The regular meeting of Community Board 8 was called to order at 6:45 by Ms. Nizjoni Granville, Chairperson.
Lt. Mancuso stated that this is his 32nd year with the FDNY. He mentioned that he has been with the Fire Safety Division (FSD) for a good portion of that time, and if you have a child in a school within the 5 boroughs, or are a community group that wants a demonstration, FSD will come out and teach fire safety, any day or evening. As part of the fire safety demonstration before CB 8, Lt. Mancuso distributed combination smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Lt. Mancuso stated that New York State law requires all homes must be equipped with working smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors. Your landlord must provide one of each and the tenant is responsible for changing the battery. Landlords can also provide a combination alarm that has a 10-year battery life. Smoke alarms are for fire detectors while CO alarms warn of incomplete burning of a fossil fuel. CO is dangerous because it puts you deeper into sleep. It is good to have a smoke detector and CO detector on every level of the home and in the center room in your home.

When discussing fire proof buildings, he informed the public that if there is a fire escape in your building, it is not a fire proof building. The fire will go from floor to floor. In non-fire proof buildings, you always want to vacate if you have a fire escape. If the central escape is blocked, go down the fire escape. Feel the door to see if there is a fire; if the door is hot, use the fire escape. Otherwise, slowly open the door and check the main escape route and check for smoke. High rise buildings, 8 floors or more, are usually fire proof. You are better off staying inside your apartment in a fire proof building rather than going into the hallway because of the risk of fire and smoke exposure. By law, in an apartment house, a sign must be posted stating the building is fireproof. This notice is often found where the mailboxes are located and will also tell what materials are used to make the building fire proof.

Local fire houses will inspect homes and apartment buildings with 3 or more units. Inspectors do not check or inspect the private part of where you live. Be aware of scammers. Do not open the door if someone says they are FDNY but want to check private areas during an inspection. However, in the event of a fire, the department will check the floors above and below to see if the fire has spread. Also, the FDNY does not solicit funds over the phone. FDNY will check fire extinguishers as well as private companies that inspect extinguishers. Both companies can issue violations on extinguishers.

Ms. Debbie Bowen-Spinelli asked if the new construction buildings are fire proof. Lt. Mancuso stated that they should be. While buildings do not use the heavy construction materials they used to be in the past, the lighter material can hold the weight and handle the weather. However, the smaller buildings that are not fireproof are made with lighter materials that can hold the weight and handle the weather as well but the materials can burn pretty easily and quite possibly, very quickly.

Ms. Kim Albert asked how should people place the smoke and CO detectors in multiple room dwellings. He stated that for one family houses, every level should have a smoke and CO detector. Unless you have a Queen Anne style home, there should be only 1 per floor. He advised people not to put the alarms in the kitchen. Instead, put it in the hallway in the center. This practice also works well in brownstones.

Ms. Granville thanked Lt. Mancuso for the information and for distributing combination alarms to those in attendance. She asked Ms. Walton from the Brooklyn Children’s Museum to say a few words.
Brooklyn Children’s Museum – Ms. Margaret Walton

Ms. Walton welcomed everyone to the museum and stated that it is always a pleasure to host the Community Board. She asked everyone to please get copy of the fall calendar. She announced that the museum is usually closed on Mondays, but this Monday, October 12th (Columbus Day), it will be open to the public. Instead of being called Columbus Day, it is called Indigenous People’s Day to celebrate the indigenous populations. The museum is free in the evening on Thursdays. Monster Mash this year will be held on Halloween day at the museum. All are welcome to come out and bring their kids, grandkids, nieces, and nephews.

She informed the Board that there are still a few slots open for the teen program for students in grades 9-12. If you are interested, an information session will be held this Saturday at the museum. To apply for the information session, call Sandy Smith at 718-735-4400, ext 151.

Ms. Granville thanked Ms. Walton for the information and asked for an update from Deputy Inspector Eddie Lott, Commanding Officer, of the 77th Precinct.

