

**Community Board No. 8  
St. Gregory's Roman Catholic Church  
991 St. John's Place  
Brooklyn, NY 11213**

**March 11, 2010**

**Members Present**

Kim Albert  
Akosua Albritton  
Edo Banach  
Viola Bing  
Julia Boyd  
Teri Coaxum  
Renaye Cuyler  
Diana Foster  
Ede Fox  
Fred Frazier  
Holly Fuchs  
Nizjoni Granville  
Doris Heriveaux  
Princess James  
Xeerxeema Jordan  
Shalawn Langhorne  
Marie Louis  
Priscilla Maddox  
Robert Matthews  
Kwasi Mensah  
Adelaide Miller  
Clarine Miller  
Dr. Fred Monderson  
Anyika Nance  
Atim Oton  
Hasoni Pratts  
Robert Puca  
Mary Reed  
Marlene Saunders  
Patricia Scantlebury  
Meredith Staton  
William Suggs  
Launa Thomas-Bullock  
Gregory Todd  
Douglas Williams  
Sharon Wedderburn  
Robert Witherwax  
Vilma Zuniga

**Members Excused**

Glinda Andrews  
Gail Branch-Muhammad  
Dr. Flize Bryan  
Helen Coley  
Audrey Taitt-Hall  
Ethel Tyus

**Members Absent**

Jesse Hamilton  
Shirley Lee  
Tara Lai Quinlan  
David Schatzkamer  
Yves Vilus

**Elected Officials**

Assemblyman Hakeem Jeffries  
Walter Mosley, NYS Dist. Leader

**Elected Official's Reps./Liaisons**

Ron Thomas, Congresswoman Yvette Clark  
Dawn Sidibe, Assemblyman Boyland Jr.  
Ann Marie Adamson, Boro President  
Carl Luciano, Councilman Vann  
Alfred Chiodo, Councilwoman James  
Carolyn Sanders James, Mayor's Office  
Chris Jones, Councilwoman Mealy  
Maurice Roberts, Senator Eric Adams

**CB 8 Staff**

Michelle George  
Julia Neale

Ms. Granville called the public hearing on the Capital and Expense Budget Priorities and Requests for Fiscal Year 2011 to order at 7:30 PM. Public hearing items on the budget for FY 2011 was distributed to all community board members and community residents. She asked Ms. Langhorne, First Vice Chair, to read the Capital budget items and asked Mr. Witherwax, Second Vice Chair, to read the Expense budget items.

Members were reminded that the board would be voting to send a letter of comment in response to the negative Agency responses on Community Board 8's Capital and Expense Budget for Fiscal Year 2011. The final vote tally regarding the agency responses was twenty-two in opposition of the negative responses, two in favor, with three abstentions.

Ms. Granville thanked everyone for participating in the public hearing and called the general meeting of Community Board 8 to order at 7:30 PM.

**Acceptance of Minutes** – The minutes of the last Community Board meeting were accepted as written.

**Correspondence** – CB 8 newsletter and other material were distributed.

Ms. Granville addressed the issue of two members appointed to the Community Board a number of months ago that had never attended a meeting. Following the by-laws, numerous attempts were made to contact the two members—Mr. David Scatzkamer and Ms. Tara Lai Quinlan had been largely unsuccessful. As a result of their unwillingness to participate in Community Board functions, a motion was made by Mr. Witherwax and seconded by Ms. Pratts to remove by formal vote Mr. Scatzkamer and Ms. Quinlan. The vote was unanimous with twenty-nine members present.

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

**Economic Development** – Ms. Priscilla Maddox, Chair; Ms. Atim Oton, Co-Chair

The Economic development Committee met on Tuesday, February 9, 2010 and again on March 9, 2010 to discuss the following new liquor license applications:

1. The proprietors of Beehive Lounge located at 990 Atlantic Avenue (between Grand and Classon Avenues) made a favorable presentation before the committee complete with support letters. Beehive Lounge is seeking a full liquor license and has a total capacity of 75 patrons. The establishment will operate Monday thru Saturday from 6 PM to 3 AM and Sundays from Noon to Midnight. 6 cameras will provide security measures along with 4 licensed security guards and noise abatement mechanisms are in place to prevent quality of life disturbances for the tenants in the apartments upstairs from the lounge. The proprietors have already met with all surrounding neighbors to address any lingering concerns from previous establishments.

