

**Community Board 8
Calvary Community Church
1575 St. Johns Place
Brooklyn, NY 11213**

November 8, 2018

Members Present

Sasha Ahuja
Glinda Andrews
Desmond Atkins
Wayne Bailey
Princess Benn-James
Julia Boyd
Helen Coley
Phu Duong
James Ellis
Drew Gabriel
Tamika Gibbs
Nizjoni Granville
Xeexema Jordan
Tarves Lord
Kwasi Mensah
Atim Oton
Dr. Katharine Perko
Robert Puca
Yahya Raji
Adam Sachs
Meredith Staton
Audrey Taitt-Hall
Mark Thurton
Greg Todd
Ethel Tyus
Sheryl Vassell
Gib Veconi
Yves Vilus
Irsa Weatherspoon
Sharon Wedderburn
Robert Witherwax
Deborah Young
Vilma Zuniga

Members Absent/Excused

Deshauna Appleton
Gail Branch-Muhammad
Faith Corbett
Michael Cox
Dian Duke
Andrea Ferris
Fred Frazier
Elijah Gray
Shalawn Langhorne
Lisa Lashley
Elaine Mahoney
Robert Matthews
Adelaide Miller
Brian Saunders
Stacey Sheffey
Edison Stewart

Elected Officials

Senator Velmanette Montgomery, 25th Senatorial District

Elected Official Reps

Taiquan Coleman, Assemblywoman Wright, 56th AD
Kim Robinson, Councilwoman Amprey-Samuel, 41st CD
Josephare Lector, Assemblywoman Richardson, 43rd AD
Gabriel Torres, Assemblyman Mosley, 57th AD
Josue Pierre, Comptroller Scott Stringer's Office

CB8 Staff

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

The regular meeting of Community Board 8 was called to order at 7:20 PM by Ms. Nizjoni Granville, Chairperson. She welcomed everyone to the November meeting.

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

Correspondence – Community Board 8 newsletter and other information was distributed to the community.

Ms. Granville thanked Pastor Henry for hosting Community Board 8 and invited him to say a few words.

Calvary Community Church – Pastor Cecil Henry

Pastor Henry welcomed everyone to Calvary and extended an invitation for their annual community Thanksgiving Dinner event which will be held on Saturday, November 17, 2018 at 1575 St. Johns Place, Brooklyn, NY from 12PM to 3PM. The youth will be serving 400 thanksgiving dinners to residents in the community regardless of their background or beliefs. Calvary will also be distributing coats, children's clothing and books. For additional information or to RSVP, please contact 718-467-4108.

Pastor Henry reminded everyone that Calvary Community Church has been a part of the community for almost 30 years and has become a part of the culture of Crown Heights. He stated that they are proud to partner with Community Board 8 in serving the community.

Ms. Granville thanked Pastor Henry and invited representatives from the NYC Parks Department to give an update on the outdoor fitness area at St. Johns Park.

NYC Parks Department – Mr. Kevin Borgan, Landscaper

Mr. Borgan gave a brief synopsis of the scope of work currently taking place at St. Johns Park. He stated that the overall goal of the project is to provide outdoor fitness equipment for the community. He also gave an update on St. Johns Recreation Center. Construction is currently underway to repair the HVAC System. They are also resolving all of the underlying plumbing issues within the building.

He thanked Councilmember Cornegy for allocating \$500,000 to make repairs and upgrade the outdoor space. The main plan is to preserve as many trees as possible when installing the outdoor exercise equipment. Approximately 5 trees will be removed in order to install equipment including a double-chest press, leg-lift, triple parallel bars and more. Additional benches will also be included. The entire project is expected to be completed within the next two months.

Ms. Granville thanked Mr. Borgan for the update and invited Ms. Naila Rosario from Brooklyn Public Library to make an announcement.