77th Precinct – Deputy Inspector Eddie Lott, Commanding Officer

Deputy Inspector (DI) Lott stated that it is an honor and privilege to stand before the community. He stated that the 77th Precinct has one of the best Community Affairs Units in the borough. He was sad to announce that PO Tania Salters was transferred to a different unit within the department. He introduced PO Laverne Green, the new Community Affairs officer and asked her to say a few words.

PO Green stated that she has been with the NYPD for 8 years, first as a 911 operator, then joining the NYPD at the 77th Precinct. This is her third week as a community affairs officer. She stated that she loved responding to emergencies, but with this new position, she will be in a position where she can help the community.

DI Lott stated that the 77th precinct is a very dynamic and diverse precinct with challenging circumstances. Because of the dynamic community, there is a need for the same dynamism in community affairs. He stated that he is very confident in the choice he made to appoint PO Green to Community Affairs and hopeful that she will meet the challenges of the community.

DI Lott announced that the NYPD will be going to a neighborhood patrol concept. The 77th is online to begin community policing beginning in January. As a result, the precinct’s command had to be reconfigured. Currently, the precinct is broken down into 7 sectors. For community policing, it had to be broken down into 4 sectors. The four sectors will be Vanderbilt to Bedford Avenues; Bedford to Kingston Avenues; Kingston to Utica Avenues; and Utica to Ralph Avenues. Within each sector, there will be 2 patrol cars during each tour. There will be 8 cars on patrol during any given tour. What is different about this concept is that the same officers will patrol the same sector every day. Every tour and platoon will be given 2 hours and 40 minutes to address the issues within the sector. They will be taken off the radio assignment to deal with the issues and meet people. There will be a response car available when sector cars are off radio. With the response cars, there will be 12 cars on tour. The key component is the neighborhood community officer (NCO). He stated that he had to select 8 officers whose job it is to get to know the community. The officers were told that you “should be able to run for mayor in your sector.” Every business owner should know their officers. There will be a Sergeant assigned to the NCO unit.
More officers are needed for this program. Unfortunately, the impact zone is no longer in effect. However, with the increased number of officers going on patrol, the precinct will be able to cover the impact posts and residents should still be able to see a uniformed presence in the community.

Ms. Oton stated that she has been reading about open tickets and that DA Thompson is offering amnesty for open tickets. She stated that her concern with the backlog of the open tickets is that the officers are going to be dealing with quality of life issues for almost 3 hours rather than what they are supposed to be doing. She also stated that she is concerned that there will be more tickets issued on quality of life concerns. DI Lott stated that a lot of issues can be addressed without issuing more tickets or arresting people.

Mr. Reid asked if the officers are going to be able to interact in terms of meetings. He was told that the officers are going to start attending Community Council and Clergy meetings. They will get a lot of training. The goal is to start introducing the officers to the community so they are not strangers.

Ms. Langhorne announced that the Public Safety committee meets the 3rd Monday of the month at the 77th precinct. At each meeting, there is always an Executive Officer or the Commanding Officer present. She asked what the ratio of supervisors to officers on the street will be. DI Lott stated that there is supposed to be one Sergeant, but he actually identified 2 Sergeants, one for the day tour and one for the evening tour to make sure that the NCOs are doing what they are supposed to do.

Mr. Harris said he thinks it is a great idea, but asked if it is unique to the 77th or citywide? DI Lott stated that eventually, every precinct will go online, but the 77th, 75th, and 81st precincts will go online in January. The 73rd Precinct in Brownsville is going online shortly in the middle of this month.

Ms. Granville encouraged everyone to go to precinct council meetings where a lot of the officers are already present, and where you can address your issues in a more private session.

Ms. Granville thanked DI Lott for the information and welcomed PO Green to Community Affairs.

Ms. Granville asked the Secretary to take roll call. A quorum was present.

Acceptance of Minutes – Mr. Atkins made a motion to accept the September minutes with any necessary corrections. The motion was seconded by Mr. Staton and carried unanimously.

Ms. Granville asked for reports and brief announcements from elected official representatives.

