Ms. Nizjoni Granville, Chairperson call the regular meeting of Community Board to order at 7:10 p.m. She asked the Secretary to take roll call. A quorum was present.
Acceptance of Minutes – Mr. Staton made a motion to accept the October minutes with any necessary corrections. The motion was seconded by Mr. Witherwax and carried unanimously.

Correspondence – CB 8 newsletter and other information was distributed.

Ms. Granville asked Reverend David Ball to say a few words.

Reverend David Ball, Union United Methodist Church

Rev. Ball stated that it is a pleasure to host the Community Board at Union United Methodist Church. Union United has been a fixture in the community for over a century and hopes to continue working with the community in the future.

Ms. Granville thanked Rev. Ball for use of the space and introduced Ms. Rachel Amar, Special Assistant to the Commissioner, NYC Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings.

NYC Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings (OATH) – Ms. Rachel Amar, Special Assistant to the Commissioner

Ms. Amar stated that part of role in the administration is to make public services more available within the community. OATH holds trials on a diverse range of administrative matters, including complex contractual disputes, human rights discrimination cases, license revocation issues, and car seizures cases.

OATH receives 700,000 summonses each year and conducts about 300,000 hearings. The agency has a trial division with 9 administrative judges at 100 Church Street in Manhattan. It was established as the first administrative office independent from all agencies that issues summonses. It is comprised of 3 parts: environmental control board hearings, for hire vehicles, and health grades.

As part of the new administration, the goal is to make the process as uniform as possible, streamlining the process to make it less burdensome for the public. Mr. Atkins asked if OATH is in charge of seizures of property such as vehicles. He was informed that they are, but they are not in charge of parking violations. Rather, they are involved with vehicle forfeiture and vehicles seized.

Mr. Staton stated he heard that the NYPD is now giving out tickets for jaywalking and asked if OATH handles jaywalking tickets. He was informed that OATH does not cover moving violations. However, if someone wants a fair hearing, then OATH would adjudicate it.

Leroy Reid asked how defense is handled—whether it is provided or if it has to be paid for by the individual. Ms. Amar stated that she would follow-up with the Community Board on that question. She did state, however, that a lot of times people self-represent, but sometimes people do hire attorneys.
Ms. Granville thanked Ms. Amar for the information and welcomed Captain Perez, Executive Officer and Det. Pierre-Louis, Community Affairs from 77th Precinct. She acknowledged the following officials and representatives:

**Judge Michael Gerstein** thanked everyone for their vote during the last election.

**Ms. Karen Crawford** from the Kings County District Attorney’s office announced that the DA is having a Begin Again initiative. People with minor summonses will have the ability of trying to have them rectified. Begin Again will be held on Saturday, December 5, 2015 at Mt. Lebanon Church located at 228 Decatur Street, Brooklyn, from 9AM to 3 PM. A court room will be present to handle minor tickets. Major warrants will not be addressed. There will also be a Domestic Violence conference on Nov 25, 2015 in Canarsie. For additional information, call 718-250-4877.

**Ms. Suzette Davis** from Councilman Cornegy’s office announced that she is the new constituent liaison. The district office is located at 1360 Fulton Street and the telephone number is 718-919-0740. She announced a few of the Councilman’s upcoming events, including “The Other F Word” forum on childhood obesity, on November 16, 2015 from 6-8 PM. Senior benefit assistance is available at the office every 3rd Tuesday beginning Nov 24th in collaboration with the Crown Heights Jewish Community Council. On Nov 23rd there will be a financial aid workshop for high school juniors and seniors starting at 6 PM. For locations and additional information on any of the announcements, please call the Councilman’s office.

**Ms. Elisa Heligar** from Senator Hamilton’s office announced that earlier in the evening there was a veteran career resource fair. On Wednesday, November 18, 2015, there will be a night life forum. Every 3rd Thursday have SNAP assistance at the district office located at 1669 Bedford Avenue. Please call 718-284-4700 to schedule an appointment or to find out more information.