Brooklyn Public Library – Ms. Naila Rosario, Government Relations & Advocacy Manager

Ms. Rosario announced that input is being gathered from the community regarding the design of the new Brower Park Branch which is being relocated to the Brooklyn Children's Museum. Plans for the design will be discussed on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at the Brooklyn Children's Museum located at 145 Brooklyn Avenue, Brooklyn, NY at 6:30PM.

Ms. Oton asked if the presentation would be put online for the people who are unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Rosario responded that the information will be accessible online but they are also encouraging people to go to the meeting and give their feedback.

Mr. Staton asked if there was more than one RFP (Request for Proposal) put forth. Ms. Rosario stated that they have spoken to several architects but have not chosen one yet.

Ms. Granville thanked Ms. Rosario for the update and acknowledged Senator Montgomery. She invited her to say a few words.

Senator Velamanette Montgomery – 25th Senatorial District

Senator Montgomery extended her thanks to the community for coming out in large numbers to vote as she was proud to announce that the highest number of votes were in the 25th Senate District. She also announced that the Democrats will be the Senate majority as of January 8, 2019. She hopes this will shift the priorities of the community and help to maintain its focus on the need for resources.

Senator Montgomery expressed her support of the relocation of the Brower Park Library Branch to the Brooklyn Children’s Museum. She also encouraged everyone to utilize the services offered by the Dreams Youthbuild programs being offered throughout New York City. DREAMS Youthbuild located at 1615 St. Johns Place, Brooklyn offers an array of services for youth between the ages of 17 and 24. There are various internship opportunities available that many usually don’t hear about. She urged young people to take advantage of all the services offered. For additional information, please contact Senator Montgomery’s office at 718-643-6140.

After a brief question and answer period, Ms. Granville thanked Senator Montgomery for the information and asked for a report from the following committees:

Economic Development Committee – Ms. Atim Oton, Chair

The Economic Development Committee met on Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at the Brooklyn Neighborhood Improvement Association (BNIA) located at 465 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, NY at 6:30PM. In addition to the Chair, present were: Corey Hoffman, Karolin Betances, Alyssa Keil, Jackee Namwila, Elaine Mahoney, and Keilah Johnson.

The committee discussed the next Job Fair which is slated to take place in April 2019 along with plans for “Shop Local” which includes outreach, flyer design and marketing. The flyer is expected to be completed within the next week.

The committee also discussed funding being allocated to purchase solar powered holiday lights. A survey will be conducted on the number of trees along Nostrand Avenue that will potentially receive lights.

The next Economic Development Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at Brooklyn Neighborhood Improvement Association (BNIA) located at 465 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, NY at 6:30PM. All are welcome to attend.

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

The EST Committee met on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at Brooklyn Neighborhood Improvement Association (BNIA) located at 465 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, NY at 6:30PM. In addition to the Chair and Vice-Chair, present were: Desmond Atkins, Isaac Blasenstein, Janet Collins, Ainslee Dublin-Scott, Alan Gerber, Xeerxeema Jordan, Frances Langley, Robert LaPointe, Meredith Staton, Edison Stewart, Mark Thurton, Deborah Young, and Scott Stern.

The Committee discussed the “Fast Forward: The Plan to Modernize New York City Transit” event that was held in September. The event was a community conversation featuring the President of NYC Transit, Andy Byford. At the event it was discussed that MTA is proposing to install a modern switching system on 5 high-traffic subway lines,

upgrading 150 stations, upgrading 50 stations to make them ADA Accessible, and purchasing 650 new subway cars. The MTA is also proposing to redesign the bus routes for all five boroughs of New York City.

The committee also discussed the hot spot issues concerning the B45 Bus. Some of the suggestions were to eliminate parking on one side of St. Johns Place, establishing delivery times, making St. Johns Place a one way street, re-routing the B45 westbound onto Sterling Place between New York and Rogers Avenues, re-routing the B45 eastbound onto Eastern Parkway from Bedford to New York Avenues, and demanding appropriate traffic enforcement.

