

**Community Board 8
Concern for Independent Living
151 Rochester Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11213**

June 14, 2018

Members Present

Sasha Ahuja
Wayne Bailey
Princess Benn-James
Julia Boyd
Adem Bunkeddeko
Dian Duke
Fred Frazier
Drew Gabriel
Tamika Gibbs
Nizjoni Granville
Elijah Gray
Xeerxeema Jordan
Shalawn Langhorne
Lisa Lashley
Tarves Lord
Elaine Mahoney
Kwasi Mensah
Adelaide Miller
Atim Oton
Robert Puca
Yahy Raji
Adam Sachs
Meredith Staton
Edison Stewart
Audrey Taitt-Hall
Mark Thurton
Gregory Todd
Ethel Tyus
Sheryl Vassell
Gib Veconi
Yves Vilus
Irsa Weatherspoon
Sharon Wedderburn
Deborah Young
Vilma Zuniga

Members Excused

Desmond Atkins
LeeAnn Banks
Gail Branch-Muhammad
James Ellis
Robert Matthews
Brian Saunders
Stacey Sheffey
Robert Witherwax

Members Absent

Glinda Andrews
Deshauna Appleton
Helen Coley
Faith Corbett
Michael Cox
Phu Duong
Andrea Ferris

Elected Officials Present

Assemblywoman Diana Richardson, 43rd A.D.
District Leader Ola Alabi, 57th A.D.
Honorable Ingrid Joseph, Civil Court Judge

Elected Officials Reps

Reginald Belon, Congresswoman Yvette Clarke
Arna Lipkind, Councilwoman Cumbo
Josh Levin, Brooklyn Borough President Adams
Shakti Robbins, Senator Montgomery
Bella Pori, Assemblyman Mosley
Elisa Helligar, Senator Hamilton
Kim Robinson, Councilwoman Amprey-Samuel

CB 8 Staff Present

Michelle George, District Manager
Julia Neale, Community Coordinator
Melanie Grant, Community Assistant

The regular meeting of Community Board 8 was called to order at 7 PM by Ms. Nizjoni Granville, Chairperson. She welcomed the new members Ms. Sasha Ahuja, Mr. Drew Gabriel, Mr. Desmond Atkins and Ms. Lisa Lashley to the Board and welcomed everyone to the general board meeting. In the absence of the secretary, she asked Ms. Langhorne for a roll call.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES – Mr. Bailey made a motion to accept the minutes of the May meeting with any necessary corrections. The motion was seconded by Mr. Staton and carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE – CB 8 newsletter and other information was distributed.

Ms. Granville wished everyone a Happy Father’s Day. She thanked Concern for Independent Living for allowing Community Board No. 8 to meet at their facility and invited Ms. Archer to say a few words.

Concern for Independent Living – Ms. Leonie Archer, Program Director

Ms. Archer welcomed everyone to Concern and announced that they are a transitional housing facility. She updated the community on their Coney Island facility in which she stated that the construction has been delayed. Additionally, she announced that they are currently seeking to hire people who have experience in the field of Human Resources. To apply they can log on to www.concernhousing.org.

Ms. Granville thanked Ms. Archer for the information and invited the elected officials to make announcements.

Assemblywoman Diana Richardson – 43rd A.D.

Assemblywoman Richardson announced that the legislative session is slated to end next week. The Vital Brooklyn proposal was mailed to all residents of the 43rd Assembly District. If you did not receive it, please contact her office to get a copy. The 43rd AD is extremely divided, encompassing 4 different community boards and precincts, and covered by five different councilmembers. With that type of divisiveness, it was impossible to get everyone together to effect change. Consequently, she created Civic Minded, to help strengthen the community and get residents working together. Civic Minded meetings take place the 4th Saturday of each month, and all residents of the 43rd district need to participate in them. They take place in the direct central portion of the district at MS 61 located at 400 Empire Blvd to make it equitable for everyone in the 43rd AD and not to show favor to any one portion.

She distributed a Vital Brooklyn (VB) feedback form for the proposal that was submitted to Governor Cuomo in January. There is \$1.4 billion in available funds that will have a great impact on Central Brooklyn. Initially, when VB was introduced, it was focused on healthcare reform and affected Interfaith, Brookdale, Wyckoff, Kingsbrook, and SUNY Downstate hospitals. These hospitals are struggling and unable to pay their bills every month, so the state is covering their finances. VB was created to help with the way that healthcare is provided in hospitals. However, she stated that we cannot just address healthcare in hospitals, but rather instead need to also focus on preventative services and outpatient care. The central component of VB is indeed healthcare, but the proposal looks at the other things that affect the quality of your health, such as housing, food, violence, education, etc.

The VB proposal looks at 8 key areas: open space and healthy food, recreation, comprehensive education, youth development, economic development and job creation, community based violence prevention, community based health care, and affordable housing and resiliency. VB includes \$500 million for the development of 3,000 affordable housing units, 1200 of which are committed to the 43rd Assembly District. She stated that rental prices for affordable units are based on the AMI, or Area Median Income, which is calculated as a percentage. However, for the 1200 units coming to 43rd AD, the AMI is going to be affordable for the district. Currently, there are a lot of complaints that the affordable units being created are not affordable for the people of the community. However, her proposal purposely capped the AMI for the affordable housing units at about the 70%

mark because, essentially, housing in this district should not be above the 70% mark because our AMI is lower than normal. The 43rd AD has the 2nd highest rate of eviction in the city, which is a testament to how people cannot keep up with rising rents and are struggling. The proposal contains the sites and rental rates of the affordable units in an effort to be transparent.