**Mr. Edu Hermelyn** from Assemblywoman Richardson’s office distributed cards with important numbers. Their district office is located at 1216 Union Street. The Assemblywoman covers 4 community boards and 4 precincts. He distributed the Richardson Report with all upcoming events and CB meetings. On Monday, November 16, 2015, the Assemblywoman will sponsor a mobile van that provides legal services to members of community. The van will be located on Hawthorne Street between Nostrand and Rogers Avenues from 10 AM to 3 PM. On Saturday November 21st, there will be a turkey drive block party from 11 AM to 2 PM, where turkeys will be given out in front of the Community Board 9 district office which is located at 890 Nostrand Avenue.

**Ms. Arna Lipkind** from Councilwoman Mealy’s office distributed the Councilwoman’s newsletter. She announced that Councilwoman Mealy will co-sponsor a Domestic Violence walk on Saturday, November 14th in Prospect Park. She also announced the upcoming advisory board meeting, also on Saturday, November 14th, from 10 AM to Noon at the district office located at 1757 Union Street. There will be an upcoming Pearl Harbor Day memorial celebration in collaboration with Borough President Adams on December 7, 2015. For the location contact the district office at 718-953-3097.
Ms. Granville thanked Judge Gerstein and the elected official representatives for the announcements and wished all veterans a happy Veterans Day. She then asked for committee reports:

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

SLAC met on Monday, November 2, 2015 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation. In addition to the Chair James Ellis present were: Robert Witherwax, Wayne Bailey, Gail Branch-Muhammad, Cheryl Brown, Barbara Campbell, Fred Frazier, Takago Kono, Tarvers Lord, Robert Puca, Stacey Sheffey, Meredith Staton, Mark Thurton, Sheryl Vassell, Gib Veconi, Irsa Weatherspoon, and Deborah Young.

The committee discussed the following liquor license applications:

1. **Renewals**:
   a. Friends and Lovers, 641 Classon Avenue, Full License

   The committee voted 13 in favor, 3 opposed, with 1 abstention to support the liquor license renewal application and hopes that the full Board supports its recommendation.

   Ms. Lord made a motion to support the committee’s recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Staton and carried with a final vote of 27 in favor, 3 opposed, with 4 abstentions.

2. **Alteration Application**:
   a. Citrico, 681 Washington
      i. Applicant seeking to change from a beer/wine license to a full liquor license and add hours of service
      ii. Community benefit: different take on Mexican; proprietor invested in community (active Washington Avenue Prospect Heights Association (WAPHA) member)
      iii. Hours of Service: Sun 11AM-10PM, Mon-Thu 11AM-11PM, Fri 11AM-12AM, Sat 9AM-12AM

   The committee voted 16 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions to support the alteration application as presented and hopes the full Board supports its recommendation.

   Ms. Grefrath asked what exactly does different take on Mexican mean. She was informed by the proprietor that they try to offer more entrees and not just tacos, and use traditional recipes and authentic ingredients. Ms. Wedderburn asked if an alteration starts before a license expires. She was informed that it does and also starts a new clock on the expiration of the license.

   Mr. Sachs made a motion to support the committee’s recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Staton and carried with a final vote of 30 in favor, 1 opposed, with 3 abstentions.
The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 7, 2015 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation located at 727 Classon Avenue, Brooklyn, NY at 6 PM. All are invited to attend.

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

The Transportation Committee met on Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation located at 727 Classon Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.

In addition to the Chair Dr. Frederick Monderson present were: Robert Witherwax, Greg Todd, Elizabeth Haines, Xeerxeema Jordan, Holly Fuchs, Chris McNally, Jacqueline Wells, Meredith Staton, Anthony Campbell, Michael Cairl, Suzette Davis, and Connie Lesold.

The committee heard a presentation by Michael Cairl of the Park Slope Civic Council on efforts to restore service along the B71 bus route.

Dr. Monderson reported that with the elimination of the B71, there is no crosstown public transit option that connects Carroll Gardens, Gowanus, Park Slope, Prospect Heights, and Crown Heights. To fill this gap, a coalition of civic leaders and elected officials have drafted a proposal for a revived B71. This proposal calls for (1) More frequent service; (2) Later ending time; and (3) Sensible route modifications that eliminate bottlenecks, utilize existing bus rights-of-way and stops, and link transit connections and points of interest between Brooklyn Bridge Park and the Brooklyn Children's Museum.