Ms. Tahirah Moore from the Mayor’s Community Assistance Unit announced that she is the new Brooklyn Borough Director. She stated that she is a lifelong Brooklyn resident, having resided in both Bed-Stuy and Crown Heights. If you need a quicker response from an agency, please call 212-788-1369 or her cell at 646-830-8035. You can also email her at tmoore@cityhall.nyc.gov.

Ms. Suzette Davis from Councilman Cornegy’s office announced a number of upcoming events that the Councilman is sponsoring including a senior event tomorrow and a small business workshop on the 15th at Restoration Plaza at 6 PM. Call the Councilman’s office at 718-919-0740 for more information. Also, she announced that free immigration services are available at the Councilman’s office.
Ms. Kathleen Daniel from the Borough President’s office announced that BP Adams teamed up with the Manhattan BP and Norman Siegel to create a report on how to improve community/police relations. Visit the BP’s website at www.brooklyn-usa.org to view the document. The NYPD has adopted one recommendation on training police officers about how to de-escalate problems. The BP is hoping that more of the suggestions will be adopted and implemented. She also announced that the BP is working with the Attorney General’s office on a foreclosure event and mortgage scam event on the 13th. Call the BP’s office at 718-802-3900 for more information.

Mr. Charles Jackson from Congresswoman Clarke’s office announced that next Wednesday from 6:30-9 PM, the Congresswoman, along with Councilwoman Cumbo are having a Domestic Violence Awareness forum. There will be a representative from the Mayor’s office on domestic violence present. For more information on this event and others, call the Congresswoman’s office at 718-287-1142.

Mr. Jarvis Houston from Senator Hamilton’s office announced that Ms. Granville was named constituent of the month. Newsletters were distributed along with a community directory with key community information. The Senator is sponsoring a Halloween event on the 30th. The Senator is also working on a mentorship program for black males to help them succeed. For more information on any of these events or programs, call Senator Hamilton’s office at 718-284-4700.

Mr. Joseph Yanis from Assemblyman Mosley’s office announced that in an effort to reach youth, the Assemblyman has put together a student cabinet, which is open to all seniors in the 57th Assembly district. The goal of the student cabinet will be to take the concerns of the youth and bring them to Albany to try to get policy changes. For an application to join the student cabinet, call 718-596-0100.

Mr. Brian McLaurin from Public Advocate Letitia James’ office announced that in January 2016, a pilot program will be initiated where workers in nail salons will have protections against harmful chemicals. Owners must have a sensor in the space to detect the chemical levels in the shop. If the chemicals in the area are high, the detector will change colors, alerting workers of danger.

Ms. Kristia Beaubrun, Communications Director for Councilwoman Cumbo’s office announced her joint Domestic Violence forum. She encouraged everyone to vote in the upcoming election on November 3, 2015 as the election is primarily for judgeships. She also encouraged everyone to submit ideas for NYC participatory budgeting.

Ms. Cassandra Coleman from Assemblywoman Diana Richardson’s office distributed telephone cards and the monthly calendar of events in the 43rd Assembly district. The Assemblywoman is pleased to announce Meet Me Mondays for constituents to meet the Assemblywoman and discuss issues. Call the office at 718-771-3105 to set up meeting.

Mr. Lee Church from Congressman Jeffries office announced that he could be reached at lee.church@mail.house.gov or via telephone at 347.461.4095. He stated that the Congressman is in DC working hard to address issues in the community.

Ms. Arna Lipkind from Councilwoman Darlene Mealy’s office distributed the Councilwoman’s newsletter. She announced career opportunities and scholarships that are available. She also stated that the Councilwoman is partnering with other electeds on a domestic violence event, which will be held on Friday, October 30, 2015 from 9 AM to 2 PM at Brooklyn Borough Hall located at 209
Joralemon Street, Downtown Brooklyn. There will be a book giveaway next week in Bed-Stuy for schools. For more information on anything announced, call the Councilwoman’s office at 718-953-3097.

**District Leader Geoffrey Davis** announced that he is the founder of the James E. Davis Stop the Violence Foundation and that he has partnered with Senator Hamilton for an anti-violence task force. They are looking for people to join the task force. He stated that collectively, if we put our thoughts, visions, and ideas together, we can reach the young people to inspire them. Call him at 347-853-9971 if you would like to volunteer.