Mr. Witherwax stated that they will continue this conversation at next month's meeting. Hopefully the committee can agree on the language so that the item can be presented to the full Board in December. He also stated that the city has agreed to roll back the clear curb initiative along Flatbush Avenue.

The EST Committee will not be meeting for the month of December. The next EST Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 22, 2018 at BNIA located at 465 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, NY at 6:30 PM. All are invited to attend.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee discussed the election for the vacant secretary position. As per § 6.3(d) of the Community Board 8 By-Laws which states "Upon the death, resignation, termination of Board membership, or removal of any officer, the vacancy created shall be filled by the Board. The election to fill such a vacancy in office shall take place not later than the second regular meeting following the creation of the vacancy, and shall proceed otherwise according to Section 2 paragraphs a and b of this article. Any officer elected to fill a vacancy shall hold office for the remainder of the unexpired term and until a qualified successor is elected."

Mr. Ellis nominated Ms. Sheryl Vassell for the position of Secretary. Ms. Vassell accepted the nomination. The board voted unanimously to support the nomination.

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

The Health & Human Services Committee met on Monday, November 5, 2018 at Brooklyn Neighborhood Improvement Association (BNIA) located at 465 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, NY at 6:30 PM. In addition to the Chair, present were: Sharon Marshall, Adrienne Sykes, Noah Potter, Philip Noyes, and Audrey Taitt-Hall.

The committee discussed the percentage of infant mortality and maternal morbidity in Community District 8 and found that both are much higher in district 8 when compared to the other districts. The committee also discussed plans for next year's Annual Health Fair and Agricultural Fair.

The next Health Committee meeting will be held on December 3, 2018 at BNIA located at 465 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, NY at 6:30 PM. Amongst their guests will be Dr. Susan Brown and Dr. Nicole Brown who are looking to open primary care facilities in Crown Heights and East New York, Brooklyn. All are welcome to attend.

Housing Committee – Ms. Nizjoni Granville, Chair

The Housing Committee met on Thursday, November 1, 2018 at Brooklyn Neighborhood Improvement Association (BNIA) located at 465 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, NY at 6:30 PM. In addition to the Chair, present were: Xeerxeema Jordan, Sarah Lazur, Yahya O. Raji, Adam Sachs, Ethel Tyus, Sharon Wedderburn, L. Soba, Daniel McCombie, and Dr. Katharine Perko.

Ms. Granville asked Mr. Sachs to read the committee report. The committee discussed the Affordable Housing Workshop which took place on Saturday, October 27th at Albany Houses Community Center located at 164 Troy Avenue, Brooklyn. Representatives from the NYC Department of Housing, Preservation and Development (HPD), IMPAACT Brooklyn, Crown Heights Tenant Union, Met Council, Flatbush Tenants Coalition, Legal Hand, and Brooklyn Neighborhood Improvement Association (BNIA) were in attendance to disperse information on strategies to fight the housing crisis plaguing the Prospect Heights, Crown Heights and Weeksville neighborhoods of Brooklyn. There were between 30 and 40 attendees present at the event. In addition to the information about community advocacy and tenant rights, information regarding housing lotteries and the affordable housing application process was provided.

The next Housing Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at BNIA located at 465 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, NY at 6PM. All are invited to attend.

Land Use Committee – Ms. Ethel Tyus, Chair

The Land Use Committee met on Thursday, November 1, 2018 at Brooklyn Neighborhood Improvement Association (BNIA) located at 465 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, NY at 6:30 PM. In addition to the Chair, present were: Sasha Ahuja, James Ellis, Fred Frazier, Nizjoni Granville, Dr. Katharine Perko, Robert Puca, Adam Sachs, Meredith Staton, Gib Veconi, Deborah Young, Shari Norton, L. Soba, Daniel McCombie, Sarah Lazhur, Eddie Soleyman, Nashat Ibrahim and Princess Benn-James.