The coalition is seeking the support of Community Board 8 as it brings the proposal for the restoration of the B71 to the attention of the MTA and New York City Transit. The committee unanimously endorsed the efforts to restore the B71 bus service, and hopes the full board does the same.

Mr. Ellis made a motion to support the committee’s recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sachs and carried with a final vote of 32 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, with 2 recusals.

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

The Housing ULURP committee met on Thursday, November 5, 2015 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation located at 727 Classon Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.

In addition to the Chair Ms. Nizjoni Granville present were: Ethel Tyus, Wayne Bailey, Lee Ann Banks, Princess Benn-James, Michael Cox, Suzette Davis, Diane Duke, James Ellis, Diana Foster, Liz Grefrath, Curtis Harris, Tarves Lord, Robert Puca, Yahya Raji, Adam Sachs, Stacey Sheffey, Margie Smith, Meredith Staton, Audrey Taitt-Hall, Gib Veconi, Yves Vilus, Irsa Weatherspoon, Sharon Wedderburn, Deborah Young, Albert Appleton, Benjamin Azinge, Peter Baltera, Jonathan Berman, Phu Duong, Salef Fakir, Maria Fuller, Mary Galloway, Jonathan Keller, DCP, Victoria Lawrence, Tiana Leonard (LVWNYC), Angel Melendez, Daniel Moran (HPD), Carmella Murden, Ernest Murden, Sanmati Naik (DCP), Ronen Shiponi, Laura Smith (DCP), Sandra Spady, Marta Tanenbaum, Michelle George,
The committee discussed the following items:

1) ULURP # N 160049 ZRY - DCP Mandatory Inclusionary Housing (MIH) [ZR §23-154, paragraph (d) is proposed in this MIH Zoning Text Amendment]

Representatives from the Dept. of City Planning (DCP) and the Dept. Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) provided a slide-show presentation of the MIH proposal which, in conjunction which the Citywide proposal for Zoning for Quality and Affordability (ZQA), is designed to provide as much affordable housing as possible. MIH will require a set of income mix options as follows:

- 25% of residential floor area must be for affordable housing units for residents with incomes averaging 60% AMI ($46,620 per year for a family of three), or
- 30% of residential floor area must be for affordable housing units for residents with incomes averaging 80% AMI ($62,150 per year for a family of three), and
- 30% of the total residential floor area must be for housing units for residents with incomes averaging 120% AMI ($93,240 per year for a family of three)

No units could go to residents with incomes above 130% AMI ($101,010/year for a family of 3). DCP was not clear on how the rental rates will be monitored.

No direct subsidies could be used for these affordable housing units. Buildings with fewer than 11 units can pay into a fund for affordable housing. DCP admitted that the Crown Heights West rezoning had some unintended consequences. Specific conflicting/restrictive rules have been identified and corrected. Details of these corrections were not provided.

The committee voted 14 in favor with one opposed to support this DCP proposal and hopes the full Board will concur with the Committee’s recommendation. DCP remarked that this ULURP item is combined with that for ZQA below.

Ms. Oton asked what AHND’s (Association for Housing and Neighborhood Development) conclusion to the MIH plan was. She was informed by Ms. Tyus that AHND is suggesting that most development would eligible for as of right 421-A, which is 35 years of affordability, not permanent as the Mayor claims in his proposal.

Mr. Dupree asked why the plan skips around income brackets. He specifically asked about people that fall in between income brackets. Dan Moran of HPD responded by stating that one of the features of MIH is income averaging and not just targeting certain people in an effort to get to as many levels and incomes as possible. Ms. Tyus also stated that for many years, this CB has asked that we use the average median income for this community district and not the current AMI that is set on the federal level for the entire metropolitan area and skewed on the high side.

Mr. Reid inquired about employment opportunities for minorities during construction of the new housing units. Mr. Moran stated that HPD recommends the developers go to Workforce 1 to get participants for employment.
Mr. Veconi asked DCP to clarify whether or not there is a dependency between MIH and ZQA. There does not appear to be, but if there is, it needs to be spelled out. A representative from DCP did not directly answer the question but stated that DCP did extensive outreach when all of the proposals were identified 6 months ago. All the problems identified have been known for many decades. Building construction technology has evolved since 1961 and 1987 when the codes were last updated with the exception of zoning changes. These two plans seek to add some new breath to the zoning laws. Mr. Moran stated that they are 2 independent proposals.