Ms. Granville thanked the elected official representatives for the announcements and called to order the Public Hearing on the Capital and Expense Budget for FY 2017 at 8:05 PM.

**Public Hearing on the Capital and Expense Budget for FY 2017**

Ms. Granville gave a brief overview of the Capital and Expense budget process. The requests were read by Mr. Ellis, Ms. Langhorne, and Mr. Atkins. Ms. Granville asked if anyone had any comments or additions to the budget.

**Mr. Atkins** added an expense item for the NYPD: increase staffing levels of detectives units, especially at the 77th and 78th precincts because of the increase in crime and increase in cold cases.

**Mr. Veconi** thanked the Board for its continued support for a middle school for Prospect Heights. He added that at the time this item was initially added to budget requests, the Board did not know that the School Construction Authority (SCA) was building a school in B15 in Pacific Park (a.k.a Atlantic Yards Project). This is the opportunity we need to create a stand-alone middle school in District 13, which currently lacks one. It is not an idle request at this moment; we really have an opportunity to win this item for the community and District 13. There is a lot of support behind the initiative, and he is very grateful for CB 8 support. He hopes to see movement from the SCA and Dept. of Education.

Regarding the M1-1 zone, or the M-Crown zone as it became called in committee—the 6 blocks identified for a city planning study—it is currently zoned for light manufacturing and has a lot of vacant land on it. This vacant land is an opportunity to create affordable housing and a lot of it in a community that lacks it. The Housing/ULURP Committee has been working with the Dept. of City Planning (DCP) on this issue since 2006 and hopes to continue the dialogue. He stated he is glad to see it as a budget request.

**Ms. Tyus** had two additions, one in line with Mr. Veconi. She stated that they have been working very closely with DCP to re-zone the M-Crown area. She would like to add funding for DCP to retain a consultant for an environmental impact study in the M-Crown area. The 2nd addition is a capital item to acquire a mixed use residential/commercial space for the CB 8 district office to share with other not-for-profits.

**Mr. Sachs** stated that he was struck by the lack of cultural programming items on the list. One of the biggest things that people recognize Crown Heights for is the West Indian American Day Carnival. A lot of the vacant lots in the M-Crown zone are used for practice by the steel bands. We can take the opportunity to address the issue by seeking practice space for them and other bands such as marching bands in the district.
Ms. Wedderburn requested that an expense item for education be added in the form of funding for a feasibility and site identification study for a culturally relevant stand-alone academic enrichment center that can be partnered with middle schools. Less programming space is available because of a number of reasons including the co-location of district and charter schools.

Mr. Witherwax requested the restoration of the B71 bus line.

Mr. Mensah requested funding to provide training programs to bring minorities up to speed to pass citywide exams, especially the fire exam.

Ms. Oton stated that as we formulate a strategy for the M-Crown area, we need an agency to handle it, similar to the Brooklyn Navy Yard. We need recruitment services to recruit manufacturers. The City, through the Economic Development Corporation, has been able to create agencies to manage manufacturing zones in terms of attraction, development, and planning.

Dr. Monderson proposed the creation of a miniature Schomburg library in Crown Heights. He requested funding to acquire a space to build a 4-story structure with a theater on the first floor with a microphone that young people could use to transmit globally. The 2nd floor would house a computer lab and the 3rd and 4th floors would be a reading room and stacks for the library.

Ms. Grefrath requested an expense item for specific test preparation for specialty high schools. Secondly, she added a capital request for Brower Park Library: add a garden and tear down the iron railings.

Ms. Banks asked if there were any specific items needed for the request to increase funding for community boards. She was informed that an increased budget would go toward staffing to hire a planner, salaries, supplies, etc., and everything that makes the office operate.

Ms. Granville thanked everyone for their very thoughtful comments and additions. She reminded everyone that the vote is to accept the items as written with additions from the floor.

Mr. Atkins made a motion to accept the items as submitted with the additions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Matthews and carried unanimously with 37 in favor.