The committee discussed the following application:

1. Application LPC-19-27544 for CoA for 907 St Marks Ave (Crown Heights North Historic District)

Nashat Ibrahim, R.A. of NMI Architecture, PLLC, presented owner, Eddie Soleyman's plans to restore 907 St Marks Ave. (B/L: 1223/5) at the NE corner with Kingston Ave. The application is to renovate this four-story Renaissance Revival style flats building designed by Frank S. Lowe and built c. 1908. The plan will create an at-grade entrance. The first two floors of the building were most recently used as a medical arts facility. The two upper floors have been boarded up and vacant for some years.

The plans include:

- the installation of an elevator to make the first floor and basement ADA-accessible;
- making each floor a co-living apartment with seven bedrooms and four bathrooms with a projected monthly rental rate of \$9,000 (or approximately \$1,200/mo. per person);
- replacing the windows and doors;
- adding a door to the rooftop bulkhead; and
- replacing the rear stairs and painting the main stoop.

A motion made by Mr. Veconi and seconded by Mr. Puca, to support the application failed with seven voting no, and two yes, with one abstention. The presentation lacked specifics on the treatments for the façade elements: the type of wood for the windows, paint colors for the various elements including wall masonry and stoop; and proofs that the neighbors have been notified of the project, among other open questions. The owner indicated that proofs of notice have been provided to the Community Board 8 Office. Due to the lack of information on how the proposed work will fit with the existing building's character and the surrounding streetscape, on motion made by Ms. Young and seconded by Ms. Wedderburn, the committee voted nine to one to table the item to allow a review by the Crown Heights North Association since there had not been any outreach by the proponents to the Association as instructed by both LPC and the CB 8 Office. Although the LPC (Landmarks Preservation Commission) hearing for this item is scheduled for 11/20/18, the owner agreed to return to the Land Use Committee on 12/6/18 with the missing information.

The next Land Use Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at BNIA located at 465 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, NY at 6:30PM. All are invited to attend.

M-Crown Sub-Committee Update

DCP presented the M-CROWN proposal to the City Planning Commission on Oct. 29, 2018 to provide context for follow-up presentations of the private rezoning applications for 1010 and 1050 Pacific Street, Brooklyn.

The presentations for the private applications are included within the first 60+ pages of a lengthy DCP document available at <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/planning/download/pdf/about/commission/briefing-package.pdf?r=102918>.

These applications will appear before Community Board 8 as part of the ULURP. A meeting with Department of City Planning is being requested to help move the discussion along.

The next meeting of the M-CROWN Subcommittee will be Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at 6:30PM. The meeting will be held at the offices IMPACCT Brooklyn located at 1000 Dean Street, suite 420. All are invited to attend.

Parks & Recreation Committee – Ms. Glinda Andrews, Chair

The next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at David Chavis Residence located at 230 Kingston Avenue, Brooklyn, NY at 6:30PM. All are invited to attend.

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

The Public Safety Committee met on Monday, October 22, 2018 at the 77th Precinct located at 127 Utica Avenue, Brooklyn, NY at 6:30PM.

The committee discussed community policing and the Build the Block program which breaks each Precinct District into sectors. The 77th Precinct, which is a part of Community Board 8 consists of 4 sectors (A, B, C & D) with a pair of two Neighborhood Coordinating Officers assigned to each individual sector. The Sector C of the 78th Precinct also covers a portion of Community Board 8. The 78th Precinct also covers a portion of Community Board 8 which includes Sector C. For additional information, log on to www.buildtheblock.nyc.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting will be held on Monday, November 26, 2018 at the 77th Precinct located at 127 Utica Avenue, Brooklyn at 6:30PM. All are welcome to attend.

Seniors Committee – Ms. Gail Branch-Muhammad, Chair

The next Seniors Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at David Chavis Residence located at 230 Kingston Avenue, Brooklyn, NY at 6:30PM. All are invited to attend.