Mr. Sachs stated that the income levels and brackets cut off certain people. He asked if the units could be offered to other incomes. He was informed that units are offered across the band to get the average of 60% or 80% depending on which of the 3 plans is chosen. Different family sizes are also targeted to add as many striations as possible.

Ms. Sanmati Naik from DCP stated that housing options are small, and this is a problem. The Housing New York plan has many initiatives to address the housing crisis and all of the initiatives are serving the same goals. MIH ensures that a percentage of housing is set aside for affordable housing permanently.

Mr. Witherwax asked if the averaging is how things are done now or if the averaging will only be brought about by MIH. He gave examples, asking if there can be someone with 150% AMI balancing someone with 120%? Mr. Moran stated that the cap is 120% with 60% band or 130% with the 80% band.

Ms. Grefrath stated that nothing requires the developer from averaging and asked if they could just do 60%. She was informed that a developer could just do 60%, but that DCP is encouraging averaging because from a marketing standpoint, it would be better to have units at a range of incomes.

Ms. Tyus suggested that DCP take into account information from AHND, which did a very rich study on financial feasibility in the draft that is saying, for the production of this proposal, AMI’s under 60% in the areas that need it greatest were not studied. DCP only studied the 60-90% bracket. She asked how the rents asked will be monitored. We are awaiting clarity on the response.

Mr. Mensah asked how the AMI is recorded. He was informed that it is recorded by family size.

Mr. Harris expressed his dissatisfaction with the proposal, stating that a lot of people are not approving the proposal. He brought up the fact that DCP acknowledged the fact that if developers did not comply with providing affordable housing they will be fined and avoid providing affordable housing if they pay the fine. He asked if there was a concrete amount for the fine and was told that there was not at this time. Mr. Harris went on to state that Crown Heights is saturated with developers and minorities are being priced out of the community. The stats say that 78% of the community is minority. We need to represent the interest of the constituency. Mr. Moran stated that what he is describing is displacement and
gentrification. Right now, there is no requirement for developments to provide affordable housing. MIH provides a level of protection against displacement.

Ms. Foster pointed out that no study was done concerning feasibility of AMI under 60% and asked why one was not studied. She further asked if the people making under 60% of the AMI should not be eligible for housing. DCP stated that the target is 60% because it is the average. Developers can break 20 units down into 10 units available at 30% AMI and the other 10 units at 90% AMI, which would create the 60% AMI average that is being sought. This is the reason the income bands were created so that a wider range of incomes could be reached.

Mr. Atkins asked, if 60% is the base level being used, what commissions and regulations were used to establish this as the baseline? He continued by stating that the people being pushed out were the ones here first because no one else wanted to be here. He urged DCP to take a closer look at the baseline. Ms. Naik stated that the city retains experts to make sure 60% is not an arbitrary decision. She reminded everyone that we have to realize we are talking about private property, not city property, and that the program has to match certain standards. One of the questions asked during the creation of the proposal was what AMI would make the program work and it was found to be 60%.

A resident stated that she noticed some unintended consequences of the averaging. She asked, if you have someone at the higher end of the AMI and they leave their unit, does that make the unit set aside for the high end permanently? She was informed by Mr. Moran that the 120% or 130% would be offset by someone with a very low AMI. HUD sets AMI standards and the numbers do change over time.

Mr. Raji asked if the proposal was for rental units or homeownership, because at these AMI’s it would be difficult to get a mortgage. He was informed that it would be for rental properties.

Mr. Veconi made a motion that the full board support the MIH proposal being put forward with guidance that the city work toward affordability levels for markets that are at deeper affordability levels than are currently proposed and to make more units affordable in any particular development in MIH sites. The proposal results in additional influence for CB to act more in its advisory capacity. The motion was seconded by Ms. Tyus.

Mr. Mensah asked what the consequences are if we do not support the MIH proposal. He was informed that we would have nothing in place requiring affordable units.

Ms. Branch-Muhammad stated that she is not trusting that MIH will happen even if we support it.

Ms. Taitt-Hall asked what does landmark preservation means in terms of MIH since much of the district is landmark preserved. Ms. Tyus informed her that much of the land along the edges along the historic districts will be the area that is focused on, not the landmarked areas.
Ms. Oton stated that at this point, we have nothing. This is a start for a beginning of dialogue with our city council members.

