Members Present

Kim Albert  
Glinda Andrews  
Desmond Atkins  
Wayne Bailey  
LeeAnn Banks  
Princess Benn-James  
Julia Boyd  
Gail Branch-Muhammad  
Adem Bunkedeko  
Helen Coley  
Michael Cox  
James Ellis  
Fred Frazier  
Nizjoni Granville  
Liz Grefrath  
Xeerxeema Jordan  
Shalawn Langhorne  
Robert Matthews  
Kwasi Mensah  
Adelaide Miller  
Dr. Fred Monderson  
Atim Oton  
Robert Puca  
Yahya O. Raji  
Adam Sachs  
Patricia Scantlebury  
Stacey Sheffey  
Meredith Staton  
Greg Todd  
Ethel Tyus  
Gib Veconi  
Yves Vilus  
Irsa Weatherspoon  
Sharon Wedderburn  
Robert Witherburn  
Vilma Zuniga

Members Absent/Excused

Phu Duong  
Diana Foster  
Curtis Harris  
Tarves Lord  
Audrey Taitt-Hall  
Sheryl Vassell  
Deborah Young

Elected Officials

Assemblywoman Richardson, 43rd A.D.  
Ola Alabi, District Leader 57th A.D.

Elected Official Representatives

Matthew Pitt, Councilman Laurie Cumbo  
Reginald Belon, Congresswoman Clarke’s Office  
Tahirah Moore, Mayor’s Office  
Brian McLaurin, Public Advocate’s Office  
Khiteriara Brown, Councilman Cornegy’s Office  
Kathleen Daniel, Boro President Eric Adams Office  
Karen Crawford, District Attorney Thompson’s Office  
Kristia Beaubrun, Councilwoman Cumbo’s Office

CB 8 Staff Present

Michelle George, District Manager  
Julia Neale, Community Coordinator

The regular meeting of Community Board No. 8 was called to order by Ms. Nizjoni Granville, Chairperson, at 7:25 PM. She asked Mr. Butler of 1000 Dean Street to say a few words.
Mr. Butler welcomed everyone to 1000 Dean Street. He stated that 5 years ago, the building was a storage facility with one person working and prior to that it was a car showroom. Since then, the building has been converted into an office building with multiple small businesses employing over 300 people. It is an honor to welcome the community to the facility since he felt very welcomed by the community during the construction phase.

Ms. Granville thanked Mr. Butler for hosting the Community Board and asked the following elected officials and their representatives to say a few words.

Ms. Khiteriara Brown from Councilman Cornegy’s office stated that the Councilman is working on a small business project. Regarding the participatory budget process, votes will be coming in June regarding which projects will be funded. One of the projects in the running is upgrading the basketball courts in Brower Park. Additionally, the Tax Lien Sale is coming up. Councilman Cornegy will be hosting a lien sale workshop to ensure that people who are on that list have better access to resources. If you have an uncomfortable encounter with the police, visit the Councilman’s office on the 4th Friday of the month to lodge a complaint with the Civilian Complaint Review Board.

Ms. Karen Crawford from the KCDA’s office announced that District Attorney Thompson has created an Action Center that follows up on police and community oriented complaints. Call 718-250-2340 to lodge the complaint. The action center will keep following up with you until you get results.

Mr. Reginald Belon from Congresswoman Clarke’s office announced that the office takes care of immigration, military, veteran affairs issues, arts and cultural events/grants. The office is trying to find all the grants available to residents in the 9th Congressional District. Congresswoman Clarke is sponsoring a student arts project, where participants get to meet people from the Brooklyn Children’s Museum and Brooklyn Arts Council. There will be 3 winners. The 1st place winner’s art work goes to the Congresswoman’s office in Washington, DC. The 2nd and 3rd place winners art gets displayed in the Congresswoman’s district office.

Ms. Kristia Beaubrun from Councilwoman Cumbo’s office announced that on April 18th, there will be an informational meeting on SCRIE and DRIE at 6:30 PM at Hope City Empowerment Center located at 650 Washington Avenue. The CUNY job internship event will be held on April 22nd and is open to all CUNY students and alumni. The State of the District Address will be held on April 25th, at BRIC, 627 Fulton Street. For more information on any of these events, please contact the Councilwoman’s office at 718-260-9191.