Changes can still be made to the proposal if necessary as the request for proposals (RFP) has not been issued yet. Also, she stated that she was able to negotiate \$1.4 million for community based violence prevention programs. Organizations such as Save Our Streets (SOS) and the clergy council can take advantage of the funds that are earmarked. Currently, these funds are broken down into two categories: mental health and youth development. If you feel your organization or church can provide services for these two causes, contact her office and register with Grants Gateway.

As part of the VB proposal, there is a healthy food initiative in conjunction with SUNY Downstate. The pilot program is targeting 300 people, mostly seniors and people receiving Medicare. This was chosen as the control group because it is a very vulnerable population. Mobile food markets will be opening because fresh food is not often available in many parts of the district. They are also encouraging urban farming in schools because we need to learn to take care of ourselves and our health and teach children how to do this at an early age.

In terms of economic development, we need to acknowledge that gentrification is affecting commercial spaces as well. Small businesses are suffering and are not able to survive because of rising commercial rents. As a community, we need to shop local every day, not just during special shop local promotions around the holidays. The Assemblywoman encouraged everyone to spend money in the community to support and recycle money within it. This will make the community stronger and more economically wealthy.

Assemblywoman Richardson stated that the proposal attempts to create more connections between the Division of Parole and Dept. of Probation in terms of job preparedness and training for those in the criminal justice system. She stated that she is using the initiative to try to resolve the pitfalls that many of these people face to get people trained and into job market rather than becoming recidivism victims.

Mr. Staton stated that he appreciates what the Assemblywoman is doing. However, he stated that on Buffalo Avenue, the rent requires a minimum of an \$88,000 annual salary. He asked how the AMI rate could be so high as to allow this. Assemblywoman Richardson informed him that Buffalo Avenue is not in her district, but stated that the rent could be that high because the development was done as-of-right, or because the units could have preferential rent rates (PRR). She stated that PRR are 9 times out of 10 the reason so many people wind up in housing court and facing eviction. With preferential rents, a discount is given each month during a lease, but a landlord can legally raise the rent as much they want so long as it does not exceed the PRR. It is truly unfortunate how they work because Brooklyn has an excessively high number of preferential rent leases.

Ms. Oton stated that many people in CB 8 are unwilling to leave the district to attend events and suggested that the Assemblywoman hold meetings in the District if she wants increased participation. Assemblywoman Richardson reiterated that she attempts to hold her meetings with equity, keeping in mind everyone in the 43rd AD. Community residents need to be willing to cross their community's boundary lines. She cannot in good conscience pander to one particular community just because people do not want to leave their neighborhood. This is a community partnership and relationship, and residents need to make the time to do what needs to be done to get their issues addressed.

Ola Alabi, District Leader 57th A.D.

District Leader Alabi reminded everyone that the Congressional Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 and State Primary Election on Thursday, September 13, 2018. The general elections will follow on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. She encouraged everyone to go out and vote.

She also announced that there is currently an open seat for Surrogates Court Judge and the community will be informed about who will step forward soon.

Ingrid Joseph, Civil Court Judge

Judge Joseph announced that she is the Supervising Judge of the Civil Court at 141 Livingston Street, Brooklyn, NY and she is also the Acting Supreme Court Justice. She highlighted the different issues that are addressed by the civil court such as personal injury or accident cases, landlord and tenant cases, commercial real estate and other small claims.

Over the year many judges have come out and conducted classes to give updates on what is going on inside the courts and how the court system is operated. Many would give information on how to reconcile certain issues but were not successful in giving the community proper advice. She added that Judges are not generally allowed to be out in the community unless they are running for re-election.

With that being said, she stated that she is running for re-election and encouraged everyone to come out and participate in the upcoming elections. She also stated that if anyone has a small claim legal matter pertaining to commercial real estate or an injury/accident case they can address it at 141 Livingston Street, Brooklyn.

Ms. Granville thanked our elected officials for coming and opened the floor for public comments and announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Michell Bonan, of the Brooklyn Public Library announced that in the next two years the Brower Park Library will be relocating to the Brooklyn Children's Museum. The library along with the museum will be working in conjunction with the TsAO & McKown architecture firm on the design of the new space. In light of this, they are seeking community input on what they would like to see in Brower Park Library after it is relocated to the Brooklyn Children's Museum. This will assist them with the design process of the library space. She stated that on Monday, June 18, 2018 they will be having a Community Session where the community can come out and voice their ideas. The event will be held at Brower Park Library's current location, 725 St. Marks Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. To attend, please RSVP online at www.bklynlib.org/browerpark or email standup@bklynlibrary.org.

Ms. Deborah Young from the Crown Heights North Association announced that they will be hosting another free shredding event on Saturday, June 16, 2018 from 10AM to 2PM at St. Gregory's Roman Catholic Church located at 991 St. Johns Place. The community can bring documents, books or any other paper materials they would like to shred at no cost.