The final vote on the motion was 30 in favor, 2 opposed, with 1 abstention.

2) DCP Citywide Zoning for Quality and Affordability (ZQA) ULURP No. N160049ZRY, CEQR No. 15DCP104Y
DCP representatives indicated that this proposal is designed to improve the quality of architectural design and would not introduce dramatic changes to current zoning. For quality, the proposal will allow for higher ceilings on the ground floor for commercial uses. For affordability, the proposal will activate the requirements for MIH, as described above. The changes to ground floor ceiling heights will also promote ground floor privacy for residential units. In general, the proposal is designed to address the following issues:

**Affordability:**
- Make it easier to provide the range of affordable senior housing and care facilities needed to meet the varied needs of an aging population, and to help seniors remain in their communities,
- Enable Inclusionary Housing buildings, which provide mixed-income housing, to construct quality buildings that fit the full amount of housing they are allowed under zoning today,
- Reduce unnecessarily high costs of building transit-accessible affordable housing, and make taxpayer dollars go further toward meeting our affordable housing goals;

**Quality:**
- Change rules that lead to flat, dull apartment buildings, to accommodate and encourage façade articulation, courtyards, and other elements that provide visual variety and make the pedestrian experience more interesting,
- Encourage better ground-floor retail spaces and residential units with adequate ceiling heights,
- Maintain rules that work well today, including the essential rules of “contextual” zoning districts and lower-density zoning districts.

The proposal will update the definitions of senior housing and Long Term Care housing. The most contentious aspect of the proposal was to reduce the requirement for off-street parking for senior and affordable housing. Board members and community residents in attendance felt that reducing the off-street parking requirement was detrimental to the quality of life for current residents.

The proposals are nested so that MIH provisions operate only within the application of rezonings occurring under ZQA. DCP indicated that HPD and HUD 202 properties are beyond the reach of these proposals. It was noted that MIH provisions will apply to any proposed developments greater than 10 units.

A motion was made and seconded, and after some discussion, the committee voted 11 in favor, with 6 opposing, and 1 abstention to support the ZQA proposal with conditions that were not specifically identified. No reference was made to the lengthy list of conditions that
had been repeatedly circulated to the Housing/ULURP Committee in the week or more preceding the committee meeting, except for eliminating the parking requirement for new developments. The list of potential conditions is attached hereto for consideration by the full board in ratifying the Housing/ULURP Committee vote.

Mr. Veconi stated that the 2 main components would add an additional height factor amongst most contextual zones of 5 feet or 10 feet as of right and, even more, 25 feet in the inclusionary zones along Franklin Avenue to add the 20% affordable housing in the existing envelope. Although the justification for the additional height in inclusionary zones is to enable developers to take advantage of the bonus, in the Crown Heights West inclusionary zone, developers are currently using the bonus without the need for additional height. From our perspective, we would be voting for an additional 25 feet in the R7A zone. It does not seem we have to give the extra 25 feet away in the zone. He is not confident that the additional 5 feet in all of our contextual zones will encourage better looking development.

Ms. Naik stated that she appreciates the observations. There was a theme of architects, city planners, developers, and others, that found that floor to ceiling heights in commercial space of 8’8” was not high enough. We see all the time that there is no privacy for ground floor residents. The new buildings are like boxes. Zoning is in part responsible for the boxy appearance. Raising the ground floor level by 3 feet gives more privacy to ground floor residents. ZQA gives for a few feet of horizontal flexibility that makes for a better streetscape.

Ms. Oton stated that the fact that this entire proposal was put together and brought to CBs in such a short span of time basically says that the city has no interest in communities. This administration is an embarrassment because you failed to ask communities what they would like first. You failed to ask communities what they would like first. As someone that came from the architectural industry, this is disrespectful. Ms. Naik stated that ZQA might not go as far as you would like, but it is an improvement over what currently exists. Another DCP rep stated that this proposal was brought for public review in March 2015. DCP extended the comment period from 30 days to 60 days. DCP and the City Council will also hold public hearings on the items allowing additional opportunities for the public to comment.