Ms. Tahira Moore from the Mayor’s Office Community Assistance Unit announced that the Mayor has put additional funding into homelessness prevention. If you know of any tenants being harassed, call 311, the Community Board, or Mayor’s office to report the harassment and abuse. Tenant harassment is being taken very seriously and the Mayor is actively looking to find ways to prevent it. She can be reached at 212-788-1369.

Mr. Brian McLaurin announced that Public Advocate James has brought a law suit against the Dept. of Finance for SCRIE and DRIE. The lawsuit has been settled and the people that were taken off SCRIE and DRIE have been put back on. Those that were married no longer have to
worry about being taken off the program due to the settlement. Mr. McLaurin can be reached at 212-669-4954.

Ms. Kathleen Daniel from Borough President Adams’ office announced that the Borough President recently had a Tenant: Know Your Rights workshop at Bridge Street Church. People were able to meet with lawyers and tenants’ rights advocates. BP Adams recently held a J’ouvrert meeting and came up with some plans moving forward that include 1. Permit process, 2. Police coverage, and 3. Increased lighting. She announced the BP’s open house this Saturday, April 16, 2016 from 6-9 pm at Borough Hall. The Open House will provide a behind the scenes look at Borough Hall. Ms. Daniel can be reached at 718-802-3771.

District Leader Ola Alabi announced that she is convening her 2nd Annual Town Hall meeting on April 28th at the Teen Center in Clinton Hill at 444 Clinton Avenue, 6:30 PM. The Board of Elections will be there to inform poll workers of what they are responsible for. She urged everyone to vote in the Presidential primary election this coming Tuesday. District Leader Alabi can be reached via email at olanike.alabi@gmail.com.

Assemblywoman Diana Richardson – 43rd Assembly District

Assemblywoman Richardson announced that she has been in Albany working very hard for the 43rd Assembly District. She distributed the legislative session calendar. She announced that the legislature passed an aggressive budget this year. One of the biggest accomplishments was the fight for a $15 minimum wage that will be implemented over 3 years and the Paid Leave Act. She fought for SOS Crown Heights to get money from anti-gun violence programs. Initially, there was only $300k slated for Brooklyn, Queens, and Manhattan to share. Due to her efforts, she was able to secure $600k for Brooklyn alone from the $3.5 million that was available.

Gentrification is alive within the 43rd District. Landlords are taking advantage of both new residents and long term tenants. To help combat landlord abuse, the Assemblywoman announced her April 30th housing resource fair at Lenox Road Baptist Church, 1356 Nostrand Avenue from 10 AM to 3 PM. The resource fair will allow people to connect with industry experts on preferential rents, lien sale, taxes, first time home buyers, etc.

There are a lot of people in the community that are not employed or are under employed. She has partnered with Dept. of Probation on a Certificate of Release resource fair to help with this issue on April 21st from 9 AM to 3 PM at Borough Hall.

Assemblywoman Richardson announced that she covers Community Boards 8, 9, and 17 and 3 different precincts, which requires a need for a solution oriented initiative called Civic Minded to get results. She is calling upon community organizations of all kinds—block/tenant associations, merchants associations, and any other civic group to participate in Civic Minded. An event on the initiative will be held Saturday, April 30th at MS 61 located at 400 Empire Blvd. She distributed additional information and instructed constituents to let her know what issues need addressing as she continues to serve the community with a clean heart and clean hand. Her district office number is 718-771-3105.

Ms. Granville thanked the Assemblywoman and the elected official representatives for the information. She asked for Roll Call.
Acceptance of Minutes – Ms. Tyus made a motion to accept the minutes with any necessary corrections. The motion was seconded by Dr. Monderson and carried unanimously.

Pratt Institute – Ms. Jamie Stein, Professor of Architecture; Ms. Zehra Kuz, Adjunct Professor CCE; and Mr. Yubi Park

Ms. Kuz stated that about a year ago, Pratt received a grant from New York Community Trust Fund to run an interdisciplinary study on the Red Hook water shed. Ms. Stein informed the community that they have seen bioswales on city streets, which are meant to divert water from the sewer system. This initiative comes from the Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP), spending millions of dollars on public right of way bioswales. They have a goal of managing one inch of rainfall, which equates to about 10% of the city’s impervious surfaces. Right of way bioswales are being installed because the surrounding water bodies are not suitable for fishing and swimming according to the Clean Water Act because the sanitary sewer system and storm drains merge into one pipe and outflow into water bodies. 70% of the sewer system is a combined sewer in New York City. The sewer shed is defined by underground networks, not geographical networks, so one sewer shed can span multiple communities. The goal of the study is to look for manageable and workable boundaries and shapes that could contain suitable sewer sheds. When thinking about managing the sewer shed, it is necessary to have unified intervention between all the affected community boards. The Red Hook sewer shed is over 3000 acres and spans 4 Community Boards.