There were no police objections to the application and the full Board voted to support the application with a final tally of twenty-six in favor, two opposed, with three abstentions.

2. The proprietor of Sit and Wonder located at 688 Washington Avenue (between St. Marks Avenue and Prospect Place) made a favorable presentation complete with support letters for his venture. Sit and

Wonder is seeking a beer and wine license for the coffee and pastry shop that has a total maximum capacity of 44 persons, 31 of which can be accommodated at tables and chairs. Sit and Wonder will operate from 7 AM to 8 PM daily and will employ 5 individuals. There are no proposed security measures for the small establishment.

There were no police objections to the application and the full Board voted to support the application with a final tally of twenty-eight in favor, two opposed, with one abstention.

The committee also discussed the following renewal applications:

1. St. Mary's Food Deli, 187 Buffalo Avenue (corner of Prospect Place)
2. Sushi Tatsu II, 609 Franklin Avenue (Pacific/Dean)
3. Cataldo 54, 554 Vanderbilt Avenue (Dean/Bergen)
4. Franklin Park LLC, 618 St. John's Place (corner of Park Place)

There were no police objections to either of the 4 renewal applications and the full Board voted to support the applications with a final tally of thirty in favor, two opposed, with one abstention.

Finally, the committee entertained a plea from the proprietor of Starlight Bar and Lounge, Mr. Boyd Dennis Parrot, and one of its staunchest supporters, Ms. Melissa Cerezo, a resident of Community District 8. Ms. Cerezo and Mr. Parrot appealed to the committee and the Community Board as a whole to assist Starlight Lounge in staying in its current location via writing a support letter asking the new owner of the building that houses the lounge, to enter into good-faith negotiations to procure a lease satisfactory for both parties. It should be kept in mind that neither Mr. Parrott nor his supporters are asking the Board to do anything outside of its power, and instead, are merely seeking our help in lobbying to allow a long standing presence in the community to continue to persist in its current capacity.

Starlight Lounge is a community institution that has been located at the intersection of Nostrand Avenue and Bergen Street for the past five decades. It is not only historic, diverse, and non-discriminating, but it is also a staple of Nostrand Avenue and has been a valuable asset to passersby during the evening hours as one of the very few establishments open late.

At the meeting, Ms. Cerezo and Ms. Griffith-Daza thanked the Board and the Economic Committee for the assistance and support as well as the plethora of information on the rights of the proprietors. Starlight is more than a mere bar; it is a historic establishment providing a safe meeting place for people from all walks of life and deserves to be treated with respect.

Dr. Monderson recounted an experience at Starlight many decades ago when he first moved into the District and Ms. Scantlebury informed the Board that Starlight provides a beacon of safety for passersby on Nostrand Avenue after nightfall. It is, she stated, one of the scarce establishments open on the crime-riddled Nostrand Avenue and provided a safe-haven for pedestrians.

Respecting the District's efforts to preserve historic architectural landmarks, Mr. Witherwax commented that now that the housing stock has been protected, it is now time to focus on the cultural landmarks within the District, and none is greater than the Starlight Lounge as it has operated in its current location for over five decades.

As a result of an in-depth conversation with Mr. Parrott and Ms. Cerezo, as well as a letter submitted to the Board by Ms. Cerezo, the Board voted to support an advocacy initiative to assist the proprietors of the Starlight Lounge in lease negotiations with the new owner of 1086 Bergen Street with a final tally of thirty-two in favor, zero opposed, with four abstentions.

The next meeting of the Economic Development Committee will be on Tuesday, April 6, 2010, at 6:30 PM at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation, located at 727 Classon Avenue. All are invited to attend.

**Education** – Ms. Sharon Wedderburn, Chairperson

Ms. Wedderburn announced that January was a sad month for school-aged children as the Dept. of Education voted for the closure of 19 schools. Paul Robeson High School was one of the schools, and it will be closed in three years. This marks the second school closure in that particular building. Previously, the building housed Alexander Hamilton High School.