Ms. Granville asked for a report from the following committees:

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

The SLAC Committee met on Monday, October 5, 2015 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation. Present were: Wayne Bailey, Gail Branch-Muhammad, Barbara Campbell, Dian Duke, James Ellis, Fred Frazier, Tarvers Lord, Atim Oton, Robert Puca, Delissa Reynolds, Stacey Sheffey, Meredith Staton, Mark Thurton, Gib Veconi, Irsa Weatherspoon, Robert Witherwax, Greg Yerman, and Deborah Young.

The committee discussed the following applications:

1. Renewal Liquor Licenses
   a. Zaytoons, 594 Vanderbilt Avenue (Beer/Wine License)
   b. Barboncino, 781 Franklin Avenue (Full License)
c. Brooklyn Exposure, 1401 Bedford Avenue (Full License)
d. New Heights, 137 Schenectady Avenue (Full License)
e. 95 South, 778 Franklin Avenue (Full License)

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

Mr. Witherwax made a motion to accept the committee’s recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Matthews and passed with a final vote of 36 in favor, 0 opposed, with 3 abstentions.

2. Alteration Application for Shhh Secrets, 724 Nostrand Avenue (Full License)
   - Applicant seeking corporate name change
   - Stipulations:
     a. Rear Yard to close Sun-Thu at 11 PM, Fri-Sat at 12 AM
     b. All alcohol service to stop by 4 AM
     c. No dancing without proper license
     d. No smoking under canopy
     e. Properly licensed security personnel at front door at all times

The committee voted 16 in favor, 1 opposed, with 1 abstention to support the alteration application for Shhh Secrets as long as the proprietor adheres to the stipulations. The committee hopes that the full Board supports its recommendation.

As a point of clarification, Mr. Ellis stated that the recommendation is for a corporate name change and 5 foot extension of the bar. Ms. Janet Collins had a question about the rear yard usage. Mr. Ellis responded that stipulations were added for the use of the backyard in terms of their hours. Ms. Banks asked what the current hours of operation are. She was informed that they operate Wednesday and Thursday until midnight and Friday and Saturday until 4 AM. Mr. Todd asked if there was someone from the precinct present to advise the committee. He was informed that the precinct is notified of all upcoming applications and are called for reports. No objections were received for any of the items on tonight’s agenda.

Dr. Monderson made a motion to accept the committee’s recommendation to support the application. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wedderburn and carried with a final vote of 31 in favor, 3 opposed, with 5 abstentions.

3. New application for Guayaco, 727 Franklin Avenue
   - Beer/Wine License
   - Ecuadorean cuisine, occasional acoustic performances, no yard
   - Hours of Operation: 11 AM-10PM Sunday; 11 AM-11 PM Monday thru Saturday
   - 35 seats at 10 tables and 1 counter space

The committee voted 17 in favor, 1 opposed, with 0 abstentions to support the beer/wine application in hopes that the full Board supports its recommendation.

Mr. Witherwax made a motion to accept the committee’s recommendation. It was seconded by Dr. Monderson and carried with a final vote of 35 in favor, 2 opposed, with 1 abstention.
4. Method of Operation Change for Catfish, 1433 Bedford Avenue, Full License

Applicant seeking:
- Hours of Operation to 2 AM seven days a week
- Approval of occasional live acoustic music performance, ending no later than 10 PM
- Approval to open front window until 6 PM during spring and fall months.

Support with the following stipulations after discussion of community concerns:
- A planter must be installed
- Applicant to continue mediation with the residents of the Rogers Avenue Block Association
- Closing hours of 2 AM seven days a week
- Acoustic music permitted, but only until 10 PM
- Open window permitted until 6 PM but never to coincide with the live music

Mr. Sachs asked what the planter accomplishes. He was informed that it has been requested to allow for an area at curb level for people to smoke to pull them further away from the building. Mr. Ellis also stated that the applicant has applied for a bike corral. Ms. Taitt-Hall asked why they are allowed to stay open until 2 AM daily. She was informed that it was an extension of 12 more hours weekly. By law they can stay open until 4 AM daily but the committee tries to mitigate the impact on the community by requesting earlier closing hours.