Pratt did an analysis of permeable and impermeable surfaces. The presenters stated that land use gives examples of how the official buildings are used. 40% of the sewer shed is Brooklyn brownstone. The frequency of heavy rainfall is increasing as a result of climate change. The frequency of 100 year storms is increasing to be more along the lines of 80 year storms. There are more people, more wet weather, and more surfaces that do not absorb water as the city builds to accommodate the growing population. Consequently, collecting one inch of rainfall is insufficient. The City of New York should be investing in private property and using those spaces as ways to collect rainfall. The study looked at how much water can be managed on a townhome block where you have rooftops, front yards, and backyards capturing rainwater that are currently impermeable. The potential stormwater capture if we did green roofs and gardens could be 19.5 million gallons of water. What the city is doing with bioswales is only capturing 6 million gallons. They stressed that we need to do more.

After a brief question and answer period, Ms. Granville thanked Ms. Kuz, Ms. Stein, and Mr. Park for their insightful presentation and asked for a report from the following committees:

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is recommending the removal of Opal Richards from Community Board 8.

Charges against Ms. Richards and causes for removal as per our By-Laws (Section 5.5d):

(i) Non-attendance at four of the previous six consecutive general or special Board meetings – Ms. Richards has only attended one meeting since she was appointed in June 2015.
(ii) Substantial non-attendance or non-participation in two (2) committees of the Board—
Ms. Richards has never attended a committee meeting, not even after being assigned
to 2 committees by Chairperson Granville.

(iii) Substantial record of missed roll call votes at the Board meeting

Ms. Richards made no attempts to respond to communication from the Board despite several
telephone calls, emails, and mailings to Ms. Richards’ home until she called the District office on
Tuesday, April 6, 2016. During that phone call, she stated that she was training for a new job and
had no computer access but that she had received multiple calls and letters. She gave no
explanation as to what she desires her role to be on the Board and was informed that removal
proceedings were scheduled for April 14, 2016, where she could address the Board about her
membership.

Mr. Witherwax made a motion to accept the committee’s recommendation. It was seconded by
Mr. Ellis and carried with a final vote of 35 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions.

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

The Housing Committee met on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at the Center for Nursing and
Rehabilitation located at 727 Classon Avenue. Present were: Desmond Atkins, Wayne Bailey,
Lee Ann Banks, Fred Frazier, Nizjoni Granville, Xeerxeema Jordan, Adelaide Miller, Danae
Oratowski, Robert Puca, Yahya O. Rahji, Adam Sachs, Stacey Sheffey, Meredith Station, Ethel
Tyus, Gib Veconi, Yves Vilus, Irsa Weatherspoon, Margaret Clay, Xian Cuen, Amy DeHuff,
Audrey Delgado, Breheney Dobry, Jason Dobry, Silvin Dobry, Ervine Forenuyx, Mary
Gallaway, Desiree Hines, TaiAsia Hutchinson, Brenda Iijima, Toshi Iijima, Gwendolyn
Johnson, Elma Jordan, Lily Lim, Wlodeis Loss, Kim Moore-Ward, Sayaka Nikinya, May
Taliaferron, and Tom Van Der Bout.

The committee discussed the following applications:

1. **Discussion of application to LPC for a Certificate of Appropriateness (CoA) for 576
Bergen Street for Multiple Major External Renovations (Prospect Heights Historic
District)**

This building is a c.1884 two-story plus basement neo-Grec Row house designed by architect
and original owner Benjamin Estes with a brownstone facade and wood cornice.

The project proposal is to:

1. regrade the front areaway to a gradual decline rather than a step-down,
2. add partial roof top (4th floor),
3. add a 4-story 23’6” long rear extension,
   - renovate existing brownstone with all new fixtures, finishes, appliances,
   - renovate interior layout,
   - keep 2-family apartment as current owner-occupied triplex with a rental on
ground floor,
   - restore sandstone façade,
   - replace existing windows to match original historical windows.
Approximately eight neighbors attended the meeting. They were very concerned with the scale and bulk of the planned extension and how the project would reduce their privacy in the doughnut hole, which they consider their sanctuary. Discussion statements included assertions that LPC does not consider rear sheds without foundations as extensions for the purpose of weighing the number of existing extensions as encroachments into the rear yards / doughnut hole. Due to the complexity of the project plan, committee members voted 10 to 7 to consider the three main elements of the project requiring a hearing in segments.