Mr. Witherwax thanked the Housing/ULURP Committee for coming up with 23 conditions in such a short time on ZQA. He stated that this proposal is not good enough, and unlike the case with MIH where not good enough is better than nothing. He stated that he will not support the initiative as is.

Ms. Grefrath stated that a lot of buildings are going to be built and people are going to be living in them. After a while with 8’8” inches as your ceiling height, you start to feel closed in. She also stated that she can see into many living rooms and kitchens while walking down any given street with a new development and elevating ground levels is very important. Developers usually put the lower incomes on the ground levels and these tenants require some consideration as well as market rate tenants.

Mr. Staton congratulated the committee for voting on this amendment. He stated that the proposal is not static; there will be public hearings for additional comments and concerns to be expressed.
Ms. Benn-James stated that the city recently had a house auction last month. She questioned why the city didn’t they turn those buildings into affordable housing rather than auctioning them off to developers. Mr. Moran informed her that HPD has a host of properties that are all at affordable rates.

Ms. Tanenbaum stated that one of the issues raised last week was the issue of seniors and parking. She informed DCP that they missed an opportunity when they looked at seniors and the parking issue, and that they are not quite capturing the real experiences of seniors. She expressed concern that seniors will become isolated if you take away the parking spaces even though they don’t themselves own the vehicle because they rely on people with vehicles to take care of them. There is a gray area where seniors need people that have cars.

Mr. Duong stated that as an architect, there are incentives for developers to take on some of the suggestions. The higher ceiling heights encourage opportunities to have more shops with better ventilation. He referenced sitting in a restaurant and exiting smelling like the restaurant. However, he cautioned that ZQA, in allowing for higher elevations, might impact commercial rentals and cause higher rents to be charged for commercial spaces. Yes, it will allow for a better street life and street experience, but those are two separate experiences that could be better presented.

Ms. Tyus added to the parking discussion that the reason DCP removed parking from the plan is the perceived wealth of public transportation in the district. If you’re a senior living near Atlantic Avenue and need to go to the IRT subway on Eastern Parkway, it would be a long uphill trek. She stated that she would like DCP to remove CB 8 as being a transit rich hub.

Mr. Atkins stated that we have focused too much on certain ages and are forgetting that we represent people from birth to death. All age ranges should be taken in consideration.

Mr. Sachs stated that parking is a very touchy subject. His understanding of the proposal is that it would remove parking on site but not off-street. There is a certain dollar figure that it costs developers to provide off-street parking in the development. By removing the parking requirement, it allows developers to create units at deeper affordability.

Ms. Oton added that when you add 25 feet of height on Franklin Avenue, it blocks out the sun. You will have great ground floor levels but no sun.

Mr. Witherwax made a motion not to support ZQA as proposed unless it incorporates the 23 conditions put forth by the committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Atkins and carried with a final vote of 25 in favor, 4 opposed, with 1 abstention.

3) M1-1 Subcommittee Charter Renewal
After two productive and encouraging meetings with the Dept. of City Planning (DCP) CB 8’s proposal to rezone the M1-1 area bounded by Atlantic Ave, Franklin Ave, Bergen St. and Classon Ave., the Housing/ULURP Committee requests reauthorization of the Subcommittee’s power to speak for the Housing Committee in encouraging DCP and joining
with them in investigating the viability of rezoning the area for mixed residential/light manufacturing/commercial uses.

The Subcommittee has competed successfully for assignment of an Urban Fellow from the Fund for the City of New York. We have been awarded a Master’s degree candidate from Pratt Institute, Ina Branzburg, to assist in gathering data to support the CB 8’ request for this Special District. Her Fellowship ends June 2016.

The reauthorization requested from the full Board will expire at the end of June 2017 or when the rezoning is completed, whichever is sooner. The Housing Committee voted unanimously, 13 in favor to request this reauthorization and hopes the full Board supports its recommendation.

Mr. Witherwax made a motion to support the committee’s recommendation. It was seconded by Mr. Ellis and carried with a final vote of 29 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions.


The next Housing/ULURP Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, December 3, 2015 at 6:30 PM at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation located at 727 Classon Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. All are invited to attend.

**Economic Development** – Ms. Atim Oton, Chair

The Economic Development Committee met on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation located at 727 Classon Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.