Ms. Young also announced that the Crown Heights North Association will be holding their next meeting on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at St. Gregory's Roman Catholic Church located at 991 St. Johns Place at 6:45PM. All are welcomed to attend.

Ms. Bella Pori from Assemblyman Mosely's Office wished everyone a Happy Summer and announced that the Assemblyman will be hosting his Annual Summer Reading Challenge. Every year they encourage children to continue reading during the summer after the school year ends. Upon completion of the Summer Reading Challenge, children receive a New York State Assembly Excellence in Reading Certificate from the Assemblyman. To participate in the program, children must read by themselves or with a partner for a minimum of 15 minutes every day for at least 40 days throughout the months of July and August. The days can be marked off on a calendar which is provided by and submitted to the office of Assemblyman Mosley after the 40 day

period is up. Those who are interested in participating should reach out to the district office at 718-596-0100 for additional information and to obtain the Summer Reading Calendar.

Ms. Arna Lipkind from Councilwoman Laurie Cumbo's office gave updates on the 2019 Budget. Majority Leader Councilwoman Cumbo was able to secure funds for women and families in the areas of education, health, safety, and economic security. She was able to secure \$106 million to support fair care initiatives, \$600,000 to go toward community childcare, \$9 million for domestic violence initiatives and \$2.3 million for initiatives assisting those affected by sexual assault.

Ms. Lipkind also announced that on Sunday, August 5, 2018 the Councilwoman will be hosting her 3rd Annual One Crown Heights Summer Festival at Brower Park located at Brooklyn Avenue and Park Place, Brooklyn, NY from 11AM to 5PM. Participants will meet up at the Jewish Children's Museum located at 792 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn at 11AM. The march will commence at 11:30AM at the Jewish Children's Museum to the Brooklyn Children's Museum located at 145 Brooklyn Avenue, Brooklyn. At 12:30PM the festivities at Brower Park will begin. There will be vendors, double-dutch, carnival games and much more. All are invited to attend. For additional information about this event, please contact the district office at 718-260-9191.

Ms. Elisa Helligar from Senator Jesse Hamilton's office announced that the Senator will be hosting a Delegate Meeting on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at his office located at 1669 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, NY at 6:30PM. The meeting will encourage community input and participation in the participatory budgeting process. Community members can propose projects like improvements to schools, parks, libraries, public housing or even community spaces with the use of certain public funds. The delegates will assist with turning these ideas into fundable projects.

She also announced that Senator Hamilton is partnering with the Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams, Councilwoman Cumbo, and District Leaders Geoffrey Davis and Shirley Patterson on the Central Brooklyn Arts and Culture Walk 2018. The event will be held on Sunday, June 24, 2018 from 12PM to 5PM on Eastern Parkway between Flatbush and Washington Avenues. There will be live entertainment, giveaways, activities for children and more. For additional information, please contact Senator Hamilton's office at 718-284-4700.

Ms. Shakti Robbins from Senator Velmanette Montgomery's office announced that two bills were passed in Albany and are awaiting the Governor's signature. The first bill S.4519A, is the Construction Notification bill which requires the NYC Department of Buildings (DOB) to provide written notification to adjoining property owners when an application for approval of construction documents and when an application for a permit is submitted to the DOB. The legislation also requires DOB to provide proof of insurance and a copy of the permit to adjoining property owners at least 30 days prior to construction or demolition work except in the event that emergency work is authorized.

The second bill S4487B, refers to the School Based Health Center Fund which creates a personal income tax check-off box for donations to the newly created school-based health centers fund to be used by the Department of Health to fund expansion of medical services at existing school based health centers or to establish new school-based health centers.

Lastly, Ms. Robbins stated that Senator Montgomery has introduced another piece of legislation called the Civics Education Curriculum Bill S8958 which establishes the Commission on Civics Education with developing and recommending instruction that amends the current civics curriculum as part of New York's education curriculum, which shall include but shall not be limited to, the NYS Constitution, state and local government, civic literacy, community issues, methods of public participation, and the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

Mr. Josh Levin from Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams office announced that there are three upcoming events that he is hosting. On Friday, June 15, 2018 there will be a Men's Health Symposium from 10AM to 3PM at Brooklyn Borough Hall located at 209 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn in the Community Room.

On Sunday June 24, 2018 he will be hosting "Central Brooklyn Arts and Culture Walk" in conjunction with other elected officials. The event will take place from 12PM to 5PM on Eastern Parkway between Flatbush and Washington Avenues.

Also, on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 the Borough President will be kicking off the Caribbean-American Heritage Celebration from 12PM to 9PM to be held at Brooklyn Borough Hall.

Ms. Kim Robinson from Councilwoman Alicka Ampry-Samuels office announced that on Saturday, June 16, 2018 the Councilwoman will be hosting an Advisory Board Meeting at 400 Rockaway Avenue, Brooklyn, NY at 10AM. For additional information, please contact 718-342-1256.

Ms. Robinson also announced that on Monday, June 18, 2018 the Councilwoman will be holding a meeting to discuss NYCHA (New York City Housing Authority) at 10AM at Seth Low Houses located in Brownsville, Brooklyn. For additional information about this meeting, please contact 718-953-3097.