A motion to support Item 1 was made by Mr. Atkins and seconded by Mr. Staton. The committee voted 15 in favor to support lowering the grade of the front areaway. A motion to support Item 2 was made by Mr. Atkins and seconded by Mr. Sachs. Mr. Veconi requested that committee ask LPC to consider requiring that the rooftop addition harmonize with the doughnut hole by not having a balcony or a deck. There was also discussion that LPC consider whether the roof should be flat and require an exterior stair. The committee voted 15 in favor with 2 against to support a rooftop addition that would harmonize with the doughnut hole by not having a balcony or a deck and to ask LPC to give due consideration to permitting a flat rather than pitched roof and an exterior stair. On these two motions, the committee hopes the full Board supports its recommendation to support the two parts of the renovation plan.

After extended discussion on the size of the extension which included reducing the length and bulk to 16’ and 2-stories instead of 23’6” and 4-stories, a motion to withhold support for Item 3 was made by Mr. Atkins and seconded by Mr. Staton. The committee voted 11 in favor with 5 against and 1 abstention to withhold support for a 16-foot, 2-story extension. The committee hopes that the full Board will support its recommendation to withhold support for the extension.

The applicant indicated that a date had not yet been set for a hearing at LPC.

The Board elected to break the vote up into 3 items. Item 1 was to support regrading the front areaway to a gradual decline rather than a step-down. Mr. Witherwax made a motion to support this item. It was seconded by Ms. Greffrath and carried with a final tally of 32 in favor, 1 opposed, with 1 abstention.

On item 2, adding a partial roof top (4th floor), the president of block association stated that the scale was unprecedented and neighbors do not want to supersize the block. In fact, they want to prevent this from happening. They requested that the Board’s letter to LPC reflect that they are not in support of the rooftop addition.

Mr. Veconi clarified the record on the motion for item 2. He stated that the motion was made on the rooftop addition which has 3 windows, to make sure that the windows align with the windows on the second floor. There was not a proposal for a balcony or deck. It was suggested that the windows align with the 3 windows on the 3rd floor of the rear façade.

Mr. Veconi made a motion that the full board support item 2 with the provision that we ask LPC to make the windows align with the windows on the 3rd floor. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wedderburn and carried with a final tally of 23 in favor, 3 opposed, with 7 abstentions.

Item 3 was for the addition of a 4-story 23’6” long rear extension, including renovating existing brownstone with all new fixtures, finishes, appliances; renovating the interior layout; keeping 2-
family apartment as current owner-occupied triplex with a rental on ground floor; restoring the sandstone façade; and replacing the existing windows to match original historical windows.

Mr. Puca offered a friendly amendment that in case LPC approves the item, the full Board disapprove the 2 story extension 16 feet into donut hole, but support a 1 story extension 12’ into donut hole. Mr. Cox seconded Mr. Puca’s motion and amendment. The motion failed as the final vote was 14 in favor, 13 opposed, with 7 abstentions.

Mr. Veconi stated that the language was very prescriptive and not the right position for the board to take. He stated that instead, the Board should inform LPC that it believes that the bulk of the extension is too large for that block. He made a motion that the Board withhold support for the 2 story, 16’ extension because of the bulk. The motion was seconded by Ms. Grefrath and carried with a final tally of 30 in favor, 2 opposed, with 1 abstention.

2. Discussion of application to LPC for a CoA for 599 Vanderbilt Avenue for Full lot Coverage 1 Story Extension Not Visible From Street for Commercial Space (Prospect Heights Historic District)

Owner Tom Van den Bout presented his project plan to construct a full lot extension to this 3-story building with two residential units above a restaurant/commercial ground floor. The 20’ x 90’ lot is within a C1-4 commercial overlay in an R7A zone and is currently vacant. The owner plans to construct four small apartments – two on each floor. For visual harmony, an abutting neighbor asked that the lot line parapet wall be masonry or masonry-clad rather than concrete blocks covered with stucco. Mr. Veconi asked that the five HVAC units be moved to the roof for noise reduction. The owner does not have a commercial tenant yet. The site is included in the State and National Registers of Historic Places. On motion made by Mr. Veconi and seconded by Ms. Oratowski, the committee voted unanimously 17 in favor to support the project. The committee hopes that the full Board will support its recommendation.