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

The SLAC Committee met on Monday, November 5, 2018 at Newswalk located at 535 Dean Street, Brooklyn at 6:30 PM. In addition to the Chair and Vice Chair, present were: Cheryl Brown, Fred Frazier, Jamie Hardt, Lisa Lashley, Robert Puca, Brian Saunders, Meredith Staton, Mark Thurton, Sherly Vassell, Gib Veconi, Irsa Weatherspoon, and Deborah Young.

The committee discussed the following applications:

1. New Applications

A. **Pacific BK, 1065 Pacific Street (near Classon Avenue) – Full**

Details of the application are as follows:

- 18 maximum tables, depending on the event with 1 service bar
- Maximum capacity of interior and exterior spaces is 256 patrons; outdoor maximum capacity is 156; and the barn maximum capacity is 56.
- Proposed hours of operation for both interior and exterior: 12PM to midnight Sunday; Noon to 10 PM Monday through Thursday, 12PM to 3 AM Friday and Saturday
- Interior is soundproofed, with a proprietor induced noise reduction at 11 PM
- Security: 4 persons and additional tailored to the event for the event space

The committee voted unanimously to support the application with the following modifications:

- No bottle service in any capacity
- No amplified sound outdoors
- Outdoor space to close at 10 PM Sunday thru Thursday and midnight Friday and Saturday

The committee hopes the full Board supports its recommendation.

Mr. Veconi inquired about the prior usage of the space. Mr. Ellis responded that it has always been utilized by third-party vendors for private event purposes.

Mr. Atkins made a motion to support the committees' recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Staton and carried with a final vote of 30 in favor, none opposed with 2 abstentions.

The next SLAC committee meeting will be held on Monday, December 3, 2018 at Newwalk located at 535 Dean Street, Brooklyn at 6:30 PM. All are invited to attend.

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

The Youth and Education Committee met on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at Brooklyn Neighborhood Improvement Association (BNIA) located at 465 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, NY at 7PM. In addition to the Chair, present were: Audrey Taitt-Hall, Xeerxeema Jordan, Noelle Fries, Laurel Dargosa, Michel O. Lauren Rawles, Yves Vilus, Yahya Raji, Dwayne James, Oma Holloway, Pamela Harman.

The committee discussed partnering with the Economic Development Committee to discuss employment opportunities for youth in Community Board 8.

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

Ms. Granville thanked the committees for their reports and extended a warm welcome to the newest member of the Board, Dr. Katharine Perko. Dr. Perko thanked the Board for having her and stated that she looks forward to working with them to address the housing and land use issues in the community. Ms. Granville then opened the floor for public comments and announcements.

Ms. Robyn Berland from Friends of Brower Park announced that on Tuesday, November 27th in conjunction with the Brooklyn Borough President's Office, there will be a meeting regarding the current dog policies across

Brooklyn. The meeting will be held at the Brooklyn Children's Museum located at 145 Brooklyn Avenue, Brooklyn at 6:30PM.

Mr. Josue Pierre from NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer's office announced that on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 there will be a Community Board 8 Stakeholders Round Table discussion on issues concerning the Northern Crown Heights, Prospect-Heights, and Weeksville communities. The community will have the opportunity to express concerns or ideas directly to Comptroller Stringer. The discussion will take place at the Brooklyn Public Library Central Branch located at 10 Grand Army Plaza, Brooklyn, NY from 10AM to 11:30AM.

Mr. Pierre also gave an update on the NYC Charter and announced that they are calling for each Community Board to be given a professional planner as per the City Charter. This would eliminate having to go through Borough Hall for zoning assistance.

