursday and midnight Friday-Saturday

   The committee voted 14 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions and hopes that the full Board supports its recommendation.

   Mr. Ellis clarified that the side yard is part of the lot line, and is basically a sidewalk café, not a rear yard. Mr. Bailey made a motion to support the committee’s recommendation. It was seconded by Mr. Witherwax and carried with a final tally of 38 in favor, 1 opposed, with 0 abstentions.
c. Secrets, 724 Nostrand Avenue (Park/Prospect) – Full Liquor License
   i. Issues/Complaints:
      1. Smoking on sidewalk, in rear yard, under covered area
         a. Proprietor will take steps to curb smoking where inappropriate
      2. Dancing without cabaret license
         a. Proprietor claims no dancing occurs
      3. Service past 4 AM
         a. Proprietor states that alcohol service ceases at 4 AM, but food service continues.
      4. Loitering/Urination/Noise from patrons on sidewalk 4 AM and later
         a. Proprietor acknowledges on-going crowd control issues.

The committee thanked Secrets for 10 years of business in community, but noted the troubling nature of these issues and stated that Secrets needs to become a more conscientious neighbor. The committee voted to support this application with the following stipulations:

- Rear Yard to close at 11 PM Sunday thru Thursday and midnight Friday and Saturday
- Alcohol service to stop by 4 AM
- No dancing without proper license
- No smoking under canopy
- Security presence at front door at all times

The committee voted with 12 in favor, 2 opposed, with 1 abstention to support the renewal application and hopes that the full Board supports its recommendation.

Mr. Ellis made an amendment to the action item, stating that the committee supports the renewal if security at the front door is certified and licensed. Mr. Thurton asked if the late weekend hours for the rear yard were correct. He was informed that those were the agreed upon hours.

Ms. Collins stated that a number of years ago, the 77th Precinct recommended that the license not be renewed. She asked why the committee supported the application given that information. Mr. Ellis informed her that based on what was said at the meeting, the 77th Precinct feels confident that the proprietors are moving in the right direction with making changes and following law and order. He asked people to formally lodge complaints with the appropriate agencies for enforcement to make sure that businesses conform.

Ms. Banks asked what would be done about the crowd. She was informed that the owner acknowledged the issues and has tried different things, but is still working on them. She also asked how the stipulations would be monitored. She was informed that they will be monitored through the community. The stipulations will be on file with the SLA and part of their license.

Ms. Foster asked who came up with idea of certified security guards. She was informed that it was a recommendation from the committee. It was based on the idea that they do have door personnel, but the committee wanted to ensure that they are state-certified. Ms. Wedderburn reminded everyone that it is a covenant with the committee; if there are issues, it is incumbent upon us to bring it forth next time they renew their license.
A motion to support the committee’s recommendation was made by Dr. Monderson and seconded by Ms. Wedderburn. It carried with a final tally of 20 in favor, 7 opposed, with 11 abstentions.

5. Alterations:

a. King Tai/Bar Bertrand, 1095 Bergen Street (corner of Nostrand Avenue) – Full Liquor License
   - 8 tables, 25 seats in rear yard
   - Seeking 12 AM closing
   - Issue: rear yard is on a different lot (611 Nostrand Avenue), and is leased. Proprietor has been advised that a second license is not necessary.

The committee voted to support this application with the following stipulations:

- Rear yard to close Sun-Thu at 10 PM, Fri-Sat at 11 PM
- Proof of notice to residents and immediate neighbors by 5/14, including Bedford Central Presbyterian Church (notices received from neighbors and an active member of the church, but nothing received from the church itself)

The committee voted with 13 in favor, 1 opposed, with 0 abstentions to support the alteration application and hopes that the full Board supports its recommendation.

After checking with the State Liquor Authority, it was discovered that two licenses are not needed despite the two addresses for the backyard and the establishment because the only entrance to the backyard is through 1095 Bergen Street. It is considered a “contiguous premise.”

Ms. Taitt-Hall asked for the proximity of the backyard to Bedford Central Presbyterian Church. She was informed that it is around the corner so the 200 foot rule does not apply. However, because the rear yard is in such close proximity to the church, the proprietors were asked to notify them of the plans but not necessarily get support.

A motion to support the committee’s recommendation was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Staton. It carried with a final tally of 33 in favor, 2 opposed, with 3 abstentions.

Bar Bertrand is also seeking a sidewalk café with 8 tables and 16 chairs. The committee had the same stipulations for the sidewalk café as they had for the rear yard. Mr. Ellis noted that the committee had some concerns over the width of the café and its proximity to the community garden next door. Ms. Branch-Muhammad announced that King Tai has worked very closely with the community garden. She stated that she believes there is ample space to put up a café.

Mr. Bailey made a motion to support the committee’s recommendation. It was seconded by Mr. Witherwax and carried with a final tally of 32 in favor, 1 opposed, with 4 abstentions.

b. Domo Taco, 733 Franklin Ave (Park/Sterling) – Beer & Wine License
   - 7 tables, 16 seats in rear yard, under canopy
   - Seeking 1 AM/2 AM closing
The committee voted to support this application with the following stipulations:

- Rear yard to close Sun-Thu at 10 PM, Fri-Sat at 11 PM
- Proof of notice to residents and immediate neighbors by 5/14
- Compliance with regulations regarding smoking in rear yards

The committee voted with 14 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions to support the alteration application and hopes that the full Board supports its recommendation.