The LPC hearing is scheduled for April 19, 2016.

Mr. Veconi made a motion that the board support the application with the consideration that the lot line wall be clad in brick. The motion was seconded by Mr. Staton and carried with a final vote of 31 in favor, 2 opposed, with 0 abstentions.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2016 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation. All are invited to attend.

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

The Parks committee met on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at St. John’s Recreation Center located at 1251 Prospect Place. Present were: Kim Albert, Karen Bausman, Chas McNeil, Marty Maher, Charles East, Doriana Noel, Anahita Rouzbeh, Thomas Montford, Sandra Coello, Ron Taylor, Emmily De Los Santos, Faviola Caceres, Lawrence Brown, Glinda Nandrews, Dorothy Bembry Guet, Veronica Nero, Mark Coleman, and Harold Williams.

The committee heard a presentation from the NYC Parks Department on the design for the new comfort station at Lincoln Terrace Park. The average time for construction is 12-18 months. The
The total funding cost is between $1-3 million. The Parks Committee supports the design for the comfort station at Lincoln Terrace Park and hopes the full Board supports its recommendation.

Ms. Tyus asked who the contractor is for the project. Ms. Salig of the Park Department stated that there is no contractor yet as this is just the design phase. They are tearing down the existing structure and putting a new one up in the same footprint. There will be one stall in the men’s room with two urinals and 3 stalls in the women’s room. Each bathroom will have a changing station and will be handicapped accessible.

Mr. Sachs 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 0 abstentions.

Ms. Andrews announced that the College Fair that has originally been planned for April 30th has been postponed until fall.

The next meeting of the Parks Committee will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 6 PM at St. John’s Recreation Center. All are invited to attend.

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

The SLAC Committee met on Monday, April 4, 2016 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation located at 727 Classon Avenue. Present were: Wayne Bailey, Gail Branch-Muhammad, Cheryl Brown, Barbara Campbell, James Ellis, Fred Frazier, Danae Oratowski, Robert Puca, Stacey Sheffey, Meredith Staton, Mark Thurton, Gib Veconi, Irsa Weatherspoon, and Robert Witherwax.

The committee discussed the following applications:

1. **Renewal Liquor Licenses**
   a. Regine, 798A Franklin Avenue (Full)
   b. Silver Rice, 638 Park Place (Beer/Wine)
   c. Happiness Lounge, 1458 St. Johns Place (Full)

   The committee voted to support all three renewals and hopes the full Board supports its recommendation. Mr. Bailey made a motion to support the committee’s recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Staton and carried with a final tally of 34 in favor, 0 opposed, with 2 abstentions.

2. **Alteration Applications**
   a. Crabby Shack, 613 Franklin Avenue (beer/Wine)
     i. Extend license to include property line Sidewalk Café
     ii. No proof provided that café is as of right, within property line
     iii. **MOTION to support provided adequate proof is given by 4/14**

   Adequate proof that the sidewalk café was part of the lot line was not supplied by the meeting. Consequently, the item was tabled and the applicants will be invited back to provide their documented proof.
B. Friends and Lovers, 641 Classon Avenue (Full)

i. One partner buying out other partner

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

Mr. Bailey made a motion to support the committee’s recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wedderburn and carried with a final vote of 33 in favor, 0 opposed, with 2 abstentions.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 2, 2016 at 6:30 PM at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation. All are invited to attend.

Health and Human Services – Mr. Kwasi Mensah, Chair

The Health and Human Services Committee met on Monday, April 4, 2016 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation located at 727 Classon Avenue. Present were Kwasi Mensah, Douglas C. James, Audrey Taitt-Hall, and Nizjoni Granville.

The committee continued its discussion on Smoke-Free NYC. It plans to hold a town hall meeting on the issue to address the differences of opinion. Mr. James informed the committee about his organization, Center for Urban Community Services (CUCS), an advocacy group on behalf of the homeless, and those suffering from mental illness. Some of the services that CUCS provides are new construction of permanent affordable and supportive housing, homelessness prevention services, transitional housing for the homeless, and street outreach services. While presently located in East Harlem, CUCS is in the process of relocating to Brooklyn, to Prospect Place at a site presently owned by Phoenix House. If the relocating is successful, the number of individuals served would be reduced from 100 to 74, and would serve women only.