In addition to the Chair Atim Oton, present were: James Ellis, Diana Foster, Gregg Bishop, Mary Hanbury, Takako Kono, Chanelle Dorsett, Barbara Campbell, and Suzette LaValle.

The committee discussed key ways of connecting businesses and some innovative projects that the committee can work on in the future. Also discussed were some of the issues and concerns of small businesses. It was determined that the Committee would develop a proposal for marketing the neighborhood that would highlight ways to engage the neighborhood and attract visitors. Gregg Bishop would follow-up with his agency to see what funds were available for this pilot project.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation located at 727 Classon Avenue, Brooklyn, NY at 6:30 PM. 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 3, 2015 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation located at 727 Classon Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.
In addition to the Chair Sharon Wedderburn, present were: Kwasi Mensah, Laurel Dojose, M. Pegye Johnson, Desmond Atkins, Audrey Taitt-Hall, Azriel Cocchini-Bech, Ada Terry, Alli Lesovoy, Elie Bilmes, and Liz Grefrath.

Mr. Mensah announced that at the next Youth and Education committee meeting, there will be a guest presenter, a certified early childhood development specialist talking about mental tools parents must provide for their young children.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 7 PM at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation located at 727 Classon Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. All are invited to attend.

**Environment/Sanitation** – Ms. Helen Coley, Chair

The Environment/Sanitation Committee met on October 20, 2015 at the Community Board district office located at 1291 St. Marks Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.

In addition to the Chair, Helen Coley present were: Gregg Todd, Julia Boyd, Desmond Atkins, and Mary Hanbury.

The committee discussed Alternate Side Parking (ASP) regulations. Ms. Coley reported that she attended Brooklyn Borough Consultations at Borough Hall where Sanitation Commissioner Garcia stated that she did not support a reduction in alternate side parking. She wants the same rules that are in effect to remain in effect. The frequency of street sweeping in the borough, including in CB 8 should remain as is. The committee also discussed a host of Sanitation related complaints.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 6 PM at Community Board 8 located at 1291 St. Marks Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. All are invited to attend.

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

The Parks Committee met on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at the St. John’s Recreation Center located at 1251 Prospect Place, Brooklyn, N.Y.

In addition to the Chair and Vice-Chair, present were: Dorothy Bembry-Guet, Julia Boyd, Lawrence James, Mary Reed, Thomas Montford, and Carolyn Johnson.

Ms. Andrews reported that the St. John’s Recreation Center will be hosting an event named Each One, Feed One on Saturday, November 21, 2015. Prepared food for the community will be served from 12:00 noon - 4:00pm in the gym. Also, Ms. Andrews stated that she will be scheduling a CPR certificate class at St. Johns Recreation Center on a date to be determined.

Ms. Andrews announced that Councilwoman Darlene Mealy recently allocated $3.1 million to Lincoln Terrace Park for a complete reconstruction of the playground. The Parks Department is hosting a scope meeting on **Monday, November 23, 2015 at 6 PM at PS 770, 60 E. 94th Street (between East New York Avenue and Rutland Road)**, Brooklyn, NY.
The scope meeting is the first step in the capital process after a project has been funded, providing the community with the opportunity for input in the design. At scope meetings, Parks staff, the designer, elected officials, residents, and community board representatives come together to share ideas about the project. The designer gathers ideas from everyone present and considers them when preparing the park’s design.

The next Parks Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at 6 PM at the St. John’s Recreation Center located at 1251 Prospect Place, Brooklyn, NY. All are invited to attend.

**Health and Human Services** – Mr. Kwasi Mensah, Chair

The Health and Human Services Committee met on Monday, November 2, 2015 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation located at 727 Classon Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.

In addition to the Chair Kwasi Mensah, present were: Julia Cuthbertson – Smoke Free NYC, Stephen Beasley – NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Rosemarie Perry – Certified Yoga Instructor, *Very Perry Yoga*, Earline Mensah, and Priscilla Mensah.

Mr. Mensah thanked everyone who came out to support the Health Fair on October 24th. Next year’s Health Fair will be on Saturday, October 22, 2016. Also, discussed at the meeting was an initiative to prohibit smoking in all new dwellings for smoke free housing. A lengthy discussion was held on the dangers of smoking, including breathing in second-hand smoke. There was a yoga demonstration by Ms. Perry.