Mr. Adem Bunkeddeko emphasized the importance of the community utilizing the services and obtaining the wealth of information provided by the Community Board. He stated that it is also a great vehicle for addressing housing issues and concerns. He encouraged everyone to engage in their civic duty and go out and vote on Tuesday, June 26, 2018.

Mr. Gib Veconi announced that on Monday, July 16, 2018 the Prospect Heights Neighborhood Development Council along with the Brooklyn Public Library will be having a Training Session for emergency preparedness. The NYC Department of Homeland Security will be in attendance and will be distributing emergency packs. To attend the event, please register online at www.phndc.org. Fliers will be sent to the Community Board 8 office.

Mr. Reginald Belon from Congresswoman Yvette Clarke's office gave an update on legislation that the Congresswoman is advocating for. He announced that the Major Owens Bill has passed the committee level and is now up for review by Congress. The purpose of this bill is to rename the post office located at 1234 St. Johns Place, Brooklyn, NY to commemorate former Congressman Major Robert Odell Owens who passed away. He sat on the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform in the United States House of Representatives and remained a strong advocate for education, gun control, and equal rights. He served New Yorkers for thirty-two years, first in the New York State Assembly from 1975 to 1982, and then succeeding Shirley Chisholm as the Representative for New York's 11th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Mr. Belon also stated that the Opioid Bill which was created to help solve the opioid abused problem has passed the house.

Lastly he announced that Congresswoman Clarke and others met with the Postmaster General in reference to the issues concerning mail delivery. She was informed that these issues and others will be investigated. He encouraged everyone to fill out a complaint form if they have any issues concerning mail delivery. Complaint forms are available at the Community Board 8 office. If you require additional information, please contact Congresswoman Office at 718-287-1142 or log on to www.Clarke.house.gov.

Ms. Granville thanked everyone for their announcements and invited the representative from NYC Administration for Children's Services to give an update on the application for 963 Park Place.

NYC Administration for Children’s Services – Mr. Kenneth Robinson, Esq.

Mr. Robinson from the Administration for Children’s Services (ACS) stated that an application was submitted by ACS and the Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) for the acquisition of property located at 963 Park Place (between Brooklyn and New York Avenues) to continue its current use as a childcare facility.

Ms. Tyus inquired about the terms of the lease regarding the amount of years of the lease. He responded that the lease agreement would be for 10 years with a renewal lease for 5 additional years. Ms. Tyus also asked about the previous lease negotiations and the current capacity of the facility. He responded that the capacity is at 89% with a total of 80 children currently in the facility.

Ms. Tyus made a motion to support the continued use of 963 Park Place as a childcare facility. The motion was seconded by Mr. Staton and carried with a final vote of 29 in favor, none opposed, with 2 abstentions.

Ms. Granville thanked Mr. Robinson and asked the committees to give their reports.

Economic Development Committee – Ms. Atim Oton, Chair

The Economic Development Committee held two (2) Job Training Fairs during the month of May. The first was on Saturday, May 12, 2018 and the second on Wednesday May 16, 2018 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation located at 727 Classon Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. In addition to Ms. Atim Oton, Chair and the 35 participants, present were: Elaine Mahoney, LeeAnn Banks and Yahya Raji.

The Job Training Fairs were effective for the registrants who attended the fairs. Attendance was minimal and poor weather was a key issue as it rained. Eight organizations participated in the events. Some had already been serving the district in some job training outreach capacity. Three organizations had not targeted or done any outreach in the district before.

Ms. Oton reported that the job training fairs should have a job search component as several people came looking for jobs. A job search component would have encouraged better attendance and participation. This action would require more outreach and an increase in marketing beyond community district 8’s boundaries. The committee is considering having another fair in the Fall as both the organizations and attendees made the request. One organization highlighted the need for a culinary arts training program because of the wealth of restaurants and bars in the district. These suggestions will be a part of the goals for the committee for 2019. These two elements will also be sent to the Community Board to be added to the budget requests for the next year.

The committee did not meet for the month of June. The next Economic Development Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at the Brooklyn Neighborhood Improvement Association (BNIA) located 465 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, NY at 6:30PM. All are welcomed to attend.

Environment, Sanitation & Transportation Committee (EST) – Robert Witherwax, Chair, Ms. Irsa Weatherspoon, Vice-Chair

The EST Committee met on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation (CNR) located at 727 Classon Avenue, Brooklyn, NY at 6:30PM. In addition to Ms. Weatherspoon, Vice-Chair, present were: Desmond Atkins, Greg Todd, Alan Gerber, Julia Boyd, Isaac Blasenstein, Frances Langley, Edison Stewart, Mark Thurton, Robert Lapointe, Holly Fuchs, Regina Kinsey, Tim Bishop, Kate Stokes, Martha Parra, Michael Chasen, Diana Cardozo, Paola Hurtado, and Alejandro Rodriquez.

In the absence of the Chair, Ms. Weatherspoon, welcomed the newly named EST committee and discussed safety concerns on St. Johns Place between New York & Rogers Avenues with the B45 bus. Mr. Lapointe reiterated his concerns in regard to the B45 bus and its future on the current route. Ms. Kinsey reminded everyone that a town hall meeting was held in 2017 in reference to the route and that the community was in opposition of it. Mr. Lapointe and Ms. Fuchs did not recall a final decision being made about it and suggested that the district office invite a representative from the MTA to come and discuss the matter before the entire board. Ms. Weatherspoon stated that she too, did not recall a proper decision being made and that a representative has been invited to the June meeting. She will follow up with the district office.