She stated that the school closures indicate a dangerous trend of closing large, multiple service high schools that serve a high needs population and opening multiple small schools that don't service high needs pupils. She announced that the community has a legitimate fear that Boys and Girls HS will be the next to close as it is currently under review.

There is one way to assist in preventing school closures: parental involvement. The easiest way to become involved is to return school surveys. The Dept. of Education will always choose to close the schools they deem the weakest. Get involved in the PTA and other parental associations. As a community, it is our responsibility to encourage high standards for youngsters and to show them that we care about their education.

In addition, a number of day care centers that provide universal Pre-K services are slated for closure as well. These day care centers are of the utmost importance for parents because they not only provide education services, but they also provide after care services for parents, typically in a smaller setting than a public school classroom. Again, the community needs to become more active to prevent these closures.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 15, 2010, at 7 PM at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation, which is located at 727 Classon Avenue (between Park and Prospect Places). All parents or individuals with vested interests in education are encouraged to attend.

**Environment/Sanitation** – Ms. Ede Fox, Chair; Ms. Helen Coley, Co-Chair

The Environment/Sanitation Committee met on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation. The committee is in the planning process for their second conference concerning environment and sanitation issues. Presently, committee members are putting together panelists for the event to be held on a date to be determined. Anyone interested are encouraged to attend upcoming meetings to provide input and make suggestions.

Desmond Atkins announced that he has been working with Ms. George and the District Office on a problem of persistent illegal dumping and graffiti at the corner of Kingston Avenue and Bergen Street. He asked if there was anything additional the committee could do to help resolve the issue and was informed that the District Office was the best avenue to help rectify the situation and that he should continue working with Ms. George to resolve the issue.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 followed by a meeting on Tuesday, April 20, both at 7 PM at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation, located at 727 Classon Avenue (between Park and Prospect Places). All are invited to attend.

**Fire/Safety** – Mr. Douglas Williams, Chairperson

The Fire/Safety Committee met Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at the Haitian American Day Care Center. The next walk against fire cuts will be held on May 8<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 1 PM in front of 901 Washington Avenue, and will leave again at 2 PM from in front of 1033 Pacific Street.

There was an FDNY hearing Monday, March 8. As many as 60 firehouses have been proposed for closure. Such large-scale closings would imperil not only city lives and property, but could also weaken Homeland Security.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 7 PM at the Haitian American Day Care Center located at 1491 Bedford Avenue (corner of St. John's Place). All are invited to attend.

**Parks/Recreation** – Ms. Glinda Andrews, Chair; Mr. Robert Witherwax, Co-Chair

The Parks Committee met on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at the St. John's Recreation Center. Mr. Witherwax announced that there are two capital improvement projects scheduled for the center. The first—the green field with artificial turf—is scheduled to begin this fall.

“It's My Park Day” is scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup> at Brower Park. The Eastern Parkway mall reconstruction project from Grand Army Plaza to Washington Avenue is fully funded and slated to begin on or before July 5, 2010. It is an 18-month project.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 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.

**Police** – Ms. Shalawn Langhorne, Chairperson

The Police Committee met on Monday, February 15, 2010 at the 77<sup>th</sup> Precinct but did not have any action items. Ms. Langhorne announced that the committee is doing its best to serve as advocates for the community in terms of block parties and precinct availability for the summer application period. In addition, she saluted Ms. Xeerxeema Jordan for her commitment and dedication to making a difference in the community quietly but effectively.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 15, 2010 followed by Monday, April 19, 2010 at 7 PM at the 77<sup>th</sup> Precinct located at 127 Utica Avenue (corner of Bergen Street). All are encouraged to attend.

**Transportation** – Dr. Frederick Monderson, Chairperson

The Transportation Committee did not meet in February due to the inclement weather. However, he stated that an important issue has been brought to his attention regarding alternate side parking (ASP) for street cleaning. At previous meetings, residents have complained that District 8 is one of the cleanest yet there has been no movement toward reducing ASP to help eliminate the parking burden. He stated that the District office recently submitted a letter to Sanitation requesting a reduction in ASP but has not received a response yet.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation, located at 727 Classon Avenue (between Park and Prospect Places) at 7 PM. All are invited to attend.