Ms. Sheffey made a motion to accept the committee’s recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Tyus and carried with a final vote of 28 in favor, 4 opposed, with 6 abstentions.

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

The Youth and Education Committee met on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation. Present were: Kwasi Mensah, Audrey Taitt-Hall, Xeerxeema Jordan, Suzette Davis, Azriel Cocchini-Beck, Alli Lesovoy, Betty Davis, Desmond Atkins, Laura Dagrosa, Patricia Scantlebury, Takako Kono, and Alysha Webb.

Azriel Cocchini-Beck, representing Repair the World, alongside Alli Lesovoy, spoke briefly about his volunteer work with Achievement First, specifically in working with its debating team. Judges are always in demand, with the prerequisite for qualification to sit through an entire session.

Desmond Atkins spoke on the seriousness of street gangs, an initiative championed by Borough President Eric Adams in light of the recent tragedy during J'Ouvert, which resulted in the death of Governor Cuomo’s legal aide, Carey Gaby. It could not be emphasized enough how important it is to be able to recognize some of the signs that indicate that a youth is either leaning voluntarily, or is being forced to join a gang. A sudden change in personality or personal habits, are signs to look out for. The child may become withdrawn, more argumentative, or even neglect his (or her) school work. A drastic change in wardrobe is also something to look for.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 (Election Day) at 6:30 PM at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation which is located at 727 Classon Avenue (between Park and Prospect Places). All are invited to attend.
Economic Development – Ms. Atim Oton, Chair

The Economic Development Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 6:30 PM at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation located at 727 Classon Avenue (between Park and Prospect Places). Ms. Oton made a call for more members as the committee is working on 4 very important community projects whose primary focus is a concentration district-wide.

Health & Human Services – Mr. Kwasi Mensah, Chair

The Health & Human Services Committee met on Monday, October 5, 2015 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation. Present were: Kwasi Mensah, Marsha Scipio, Kim Albert, Audrey Taitt-Hall, and Shalawn Langhorne.

The committee continued discussing the upcoming Health Fair in conjunction with the Parks and Seniors Committees which will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2015 from 10:30 AM to 4 PM at St. John’s Recreation Center located at 1251 Prospect Place, Brooklyn, NY. Elected officials have been invited and many have confirmed their attendance. There will also be multiple demonstrations on weight lifting, martial arts, and CPR. In addition, on October 21, 2015, the recreation center will have their annual senior health fair from 11 AM to 2 PM.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 2, 2015 at 6:30 PM at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation located at 727 Classon Avenue (between Park and Prospect Places). A certified yoga instructor will be present to give information on how yoga can help the mind and body. All are invited to attend.

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

The Parks Committee met on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at the St. John’s Recreation Center. Present were Larry James, Joyce Bolden, Kwasi Mensah, Carolyn Johnson, Audrey Boyd, Julia Boyd, Glinda Andrews, Thomas Montford, Ron Taylor, Vilma Zuniga, and Mary Reid.

Ms. Albert reiterated the upcoming Health Fair. She also announced that there will be another meeting regarding the Brower Park re-seeding project on October 14, 2015 from 6-8 PM at the Brooklyn Children’s Museum. The Parks Department and the Central Park Conservatory will be on hand to answer questions. All are invited to attend.

St. John’s Recreation Center is sponsoring a Senior Olympic campaign. There will be practice events and swimming competitions from 9-11 AM every Friday. Seniors 62 and over receive the discounted senior rate for recreation centers.

The next meeting will be held on November 10, 2015 instead of November 3rd due to Election Day. The meeting will be held at 6 PM at the St. John’s Recreation Center located at 1251 Prospect Place (between Troy and Schenectady Avenues). All are invited to attend.

Seniors Committee – Ms. Kim Albert, Chair

The Seniors Committee met on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at David Chavis Apartments located at 230 Kingston Avenue. The committee continued their discussion of merchants shortchanging the seniors with their change and taking money out of the community. Members have started to compile a list of merchants, and with the help of Councilman Cornegy, are trying to identify areas where discounts to seniors are provided in an effort to keep money in the community.
The next meeting of the Seniors Committee will be Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at 6 PM at David Chavis Apartments located at 230 Kingston Avenue (corner of Sterling Place). All are invited to attend.