It was reported that the Department of Sanitation (DSNY) has halted its organic program expansion. Mr. Todd expressed his disappointment with DSNY decision to no extend the curb side organics program to Crown Heights due to a purported budget crunch. He suggested that the committee and the Board draft a letter to DSNY Commissioner, Kathryn Garcia referencing the cancellation and to seek further information about their future plans, if any, in regard to introducing the program to the district. Mr. LaPointe made a motion to support Mr. Todd's recommendation. Ms. Fuchs seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) gave a response to Community Board 8 on May 18, 2018 about the clear curb initiatives. In reference to the Flatbush Avenue Clear Curb Initiative, Ms. Weatherspoon updated the committee and read DOT's recent response letter dated May18, 2018, from Brooklyn Borough Commissioner Keith Bray. The Clear Curb Pilot Program, will restrict curbside access during peak hours. The plan will cover a portion of Midtown, Manhattan, Roosevelt Avenue, Queens and Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn from Tillary Street to Grand Army Plaza. The pilot program is slated for a six month trial period.

Ms. Weatherspoon stated that she will join the Road Street Repair project sub-committee. She asked the members of the project sub-committee for any updates and if any strides been made toward project goals.

Committee members expressed concerns regarding excessive ongoing re-pavement projects, congestion along Nostrand Avenue, and the Eastern Parkway Elevator Program. Members also shed light on the Rat Infestation Bill. They plan to circulate the information about it throughout the community.

The next EST Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at CNR located at 727 Classon Avenue, Brooklyn, NY at 6:30PM. All are invited to Attend.

Health & Human Services Committee – Mr. Kwasi Mensah, Chair

The Health and Human Services Committee met on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at Brooklyn Neighborhood Improvement Association located at 465 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, NY at 6:30PM. In addition to the Chair, present were: Audrey Taitt-Hall.

The committee discussed the upcoming Health Fair which is slated for Saturday, June 30, 2018 at BNIA from 11AM to 3PM. They discussed the final details for the event. Ms. Taitt-Hall agreed to cover the Urban Agriculture sector of the Fair. She will elaborate more on how growing her own foods for the last 25 years has benefitted her family.

The next Health and Human Services Committee will be held on Monday, September 10, 2018 due to the Labor Day holiday weekend. The committee will meet at 6:30 PM at BNIA located at 465 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, NY.

Housing Committee/Land Use Committee Joint Meeting – Ms. Nizjoni Granville, Chair/Ms. Ethel Tyus, Chair

The Housing and Land Use Committee's met jointly on Thursday, June 7, 2018 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation located at 727 Classon Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. In addition to the Chairs, present were: Wayne Bailey, Faith Corbett, Fred Frazier, Gib Veconi, Adelaide Miller, and Princess Benn-James.

The committees heard the following presentation from the Dept. of City Planning on the M1 Hotel Special Permit Zoning Text Amendment:

ULURP Item: M1 Hotel Text Amendment: CEQR No. 18DCP042Y, ULURP No. N180349ZRY

Mr. Jonah Rogoff from NYC Department of City Planning (DCP) presented information on the Zoning Text Amendment being proposed by DCP. They are revising the Zoning Text to require new hotels to get Special Permits before construction begins in selected M1 districts; and has determined that the change is warranted based on the number of tourists increasing from 42.6 million to 62.8 million (or 50%) from 2005 to 2017. Hotels are currently permitted as-of-right in M1 districts, and hotel development in M1 districts has accelerated significantly since 2010. Hotel development in M1 areas near airports would not require Special Permits.

Due to the land use conflicts posed by hotel developments in active industrial areas, DCP is recommending this change to manage conflicts with surrounding businesses where those conflicts include noise, truck traffic, pollution, pedestrian hazards, and non-contextual, unpleasant streetscapes. The specific affected sectors of Community District 8's M1 district along Atlantic Ave are mapped in orange on page 12 of the May 10, 2018 handout provided by DCP. (Copy attached.) There are a limited number of sectors where hotel development would still be permitted as of right; e.g. Atlantic Avenue from Nostrand to Albany Avenues. Existing hotels will be grandfathered, and nascent projects would vest if a temporary certificate of occupancy is issued within three (3) years from the date their proposal is approved. Homeless shelters will be allowed as of right. Grandfathered sites where the hotel use lapses would have to apply to the Board of Standards and Appeals to allow a non-conforming use. On Monday, April 23, 2018, the Final Scope of Work and the Draft Environmental Impact Statement were issued. The City Planning Commission (CPC) has 60 days from that date to present the Proposed Text Amendment to the Community Boards and Borough Presidents before a Public Hearing is held by the CPC.

The general feeling from the Committee members was that the proposal is substantially aligned with CB 8's MCROWN proposal in that Special Permits would be required for new hotels in most of the MCROWN area. On motion made and seconded, the committee members voted unanimously to support the proposal. It hopes that the full Board will support and ratify the Committees' recommendation.