The next Health and Human Services Committee meeting will be held on Monday, December 7, 2015 at 6:30 PM at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation located at 727 Classon Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. All are invited to attend.

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

The Public Safety Committee met on Monday, October 19, 2015 at the 77th Precinct located at 127 Utica Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.

In addition to the Chair and Vice Chair, present were: Katie Raitz, FDNY, David Harney, FDNY, Fabricio Caro, FDNY, Claudette Macey, Shirley Mondesir, Xeerxeema Jordan, Jessica George, Aja Colon, David Rohee, Alice Simpson, Sudesh Mungrae, Mark Thurton, P.O. Laverne Green, 77th Precinct Community Affairs, and Deputy Inspector Eddie Lott, 77th Precinct Commanding Officer.

The committee heard a presentation on the status of the relocation of Rescue 2 from FDNY Chief of Staff David Harney. The current location is about 150 years old and in need of repair. Rescue 2 will be relocated to Sterling Place and Howard Ave in CB 16. The facility is larger and will provide a training space. The project start date for construction of the new facility is April 2016. The current location property will be given over to the Dept. of Citywide Administrative Services to determine the use for the space.
The committee also heard a presentation from Mr. Fabricio Caro, Director of Community Affairs from the FDNY who talked about the Change Your Battery Campaign. He reminded everyone that Daylight Savings Time goes into effect November 1st and the FDNY is encouraging people to change the battery in their smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors on that day.

Mr. Atkins and Mr. Thurton gave an update on the quest for support from Councilman Cornegy to provide funding for argus cameras along several corridors in the 36th council district. A meeting was held with his Chief of Staff, Ms. Zinnerman on November 5, 2015 to discuss this issue and other safety concerns. The committee is looking to foster a conversation with Councilwoman Mealy on the same issue.

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be held on Monday, November 16, 2015 at 6 PM at the 77th Precinct located at 127 Utica Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. All are invited to attend.

**Seniors** – Ms. Kim Albert, Chair

The Seniors Committee met on Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at David Chavis Apartments located at 230 Kingston Avenue, Brooklyn, NY.

In addition to the Chair, Kim Albert present were: Robert Matthews, Xeerxeema Jordan, Essie Spivey, Glinda Andrews, William D. Rogers, Clarine Miller, Malita Muir, Nellie Crick, Thomas Montford, Vilma Zuniga, H. Brathwaite, Brenda Graum, Femi Croom, and Mary Hosell.

The Committee heard a presentation from Ms. Glinda Andrews, Recreational Therapist from Jamaica Services Program for Older Adults. She demonstrated several activities for seniors to help keep active.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at 6 PM at David Chavis Apartments located at 230 Kingston Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. All are invited to attend.

Ms. Granville thanked the committees for their diligent work. She opened the floor for public comments.

**Ms. Imani Brown** from Citizens Committee for NYC announced a grant opportunity for up to $3,000 for neighborhood and community groups for any project they feel is important for the neighborhood. The only caveat is that the group has to be volunteer led, and cannot have paid staff. The application deadline is January 26, 2015. For a grant application and for more information, contact Tehmina at 212-822-9563 or email tbrohi@citizensnyc.org.

Ms. Granville thanked everyone for participating in such an important meeting. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and adjourned the meeting at 9:40 PM. The next general meeting of Community Board 8 will be held on Thursday, December 10, 2015 at 7 PM at Concern for Independent Living located at 151 Rochester Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. All are encouraged to attend.
Guests

Jeff Dupree
Gloria Jassle
Marta Tanenbaum
Helen Dixon
Dorothy Bembry-Guet
Anthony Taylor
Leroy Reid
Crystal Floyd
Kevin Seymour
Hazel Hurley
Dan Moran
Celina E. DeLeon
Shirley Monclesir
Carol Grant
Karen Fleming
Samantha Hammen

Gail Miller
Mark Thurton
Neil Caesar
L. Lucus
Pnina Tsanen
Rachel Smith
Celeste Farmer
Maurice A. Lee
Pastor Leroy Gripper
Kesha Harmon
Andgie Noel
Keisha Holness
Carolyn Johnson
Janice Bennett
Imani Brown
Lachere James