Mr. Bailey made a motion to support the committee’s recommendation. It was seconded by Mr. Staton and carried with a final tally of 35 in favor, 0 opposed, with 2 abstentions.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 1, 2015 at CNR-Center Light Health Care Center located at 727 Classon Avenue at 6:30 PM. All are invited to attend.

**Transportation** – Dr. Frederick Monderson, Chair; Mr. Robert Witherwax, Vice Chair

The Transportation Committee met on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation. In addition to the Chair and Vice Chair, also present were Xeerxeema Jordan, Meredith Staton, Holly Fuchs, Gregg Todd, Jacqueline Wells, Frank Esquillia, David Christini, Alan Gerber, Elizabeth Haines, Gib Veconi, Louis Galdieri, Danae Oratowski, Marie Griffin, Jason Atklins, , Clarice Matthews, Brunhilde Vergouen, Tony Robison, Lisa Hembre, Connie Lesold, Marie Clerge, J. W. Stewart-Stand, Alan Gerber, Zulika Bumpus.

The committee announced that the evening on-site visit to the Access-A-Ride maintenance garage (MVT) on Dean Street will take place on Wednesday, May 13, 2015, at 7PM. The committee also discussed the Prospect Heights Neighborhood Slow Zone. DOT outlined its plans for 15 proposed gateways (20 mph) and 9 proposed new speed bumps to the added to the current 9 in the Prospect Heights area. Other solutions were suggested, including a 2-bump plan Park Place similar to the bumps placements on Prospect Place. DOT will return to the Committee at its May 26th meeting.

Finally, the committee discussed its plan to map out a new route for the B71 bus, which it hopes the MTA will restore. New stops along the route include the Brooklyn Children’s Museum, the Brooklyn Museum of Art, and the Brooklyn Bridge Park.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 7 PM at CNR-Center Light Health Care Center located at 727 Classon Avenue. All are invited to attend.

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

The Youth and Family Services Committee met on Monday, May 11, 2015 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation but had no action items. The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 8, 2015 at CNR-Center Light Health Care Center located at 727 Classon Avenue at 6:30 PM. The committee will discuss budget items and information to be included in the District Needs Statement. All are invited to attend.
Nominating committee

Ms. Albert gave a report on the election. She stated that 40 members voted in the election. The newly elected officers will serve for the 2015-2017 term. They are as follows:

Ms. Nizjoni Granville, Chairperson
Ms. Shalawn Langhorne, 1st Vice Chair
Mr. Robert Witherwax, 2nd Vice Chair
Ms. Atim Oton, 3rd Vice Chair
Ms. Helen Coley, Secretary
Ms. Ethel Tyus, Treasurer
Mr. James Ellis, Sergeant-at-Arms

Ms. Granville thanked the committees for their reports and thanked everyone for electing her as Chair for the next two years. She announced that due to time constraints she will acknowledge elected officials and elected official representatives who were not present for the public comments period at the beginning of the meeting. She acknowledged District Leader Shirley Patterson of the 43rd Assembly District, Mr. Jim Vogel from Senator Montgomery’s Office, Ms. Arna Lipkind from Councilwoman Mealy’s Office, and Mr. Charles Jackson from Congresswoman Clarke’s Office.

She thanked everyone for attending the meeting and adjourned the meeting at 9:30 PM. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 11, 2015 at 7 PM at Concern for Independent Living located at 151 Rochester Avenue (between St. Marks Avenue and Prospect Place), Brooklyn, NY. All are encouraged to attend.

Guests

William Boone  Nate Bliss  Ruwandada Fraser
Celina E. DeLeon  Thomas Yang  Leah Siwer
Radoslava Mechkyueoua  Keshia Brown  Zulika Bumpus
John Vaccaro  Margaret Willis  Takako Kono
Anthony Taylor  Leon Godard  Amanda Trainer
Linnette Grant  Tawana Brown  Antonio Valdez
Morris Denmark  Shanae Brown  David McAlpine
Lula Staton  Nathaniel Godad  Austin Publincer
Shirley Mondesir  N. Rotter  Marva Babel
Dorothy Bembry-Guet  Don Torres  Patrick Britter
Sudesh M  Barbara Campbell  Kal Narrilas
Rajesh Persaud  Lula Mullen  A Blackburn
Tina Chiu  Mark Thurtun  Yuan You Dory
Khalika Daley-Cabrera  Janet Collins  Cindy Greenberg
Jessica Fudge  Warner Cohen  Rusty Zimmerman
Palmer Thompson-Moss  Musa Moore  Mike Fagan
Sharon McLeod  Rashid A Spruil  Michael Cox
Leroy Reid  Lance Hunt
Grace Edwards  Dawkins D.
Edison Stewart  Shirley Fraser