**Youth/Family Services** – Ms. Akosua Albritton, Chairperson

The Youth/Family Services Committee met on Wednesday, March 3, 2010 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation. Ms. Joan Eastmond of St. Senator Velmanette Montgomery's Office provided details about the Incarcerated Parent Bill (covers parents in rehabilitation programs) which passed in the St. Assembly and due for voting in the State Senate. She explained the Finance and Youth & Family NYS Senate Committees voted in favor of it. No movement on the bill will occur until after April 1 when the state budget is estimated to be made final. Ms. Eastmond displayed several letters of support and position papers from major child welfare agencies (Osborne Association) and noted OCFS Commissioner Gladys Carrion is an endorser.

A discussion about how the incarcerated and state penitentiaries are major employers in Upstate NY ensued. Freddie Hamilton explained how children in foster care are a source of revenue for foster care agencies; i.e., there's a payment for each day a child is in the custody of the Commissioner for Social Services. This committee wants this bill to be explained to the general CB 8 body at either the March or April general meeting.

Genel Williams announced that she started Project TAG (Teens Achieving Greatness), using CCM Rico's Place as her initial place of operations. The program begins March 19 where up to 20 co-eds will learn life skills, conflict resolution and perform service learning projects. Recreation and arts are other features. The committee this new program needs publicity and will arrange for Ms. Williams to be a presenter during the April general meeting.

Freddie Hamilton discussed HR 2324 a bill that will require criminal background checks for gun dealers who sell at gun shows and other venues not requiring licenses to purchase firearms. 91 US Reps. Co-sponsored the bill. It's gone through the Judiciary Committee and in the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. Ms. Hamilton passed out a boilerplate letter in favor of the bill's passage to facilitate a letter writing campaign. She explained the ease in which to acquire a federal gun license. Sellers do so from their homes, trunks of cars, stores or gun shows. Ms. Hamilton is a founder of PURGE, an anti-gun violence group in Central Brooklyn.

Audrey Taitt-Hall led the discussion about the closing of publicly funded day care centers in NYC (11 in Brooklyn; 2 in Manhattan; and 4 in Queens). The concern is that while day care centers are being closed, Bright Star Child Care Agency from Philadelphia is invited by the City of New York to establish itself here. The concern is whether Bright Star will operate unionized facilities as the current publicly-funded DCCs are. There was a joint meeting between 1199, DC 37, and DC 1707 on February 18 to discuss the matter.

The chair moved the discussion the men's event, slated for Sat, June 12, from 12 noon to 5 PM at Berean Missionary Baptist Church. Genel Willams revised the flyer, other committee members worked on their vendor or social service contacts. A panel of four men will bandy about "What I Wish My Father Told Me." THEO and Interfaith Medical Center received new requests for edutainment and refreshments, respectively. Those present selected organizations to contact to garner an audience or provide graphic/media art to enhance the event's atmosphere.

In addition, Ms. Albritton announced that Senator Montgomery is sponsoring an “Incarcerated Parents Bill”. A presentation on the bill is scheduled for the next community board general meeting. In essence, the point of the bill is to slow down the rate of loss of parental rights due to incarceration and treatment/rehabilitation.

The next meeting of the Youth/Family Services Committee will be held on Wednesday, April 7, 2010 at 6:30 PM at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation, located at 727 Classon Avenue (between Park and Prospect Places). All are invited to attend.

**Aging/Health and Human Services** – Ms. Marlene Saunders, Chair; Dr. Flize Bryan, Co-Chair

The Aging/Health and Human Services committee met on Monday, March 1, 2010 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation but had no action items. The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 5, 2010 at 5:30 PM at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation, located at 727 Classon Avenue (between Park and Prospect Places). All are invited to attend.

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

The Housing/ULURP Committee met on Thursday, March 4, 2010 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation. The committee discussed a request from Ms. Ann Gaudet, owner of 115 Underhill Avenue, to legalize the full use of ground floor commercial space in her mixed use building, 115 Underhill Ave between Prospect Pl and St Marks Ave. Her broker, Barbara Brown-Allen, and her expediter, Don Noble were in attendance to assist in a group discussion with Ben Columbo, Intergovernmental Affairs representative, Dept of Buildings (DOB). Ms. Gaudet is seeking a letter of support from CB 8 for her proposal.