Mr. Gabriel Torres from Assemblyman Walter Mosley's office announced that on Thursday, November 13, 2018 they are having a North Crown Heights Development Town Hall at the John Wesley United Methodist Church located at 260 Quincey Street, Brooklyn from 6PM to 9PM. They will be opening the floor to questions regarding the 5 major developments in the district including the old BP Gas Station on Bedford Avenue, First Baptist Church of Crown Heights, and the Bedford Union Armory.

Mr. Taiquan McDonald from Assemblywoman Tremaine Wright's office announced that the Assemblywoman will be having her 6th Annual 5K Turkey Trot event on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22nd. Registration is required and will begin at 8AM. The race will start at 9AM.

On Friday, December 21, 2018 Assemblywoman Wright will be judging the participants in the 56th Assembly District Holiday Lights Competition. The categories will be best house, best block, and best business. All interested parties can register at <https://brooklyn.tremainewright.com>. For additional information about either of these events, please contact the district office at 718-399-7630.

Mr. Tyrone McDonald from Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) announced that there are Home Improvement Grants available to homeowners who want to address deteriorating conditions at their home. Homeowners must fall within a specific income bracket to qualify. For additional information, please contact 718-469-4679.

He also announced that NHS, in conjunction with Assemblywoman Diana Richardson, will be offering Tenant Support assistance on the following Wednesday's November 14, November 28th, and December 12th at the Assemblywoman's office located at 330 Empire Boulevard, Brooklyn, NY between 10:30AM and 2PM. For additional information, please contact the district office at 718-771-3105.

Ms. Donella Bracey from Bethany United Methodist Church announced that the church in conjunction with Burlington Coat Factory and Good Morning America will be giving out free coats to those in need on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at Bethany UMC located at 1208 St. Johns Place, Brooklyn at 2:30PM. They are also accepting donations from the community. For additional information, please contact 718-774-5689.

Ms. Sarah Lazur from Crown Heights Tenants Union announced that they are holding a meeting to discuss how to form a tenant association, NYC housing issues, strengthening your tenant rights and more. The meeting will be held on Saturday, November 17, 2018 at 1117 Eastern Parkway, 3rd Floor, Brooklyn, NY from 10AM to 6PM. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. For additional information, please contact Joe at 347-409-4650 or via email at Loonam@uhab.org.

Ms. Granville wished all the vets a happy Veteran's Day and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. She thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 8:30PM. The next general meeting of Community Board 8 will be held on Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 1000 Dean Street, Brooklyn, NY at 7PM. All are welcomed to attend.

PUBLIC HEARING
Capital and Expense Budget Requests for FY 2020
Community Board No. 8
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Ms. Granville called the Public Hearing on the prioritization of the Capital and Expense Budget for FY 2020 to order at 8:30PM. She reminded everyone that the items were submitted to them in advance and the District office had asked that each person submit their top five Capital and top five Expense priorities to the Board. She asked Ms. Tyus and Mr. Witherwax to read the items. The purpose of the public hearing is to help formulate the priorities for up to 40 capital and 25 expense budget requests. The Expense Budget funds current city government services, including the salaries of government employees, pensions, debt service, and routine operating expenses. Expense items are ongoing, reusable items that are needed for daily maintenance of services. The Capital Budget is a separate budget covering one fiscal year, funding physical infrastructure used either in support of government operations (such as government offices, schools, and fire stations) or for general public use (such as roads, bridges, libraries, and parks). To be included in the Capital Budget, individual projects must have a value of at least \$35,000 and a period of probable usefulness of at least five years.

Ms. Wedderburn: In addition to the Expense Item for Healthcare and Human Services, she suggests that funding be allocated for vaccine awareness services and vaccinations for different age groups. Vaccine types should include but not be limited to shingles, HPV, meningitis and measles.

Mr. Ellis: Suggested that the language be tailored to address specific issues in Community Board 8. The information should be provided in a series of classes to target the Community Board 8 population specifically. There is something missing in the language.