Ms. Oton asked how long it will take for the M1 zoning text amendment to be instated. Mr. Rogoff responded that it will take approximately 3 to 4 months after the Community Board has reviewed it. Possibly sometime in November because it has to be reviewed by additional agencies.

In reference to existing hotels, a resident asked if they would be required to come before the Community Board to make additional changes to their hotels. Mr. Rogoff explained that they would not have to and that they would be treated as a non-conforming use. This would only apply if they were to create a new hotel through expansion.

Mr. Veconi made a motion to support the committees' recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Raji and carried to a final vote of 24 in favor, with 9 abstentions and none opposed.

At the June 14th Board meeting Mr. Greg Todd announced that the committee is organizing a Tenant Advocacy Housing Workshop to be held at Weeksville Gardens Community Center. The dates that they are considering for the workshop are Saturday, October 27, 2018 and Saturday, November 3, 2018. They would like to hear feedback from the committee and community members about which date would be best for the event.

The next Housing Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at the Brooklyn Neighborhood Improvement Association (BNIA) located at 465 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, NY at 6:30PM. All are invited to attend.

Land Use Committee – Ms. Ethel Tyus, Chair

The Land Use Committee also discussed the following Landmarks applications:

1. Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness (LPC-19-23891) to Legalize Windows at 630 Bergen Street (Prospect Heights Historic District)

Owner Jerry Reznik, R.A. Jacob Kanner, and Property Manager Josh Levy presented the owner's request for a Certificate of Appropriateness (COFA) for work done on the primary façade window sashes of 630 Bergen Street by the prior owner after the area was landmarked. The site is a four-story Romanesque-Revival Style Flats building built c. 1894 and designed by Timothy A. Remsen. LPC issued a Warning Letter on March 23, 2018 giving the owner 20 working days to apply for a permit to cure the violation. Committee members repeatedly questioned the owner about his grasp of the obligations attendant to performing work on a contributing building in a historic district. Given that the building may be in a distressed census tract and is also listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places, the owner was advised to investigate the eligibility for the Historic Preservation Tax Credits estimated at 20% to 30% of the cost of the appropriate windows.

Committee members explained that supporting the owner's request for a retroactive approval would create a cascade effect and set a problematic precedent. On motion made by Mr. Veconi and seconded by Ms. Miller, the Committee voted six (6) in favor of withholding support with one (1) abstention. The Committee hopes the full Board will support its recommendation. LPC's hearing on this application is scheduled for 6/19/2018.

Mr. Thurton asked what will happen if the Board votes to deny support of their application. Ms. Tyus responded that the owners would have to restore the windows to what they are supposed to be.

A resident asked if the window restoration would apply to the whole building. Ms. Tyus clarified that it would only apply to the primary façade windows in the front of the building.

Mr. Puca inquired about the applicant's status with the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC). Ms. Tyus stated that the applicant has already received a violation letter and if they do not adhere to the necessary measures they are subject to being fined. The amount of the fine will increase as it will coincide with the amount of days that the problem goes unfixed.

Mr. Veconi made a motion to accept the committees' recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gibbs and carried to a final vote of 28 in favor, with 5 abstentions and none opposed.

2. Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness (LPC -19-21958) to Replace Storefront Infill, and Re-clad an Existing Awning at 626 Vanderbilt Ave (Prospect Heights Historic District)

Mr. Zachary Lewis and Mr. Jason Gold, both of Richard Lewis Architect presented plans for a new store front at 626 Vanderbilt Ave. The project includes:

- Using white wood with curved upper frames for the windows,
- Operable middle windows,
- An banquette dining table in the window area; and
- A striped box awning that will deflect the lighting underneath.

They included photos of nearby buildings with similar awning designs. The LPC hearing on this item is scheduled for 6/19/18. On motion made and seconded, the Committee voted unanimously to support the project. It hopes the full board will support and ratify the Committee's recommendation.

Mr. Bailey made a motion to accept the committees' recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Staton and carried to a final vote of 30 in favor, with 3 abstentions and none opposed.

3. Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness (LPC -19-21816) to Add a Solar Canopy, Rooftop Addition & Changes to Primary & Secondary Facades at 586 Bergen St (Prospect Heights Historic District)

Oisín Clancy of inhabitSOLAR/Smart Roof presented the owner's revised plans to create a passive house. The work planned includes:

- Interior alterations
- Window repair/replacement: primary facades
- Rooftop addition: occupiable and not visible from the street
- Excavation: major, underpinning
- Rear yard addition: occupiable
- 32 solar panels with wood moldings on the rear panels and a sculpted finish
- Areaway paving
- Barrier-free access (ADA).

This is an expanded scope from the prior presentation on 11/2/2017 after which a rejection letter was sent to LPC on 11/9/17. The front areaway would include an artistic bicycle rack and recessed/subsurface bins for trash cans. The rooftop solar panels are purportedly strong enough for FDNY personnel to walk on the panels during a fire. Mr. Veconi suggested that owner consider a pergola for the solar panels.

On motion made and seconded, the Committee voted five (5) in favor of withholding support with one (1) in favor of support. It hopes the full Board will support and ratify its recommendation.

Mr. Puca expressed that the community should be encouraging people to go green and support applications such as this. The owner added that they are aiming to make the house self-sufficient by going green. As of right now it is at 90% sufficiency but they are aiming for 100%.