The subject premises is a C3 storefront with three floor-through apartments above. Ms. Gaudet asserts that the entire first floor had been historically used as commercial space (a store and not just a storefront) as she intends to rent the entire first floor as a restaurant. However, a prior owner’s ‘incorrect’ filing for a plumbing job is clouding DOB’s review and preventing its approval of the work needed for the gas line required for the restaurant. Further, there is some evidence that for a period of time (likely less than two years) there was an artist in residence with sleeping quarters in the rear. Most of the records on the use of the building were lost in a flood at the premises decades ago, and DOB does not have records either.

Mr. Columbo indicated that expansion of a non-conforming use is strictly prohibited. But he also stated that if Ms. Gaudet can prove no change in use since the Zoning Regulations were implemented in 1961 with no gap in use greater than two years, then her proposed correction to the gas line can be ‘grandfathered in.’ He further opined that Ms. Gaudet is seeking a letter of no objection from DOB or a waiver of ZR52.10-52.11, *et seq.* He was not sure of the procedure that should be followed but will research the matter and inform the applicant; and will work with the applicant to reorganize her presentation to DOB. Ms. Gaudet may need to apply for a variance through Board of Standards and Appeals. If so, her instant request to CB 8 for a letter of support is premature.

The committee also discussed drafting alterations to the ULURP procedure. In order to address oversaturation of any community with residential supportive services and to provide for a fair distribution throughout the City of resources for the homeless, the Housing Committee of Community Board 8 recommends that the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) be expanded to require community board review and approval of all projects and/or contracts designed to provide:

- (1) residential supportive services, and

(2) affordable housing with or without residential supportive services where the funding source for either of these types of projects or contracts is a governmental or quasi-governmental entity or a not-for-profit corporation dispensing funds from governmental or quasi-governmental sources.

Ideally, Community Boards should be able to review and approve any government-funded use of real property within the community district. In reality such a process would be so time-consuming as to be unachievable given that Community Board members are volunteers and not full-time employees. Alternatively, the various government agencies at each level (federal, state and city) should be required to communicate their intentions to place such services within particular districts to each other and to the target Community District well in advance of project initiation. A common database of existing projects shared by such agencies would greatly facilitate more careful planning as agencies decide where to place residential supportive services.

Given that the mayor has appointed a charter revision commission, we should feel certain that in the very near term ULURP will be under review for changes that will likely further limit Community Board input into governmental decisions to place residential supportive services in any particular Community District. Now is the time for the Community Boards to voice their opposition to ULURP as it exists currently and any further diminution of Community Board input into that process. Now is the time for Community Boards to rally and lobby to be partners with the various governmental social services agencies in assisting them to more equitably provide the services that are needed by many of the communities in this City in times of economic distress. An equitable distribution of residential supportive services will avoid the concentration of such services within one or two community districts which unintentionally serves to depress the target community's capability to foster its own economic development and stabilization.

Further, the Housing Committee of Community Board 8 recommends that affordability of housing (both for purchase and rental) should be based on area median income (AMI) data generated at the Community District level (or at least the Borough/County level) to facilitate the stability needed by existing community residents to develop their human capital. An AMI including data from Northern New Jersey and Southern Westchester skews the income numbers in a manner which results in eligibility criteria being based on income levels that are too high for many of our residents to qualify for the quality housing been made available under federal and state housing development projects.

The next meeting of the Housing/ULURP Committee will be Thursday, April 1, 2010 at 6:30 PM at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation, located at 727 Classon Avenue (between Park and Prospect Places). All are invited to attend.

Ms. Granville thanked the committee chairs for their reports and acknowledged the elected officials and their representatives. She asked Ms. Adamson if she had anything to share with the Board.

**Borough President's Office** – Ms. Ann Marie Adamson

Ms. Adamson announced that the Borough President's Office is in the process of completing Community Board membership. There are 25 slots up for reappointment, so those whose term is expiring should submit their reappointment applications if they wish to continue serving on the Board. Anyone interested in serving can submit an application to either their local City Council representative or to the Borough president's Office.