Ms. Neale clarified that the budget is a 60 page document and that the Capital & Expense list that he is referring to is just a truncated version of the budget document that will be submitted. The full version which is specific to Community Board 8 can be accessed on the Community Board website at www.brooklyn8.org.

Mr. Witherwax: Recommended 5 Expense and 3 Capital items related to Environment, Sanitation and Transportation. He listed them in order of priority. The Expense Item suggestions were to: Reinstate the B71 bus line, provide more trash removal and cleanliness in playgrounds, provide greater services to reduce the rodent population in New York City, provide more frequent litter basket collection throughout the district, and increase the budget for Community Boards citywide.

The Capital Item suggestions were to: repair or upgrade the subway stations and other transit infrastructures, specifically the Franklin Avenue Shuttle Station, provide NYPD parking facilities for the 77th and 78th precincts, and acquire land or a city-owned building for use by Community Board 8.

Ms. Andrews: Commented on the item that referenced a dog run being placed at Brower Park. She stated that Brower Park is unable to acquire a dog run because they do not have enough land for one to be placed there. She asked that this particular item be removed or be altered to request a dog run be placed at Lincoln Terrace Park instead.

Mr. Atkins: Requested additional enforcement from Sanitation on primary and secondary avenues during peak hours citywide.

Ms. Ahuja: In reference to policing and crime, funding needs to be allocated for crime prevention services such as alternative programs for youth and anti-violence programs.

Mr. Ellis: Would like to prioritize the frequency of litter basket collection and enforcement. Would also like to prioritize the expansion of food and hospitality programs that assist low income and homeless families. Also, would like to prioritize the acquisition of land or the re-appropriation of it so that it would be of more use to the community.

Wedderburn: In reference to services regarding child welfare or housing, would like to request that services or referrals be provided to subsidized households where the dwelling is owned by or rented by persons over the age of 55 years old.

Community Resident: Requested that funds be allocated toward the refurbishment of the Richmond Barte sculpture and wall mural at Kingsborough Houses. Would also like to request the installation of lights and proper signage there as well.

Community Resident: State that they are in support of the housing needs and protection programs suggested by the Board. Would like to prioritize the implementation of programs for low income families.

Ms. Tyus: Would like to reiterate the capital request to acquire land for Community Board 8. This is especially important so that committees who won't have to look for facilities to host their meetings or forums.

Ms. Weatherspoon: Requested additional street lights be installed due to increased vegetation over the last few years.

Community Resident: Requested the prioritization of the item referring to educating tenants about their rights and laws pertaining to housing.

Ms. Gibbs: Requested the prioritization of services to reduce the rodent population.

Community Resident: Stated that they support the initiative to address illegal conversions and uses of buildings.

After testimonies were given of what community residents would like to see funded. Ms. Tyus made a motion that the full board vote on the final submission of the budget document and give the District office the authority to use the information gathered at tonight's public hearing and submissions submitted to the office via email and mail to prioritize the top 40 capital and top 25 expense items. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wedderburn and passed with a vote of 32 in favor, none against and none opposed.

Guests

Morris Denmark
Sharl Morris
Tyrone McDonald
Virginia Ellis
Sophia Papavizas
Noah Potter
Thion Faria
Willie M. Frierson
John Cunningham
Dorothy Bembry-Guet
Larry Weekes
Janet Collins
Shirly Mondesir
Lynn Cave

Kenneth Pyle
Naila Rosario
Alyssa Keil
Flory Wilson
Melisa Adeyinka
Paul Blanchette
Arianne Sykes
Uri Nazrian
Robyn Berland
Ashley Jaffe
Tara Noble
Valerie Nero-Reid
Karolin Betances
Elaine Miles

Gabriel Lefferts
Cheyenna Cobbs
Emily Edwards
Donella Bracey
Julie Swoope
Peter Krashes
Daniel McComse
Daniella Golden
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Sarah Lazur
Cherie Washington
Phyllis Grannus
Patrice Agans