Mr. Staton clarified that the committee is not against the idea of what the applicant is trying to achieve they are against the design he is utilizing to execute it. The committee feels that the panels should all be in one specific area as opposed to several areas.

Ms. Benn-James stated that the committee was also concerned about the panels being seen on the façade of the building. She suggested that the Board support the application with the stipulation that they change this.

Mr. Veconi mentioned that a part of their proposal was for a penthouse on the roof of the building. They suggested that instead of using the roof for the penthouse, they should add panels. They would be able to have more panels on the roof if they considered this idea because a lot of the space that would have been occupied by the penthouse would now be occupied by additional panels. Mr. Veconi also stated that his issue with this application is that the solar panels are mechanical equipment and you don't usually put them on the façade of buildings in historic districts. There are other ways that a person can solarize their home. For instance they can put them in their backyard area.

Ms. Tyus asked if the application came before the Prospect Heights Neighborhood Development Council (PHNDC) and if they did, were those plans similar to these. Mr. Veconi stated that they came before PHNDC previously and that there were similarities.

Ms. Young made a motion to accept the committees' recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wedderburn and carried to a final vote of 18 in favor, 5 opposed with 10 abstentions.

The next Land Use Committee meeting on Thursday, September 6, 2018 at CNR located at 727 Classon Avenue, Brooklyn, NY at 6:30PM. All are invited to attend.

Parks & Recreation Committee – Ms. Glinda Andrews, Chair

The Parks and Recreation Committee met on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at Weeksville Gardens Community Center located at 1640 Pacific Street, Brooklyn, NY at 6:30. Unfortunately the committee did not submit a report. The next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 4, 2018. The location will be announced at a later time.

Public Safety Committee – Ms. Shalawn Langhorne, Chair, Mr. Mark Thurton, Vice-Chair

The Public Safety Committee met on Monday, May 21, 2018 at the 77th Precinct located at 127 Utica Avenue, Brooklyn, NY at 6:30PM. In addition to Mr. Mark Thurton, Vice-Chair, present were: Dorothy Bembry-Guet, PO Vidal, Judith Campbell, Xeerxeema Jordan, Frank Hodgson, Lorraine Clark, and Doreen Douglas.

Residents expressed concerns about issues in the community. One resident complained about UPS packages being removed from yards after delivery. Mr. Thurton complained about parked cars in the left lane on Nostrand Ave during the hours of 7-10AM and 4-7PM. Sgt. Giddens is aware of the complaint and has informed Sector B officers to have the drivers move their cars during those hours. One of the main priorities for the precinct right now is enforcing pedestrian safety and ensuring that drivers are not using cellphones while driving.

Residents also discussed how they feel about the Mayor easing enforcement on marijuana and possible legalization marijuana. One resident feels that the legalization of marijuana will increase the amount of people smoking. They will smoke if legal or illegal. Another resident stated that it might encourage the younger generation to partake in the act of smoking marijuana.

Ms. Langhorne announced that Monday, August 6, 2018 is NYPD's "National Night Out Against Crime" event. The 77th Precinct will be hold their celebration at Brower Park located at the intersection of St. Marks Avenue and Brooklyn Avenue from 11AM to 8PM. The 78th Precinct will have their celebration at Grand Army Plaza located at the intersection of Flatbush Avenue and Eastern Parkway from 6PM to 8PM.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting will be held on Monday, June 25, 2018 at the 77th Precinct located at 127 Utica Avenue, Brooklyn, NY at 6:30. All are welcomed to attend.

Seniors Committee – Ms. Gail Branch Muhammad, Chair

The Seniors Committee met on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at David Chavis Residence located at 230 Kingston Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. In addition to the Chair, present were: Essie Spivey, Frances Langley, Norma Glover, Faye Jones, Dennis Brown, Leola Mills, Yvonne Bailey, Doreen Turner, Patricia Washington, Vasti Bentinck, Mary Hodnett, Linda Rago, Ivy Anderson, Annabelle Boyd, Martin Wade, Jerome Michaux, Wallace Alexander, Joan Bedden, Mabel King, Marvette Franklin, William Rodgers, Eunice Oden, Jennie Moses, Regina Kinsey, Edison Stewart, Xeerxeema Jordan, Glinda Andrews, Vilma Zuniga, Princess Benn-James, and Adelaide Miller.

Ms. Branch-Muhammad reminded everyone about the primary election on June 26, 2018. The state primary takes place on Thursday, September 13, 2018. She also reminded everyone about the upcoming shredding event and plant give away, hosted by the Crown Heights North Association at St. Gregory's Church located at 991 St. Johns Place, Brooklyn on Saturday, June 16, 2018 between 10:00am-2:00pm. Council member Robert Cornegys' Free Rain Barrel Giveaway will also take place on June 16, 2018 at Brower Park. Rain barrels can be used in an effort to conserve water.

Pool trusts, wills and estates were briefly discussed, along with the possibility of having a judge or two come out to meet the seniors when the committee resumes. Committee member, Ms. Faye Jones was kind enough to prepare a selection of jarred delicacies, such as, pickled beets, pickled cucumbers and pickled watermelon rinds. Ms. Faye explained the pickling process to the guests and the delicious treats were passed around and sampled. Ms. Branch-Muhammad would like to have more taste testing in the future. She acknowledged the guest speakers and informed the committee and attendees that political questions would not be permitted.