Ms. Granville thanked Ms. Adamson and asked Assemblyman Jeffries if he had anything to share.

**57<sup>th</sup> Assembly District** – Assemblyman Hakeem Jeffries

Assemblyman Jeffries commented on the turmoil in Albany and stated that governor Patterson deserves the presumption of innocence and the right to govern during the investigation of his involvement with an aid scandal. There are more pressing issues to contend with such as a \$9 billion deficit. More specifically, the community has to do its part to make sure the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation can stay open with the proposed cuts to health care. Also, there are \$1.4 billion slated to be cut from the education budget that would devastate schools. While there are cuts that must be made, the budget should not be balanced on the backs of the most vulnerable. Cuts should be as sensitive as possible to ensure that the community remains vibrant and maintains a quality of life that residents have become accustomed to.

Mr. Staton asked how NYC public schools could be facing such huge cuts when the city provides greater than 50% of funds going to Albany. He was informed that with AIM (Aid to Municipalities), NYC would have to forfeit 100% of funds because many counties and cities upstate would fail if the funds from AIM were cut. The general consensus is that NYC would persist amid the cuts and continue to thrive.

The Census is one way to improve the conditions and funding state of NYC. Many prisoners that are incarcerated upstate count toward the population of the town the prison is located in despite the fact that they return home to the City and require resources here. Upstate communities are disproportionately represented courtesy of the census count in this form. Consequently, it is up to each household in the city to submit their census forms so that the count is a little more accurate. Undercounting in this fiscal environment could be costly in more ways than one. In addition, legislation has been discussed to have incarcerated individuals countered where they are from and where they will return.

Mr. Witherwax stated that he would like to commend the assembly on 2 bills: governing the structure of Atlantic Yards and using overdevelopment in the form of overpriced luxury condominiums for housing the homeless. Assemblyman Jeffries stated that there is a wonderful opportunity to convert houses that were never meant for anyone in the community to be beneficial to it. These buildings can be converted to different uses to maintain diversity in the community.

Ms. Granville thanked Assemblyman Jeffries for his very informative report and opened the floor for public comments.

**Mr. Bruce Williams** of Census 2010 announced that questionnaires will be mailed out between March 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. It is important to complete the questionnaire to be counted. Help centers are available from March 19<sup>th</sup> to April 19<sup>th</sup> to help residents that have difficulty completing the forms. If a form is not mailed to you, you can obtain one from any census office. You can only get money from government funds if the government knows you exist. As a result, there will be an extensive non-response team to knock on doors of those residences that do not submit census forms. He can be reached at 347-328-2547 or call the census at 866-861-2010.

Ms. Granville expressed her satisfaction with the role that Community Board 8 has played in the Census, as the District office has served as a testing site and will serve as a training site in the near future.

**Ms. Alex Kelly** announced that she is working with Paul Robeson High School students on an oral history project for Crown Heights, recording over 60 conversations between four students and people who have lived in Crown Heights, Brooklyn for over 15 years. They plan to donate these interviews to Brooklyn Historical Society and present them to the community for a listening event in Spring 2010 to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Crow Hill Community Association. By recording Crown Heights residents as they tell their

stories, the history of the neighborhood through the voices of the people who have lived it will be preserved. For more information or to sign up for an interview, contact Ms. Kelly at [crownheightshistory@gmail.com](mailto:crownheightshistory@gmail.com) or at 718-228-7928.

**Ms. Carolyn Sanders James** of the Mayor's Office announced that she will be retiring on Friday, April 2, 2010. This will be her last meeting in an official capacity but she will continue to participate in community functions. Last census, only 40% of District 8 was counted and this time around, we must do better. The most accurately counted portion of the District was New York City Housing Authority residents. Private residential homes must do a better job completing their surveys.

Ms. Granville thanked everyone for their comments and adjourned the meeting at 9:30 PM. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 8, 2010 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation, located at 727 Classon Avenue (between Park and Prospect Places) at 7 PM. All are encouraged to attend.