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


The committee heard a presentation from the FDNY on the importance of fire safety. Residents were taught how to properly protect their homes from electrical fires, grease fires and carelessness. Carbon Monoxide and smoke detectors were highlighted and tips were made on how to select and install. Residents were shown how to properly inspect worn wires and cords.

The committee also discussed the appointment of P.O. Laverne Greene to the Community Affairs Unit. She replaces P.O. Tania Salters, who was transferred to the Intel Unit. Deputy Inspector Lott, Commanding Officer of the 77th Precinct reported that there has been a spike in violence, including four shootings within 2 months and several stabbings. None of the shootings were related to the Labor Day Parade. The precinct is working hard and were able to make some arrests.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 19, 2015 at 6 PM at the 77th Precinct located at 127 Utica Avenue (corner of Bergen Street). All are invited to attend.

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

The Transportation Committee met on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation. Present were: Wayne Bailey, MacKensie Hurd, Greg Todd, Elizabeth Haines, Xeerxeema Jordan, Holly Fuchs, Dr. Fred Monderson, Tom Boast, Robt Witherwax, Jacqueline Wells, and Meredith Staton.

The committee discussed sink holes and members reported no sightings of sinking streets that they were aware of. A brief discussion of potential co-namings for the Franklin Avenue Shuttle and Vivian Benjamin Samuels was discussed. An update was given on the conditions of MV Transit Access A Ride facility on Dean and Bergen Streets. Conditions have slightly improved.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at 7 PM at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation located at 727 Classon Avenue (between Park and Prospect Places), where they will discuss the restoration of the B71 bus. All are invited to attend.

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

The Housing/ULURP Committee did not meet for the month of October. However, Ms. Tyus announced that the Board has been successful in its request to the Fund for the City of New York for an urban planning fellow, Ms. Inna Bransbrow, a 2nd year master’s student at Pratt Institute. Ms. Bransbrow has been tasked with looking at the types of light industry and affordable housing for that could potentially come to the M-Crown area. She will be working with Ms. Tyus and Mr. Veconi throughout her fellowship.
Ms. Granville thanked the committees for their reports and reminded everyone that CB 8 has a team that will participate in the Breast Cancer Walk on Sunday, October 18th at Prospect Park. She urged everyone to either join team Brooklyn Community Board 8 or donate as Breast Cancer is an important medical condition that needs further research. She asked if anyone had any public comments.

Mr. Krowker Direny stated that in light of the number of hit and run accidents, a mica paint initiative has been proposed, where the VIN number of the vehicle will be put into the paint on a car so if anyone is hit, the police can investigate and get the VIN number from paint left behind.

Ms. Granville thanked everyone for participating in the meeting. She adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM. The next meeting will be held on November 12, 2015 at Union United Methodist Church located at 121 New York Avenue (corner of Bergen Street). All are encouraged to attend.

**GUESTS**

Rachel Smith          James Walker
Jeesa Europe          Colluyn Cleveland
Albert Appleton      Sudesh Muncraw
Geraldine Buchanan   Rajesh Persaud
Maurice Anthony Lee  Yasheba Johnson
Linda Stewart        Charles Hickman
Edison Stewart       Leroy Reid
Shayna Nelson         Dian Duke
Pat Callaghan         Celeste Farmer
Robert Jackson       Caryn Johnson
Janet Collins         Sharon Gonzalez
Krowker Direly       Mike Fagan
Pnina Tsanen          Maxx Colson
Yushabel Hubrun      Lula Staton
Hazel Hurley         Lamar Lucas
Regina Garde         Valerie Nero-Reid
Linnette Grant       Debra Worthington
Chinyelu Uduh        Iva Webster
Ron Brown            Dorothy Bembry-Guet
Avione Fraser         Mary Reed
Mario Ealeurria       Margaret Walton
Annette Kavanagh     Earl Hedges Jr.
Shirley Mondesir     Dweynie Paul
Bethina Parker       Betty Davis
Helen Dixon

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