Ms. Taylor, District Director for Congresswomen Yvette Clarke stated that the Congresswomen would not be able to attend the meeting because of her duties in Washington. She provided literature and encouraged all to reach out to the office if they should have any problems and or have any questions for the Congresswoman.

Dr. Una Clarke, Former Council Member, Trustee for the City University of New York and Member of the NYC Charter Revision Commission, touched on topics related to seniors and her involvement with the recently created NYC Charter Revision Commission. She noted that some of the things being looked at by the commission are Community Boards and how they are organized, early childhood education and senior issues. She invited the seniors to partake in the process if they should want anything written into the revision. Senior housing, nursing facilities and assisted living issues were also discussed. After a brief question and answer period, Dr. Clarke stated that she was honored to be in attendance and honored to represent her daughter Congresswoman Clarke.

Mr. Adem Bunkeddeko, 9th Congressional District Candidate, introduced himself and proceeded to express his concerns about the housing crisis and keeping the community affordable for seniors and working families. He spoke about creating a pathway to ownership and how important it is, but noted that many seniors may not be looking to own, but their children or grandchildren may be and should be able to afford to live and or buy in the

community. He stated that redlining and predatory lending is a big problem within the community. He raised the issue of the average median income (AMI), Ms. Branch-Muhammad chimed in and explained to the seniors exactly what (AMI) is and how it impacts the community. Mr. Bunkeddeko elaborated and spoke about the federal tax structure and its influence on landlords. A brief discussion followed. Mr. Bunkeddeko thanked the committee for inviting him.

Ms. Andrews, Chair of the Parks Committee informed everyone that St. John's Recreation Center is currently closed for renovations and will reopen in November. She also announced that the Parks Committee in collaboration with the Health and Human Services Committee will be holding its 3rd annual health fair on Saturday, June 30, 2018. The event will take place at the Brooklyn Neighborhood Improvement Association, located at 465 Sterling Place from 11:00am-3:00pm. All are invited to attend.

The next Senior Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday September 5, 2018 at David Chavis Apts, 230 Kingston Avenue, Brooklyn, NY at 6:30PM.

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

The SLAC Committee met on Monday, June 4, 2018 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation. The committee discussed the following applications:

1. Renewals:

- a. Kombat, 279 Flatbush Avenue (Prospect/St. Marks) – Full (live Troubadour music on Fridays)
- b. Berg'n, 899 Bergen Street (Classon/Franklin) – Full (live music, enclosed outdoor courtyard)
- c. Faun, 606 Vanderbilt Avenue (St. Marks/Prospect) – Full (patio or deck)

The committee voted to support all 3 renewal applications and hopes the full Board supports its recommendation.

Mr. Bailey made a motion to accept the committees' recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Staton and carried to a final vote of 28 in favor, none opposed with 4 abstentions.

2. New Applications:

- a. Rangoon, 500 Prospect Place (Classon/Grand) – Wine/Beer/Cider

Details of the application are as follows:

- i. Hours of Operation: Noon to 10:30 PM Sunday-Thursday, Noon to 11 PM Friday and Saturday
- ii. Rear yard with dimensions of 20'x34', number of tables and chairs TBD
- iii. Rear yard hours of operation the same as interior space

The committee voted to support the application with the following conditions:

- a. Backyard to close at 10 PM
- b. Receipt of a letter from their architect by Tuesday 6/12 describing soundproofing measures for the rear yard (information was received by district office)

The committee hopes the full Board supports its recommendation. Mr. Bailey made a motion to accept the committees' recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Veconi and carried to a final vote of 24 in favor, 2 opposed with 7 abstentions.

The next SLAC Committee meeting date is still being determined. Please reach out to the Community Board for further information at 718-467-5574.

Youth & Education Committee – Sharon Wedderburn, Chair, Mr. Kwasi Mensah, Vice-Chair

The Youth and Education committee met on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at BNIA located at 465 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, NY at 6:30PM. In addition to the Chair, present were: Xeerxeema Jordan, Yves Vilus, Nathan Ashe, Laurel Dagrosa, Kirsten Dagrosa, Audrey Taitt-Hall, and Pamela Harmon. The committee did not submit a report.

The next Youth and Education Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at BNIA located at 465 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, NY at 7PM. All are invited to attend.

Ms. Granville thanked the committees for their reports and adjourned the meeting at 9:30PM. The next meeting of Community Board No. 8 will be held on Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 7PM. Location to be determined. She wished everyone a happy and safe summer.

Guests

Francis Leo
Dahlia Bradshaw
Phyllis Grannum
Dr. Izri Marting
Renee Collymore
Richard Rhodes
Gabriel Pestre
Alison King
Regina Kinsey
Paul Blanchette
Camille May
Jason Gold
Michelle Boran

Wlodek Koss
Khamor Johnson Bey
Jennifer Henry
Jen Watson
Katie Clark
Dorothy Bembry-Guet
Anna Wang
Shirley Mondesir
Justin Gawronski
Paula Rice
Kenneth Robinson, ACS
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