The next meeting of the Health and Human Services Committee will be held on Monday, May 2, 2016 at 6:30 PM at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation. All are invited to attend.

Economic Development – Ms. Atim Oton, Chair

The Economic Development Committee met on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation located at 727 Classon Avenue. The committee did not have any action items. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation at 6:30 PM. All are invited to attend.

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

The Public Safety Committee met on Monday, March 21, 2016 at the 77th Precinct located at 127 Utica Avenue. The committee discussed multiple recent shootings in the area and reported fire activity at 718 Washington Avenue. Ms. Langhorne announced that this is the 4th month of the NCO (Neighborhood Coordinator Officer) Program and that the precinct is looking for feedback on the program.

The next meeting will be April 18, 2016 at 6 PM at the 77th Precinct. All are invited to attend.
Seniors – Ms. Kim Albert, Chair

The Seniors Committee met on Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at David Chavis Apartments located at 230 Kingston Avenue. The committee did not have any action items. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 6 PM at David Chavis Apartments. All are invited to attend.

Environment/Sanitation – Ms. Helen Coley, Chair

The Environment/Sanitation Committee met on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at the Community Board 8 District office located at 1291 St. Marks Avenue. The committee discussed the ongoing rodent epidemic in the district and Dept. of Sanitation related complaints such as sweepers not using water during alternate street cleaning hours. There will be no meeting in April. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 6 PM at Community Board 8. All are invited to attend.

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

The Transportation Committee met on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation located at 727 Classon Avenue. Present were: Holly Fuchs, Elizabeth (Beth) Haines, Chris McNally, Greg Todd, Jacqueline Wells, Robert Witherwax, Tom Boast, Fred Monderson, Anthony Campbell, Mark Thurton, Robert Joseph, Regina Kinsay, Barnard Ioannidis, and Runlin Han, Muluki B. Morse, and Elyjah Gray.

The committee discussed ongoing transportation related issues including MV Transit on Dean Street and the handicap accessibility of the Eastern Parkway/Brooklyn Museum 2/3 train station. The committee has extended an invitation to MTA NYC Transit to give an update on the project at an upcoming meeting.

The next Transportation committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 7 PM at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation. All are welcomed to attend.

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

The Youth and Education Committee met on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation located at 727 Classon Avenue. Present were: Kwasi Mensah, Sharon Wedderburn, Adjua Starks, Dorothy Bembry-Grant, Desmond Atkins, Vicki Zubroic, Xeerxeema Jordan, Glinda Andrews, Sandra Coello, Nikki Kokkinos, Audrey Taitt-Hall, and Kim Albert.

The committee discussed the upcoming college fair and decided it best to postpone it until the fall. On May 14, 2016, the NYC Association for the Education of Young Children is hosting a forum at St. Francis College located at 180 Remsen Street. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 7 PM at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation. All are invited to attend.

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

Mr. Jim Mutton from Concern for Independent Living provided applications for low-income housing at 1552 Bergen Street. There are 23 one- and two-bedroom apartments for people making up to 50% of the AMI.

Ms. Sylvia Anthrem from the Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) stated that the CCRB is independent from NYPD located at 100 Church Street, 10th Floor. The agency is tasked with investigating interactions with police officers. Based on court law, NYS has established certain laws for policing. She stated that she would reach out to the District office for permission to do a full presentation at an upcoming meeting.

Ms. Granville thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 9:40 PM. The next meeting will be held on May 12, 2016 at 7 PM at Union United Methodist Church located at 121 New York Avenue (corner of Bergen Street). All are invited to attend.

GUESTS

Gwendolyn Crouch
Linda D.
Walter Powell
Celeste Farmer
Sylvia Ancrum
Kim Lesven
Karen Chambers
May Saly
Harold Williams
Jerome Michaux
Jim Mutton
S. Thomas
Rashid Sharif
Keith Barnes
Zetira Kuz
Dorothy Bembry-Guet
Monica Barritt
Hazel Hurley
Mumtaz Hussain
S. Mosley
Phyllis Grannum

Audrey Delgado
Jerry Risios
Jeremy Zun
Anthony Taylor
Tanya Elder
Thomas Reed
Carlos Rivera
Rodney Seymour
Edison Stewart
Diana Richey
Samuel Gross
Adjua Starks
Darya C. Patterson
Jatarra Hiu
Natassia Clarke
Santha Alexis
Mark Thurton
O. Maxwell
Rachel Smith
Regina Kinsey
Roslyn Harvell-Nicholson