

**Community Board 8
General Meeting and Public Hearing
Brooklyn Children's Museum
145 Brooklyn Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11213**

March 9, 2023

Members Present

Glinda Andrews
Lisa Atkinson
Julia Boyd
Robert Callahan
Nora Daniel
Dian Duke
Andrea Ferris
Michael Francoeur
Nizjoni Granville
Colin Jakubczyk
Xeerxeema Jordan
Frances Langley
Dr. Sarah Lazur
Kwasi Mensah
Mimi Mitchell
Gail Muhammad
Fior Ortiz-Joyner
Brian Saunders
Meredith Staton
Nicole Tetreault
Mark Thurton
Ethel Tyus
Gib Veconi
Kimberly Watson
Irsa Weatherspoon
Robert Witherwax
Deborah Young

CB8 Staff Present

Michelle George, District Manager
Julia Neale, Community Coordinator

Liaisons Present

Alicia Pritchard, Bklyn Public Library

Members Excused/Absent

Abasenia Asuquo
Desmond Atkins
Princess Benn-James
Marva Brown-Henry
Jacques Brunville
Fred Frazier
Drew Gabriel
Tamika Gibbs
Igenie Harris-Blenman
Keiona Morse
Dr. Cadesa Ramharrack
Yahya Raji
Celene Rosado
Audrey Taitt-Hall
Zahra Thani
Yves Vilus
Sharon Wedderburn
Vilma Zuniga

Elected Officials Representatives

David Pechefsky, Assemblyman Robert Carroll
Kristen Rouse, Congresssman Dan Goldman
Emad Ansari, Assemblyman Stephani Zinerman
Paurcha Edwards, Senator Zellnor Myrie
Ana Garcia, Councilwoman Crystal Hudson
Deanna Foote, Boro President Antonio Reynoso
May Vutrapongvatana Councilman Chi Osse
Leon Tulton, Councilwoman Darlene Mealy
Karen Chambers, District Attorney Eric Gonzalez
Raul Rothblatt, Assemblyman Brian Cunningham

The regular meeting of Community Board 8 was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chairperson Weatherspoon. She welcomed everyone to the March meeting, and invited Morgan Vickers, Director of Special Events and Community Affairs to say a few words.

Brooklyn Children's Museum – Ms. Morgan Vickers, Director of Special Events and Community Affairs

Ms. Vickers welcomed Community Board 8 back to the Children's Museum after an extensive hiatus due to Covid-19. She stated that it is always a pleasure to work with and coordinate with CB8 and several of the community's organizations, and hopes that strong partnerships can continue in the future.

Chairperson Weatherspoon thanked Ms. Vickers for allowing the Board to utilize the space for the meeting, and invited Captain Rocco from the FDNY to make a presentation on fire safety and prevention.

FDNY Fire Safety and Prevention Unit – Captain Jerry Rocco

Captain Rocco thanked the Board for the opportunity to make a presentation on Fire Safety and Prevention, which is a unit that operates out of Forte Totten in Queens. He stated that it is a very important topic that often gets forgotten about, but at this time, with several deadly fires across the city in the last 12 months, it is urgent for residents to be armed with valuable information to stay safe, prevent fires, prevent property loss, and prevent life loss.

In calendar year 2023, there have already been 14 fire fatalities on the heels of 2022's 144 fatalities. This is too many, and several lives lost could have been prevented if simple acts had been taken by those fleeing. For instance, in the deadly fire in the Bronx that took 17 lives, did not have to be as tragic. Without placing blame on those that perished, Captain Rocco stated that certain information with use of space heaters could have prevented the initial spark. For instance, the general rule is that grounded plugs, or those with three prongs, require a wall outlet and should not be plugged into a surge protector or extension cord. Surge protectors and extension cords have maximum outputs that can easily be overloaded.

Captain Rocco further explained the following that might help save your life:

- Have a plan: Create an evacuation plan that includes a meeting place for all family members. Sometimes, you get separated while evacuating, so have a place, a tree down the block, a driveway a few doors down, around the corner that is easy to remember and access if you get separated. He explained that kids have the propensity to try to go back inside if they cannot find their parents and that will endanger everyone.
- Know what type of building you live in: There are two types of buildings in New York City: fire proof and non fire proof. If you live in a building with a fire escape, chances are it is **not** a fire proof building. In that case, everyone needs to get out and get out fast. Know where the exits are; keep fire escapes clear of debris, keep the windows clear of things as seconds count. If you live in a fireproof building, make sure you **close the door behind you**. Unless yours is the unit on fire or the unit next door, you are safer inside your apartment than you are trying to evacuate. The fatal fire in the Bronx was exacerbated because the door was left open and then the hallways filled with smoke.
- Know your enemy: Fire doubles in size every 30 seconds and oxygen feeds it. It seems counter-intuitive, but don't open the windows if you can avoid it. Wet a towel and put it in front of cracks in the door to prevent the smoke from coming in. Most fire deaths occur as a result of smoke inhalation, not actual burns. The more smoke you inhale, the faster your body will shut down, and the more difficult it will be to escape. 3 breaths of black smoke, and most people fall to the ground with smoke inhalation poisoning.

- Keep working alarms in the home, next to every bedroom as well as the kitchen. This is a simple rule that is not so simple. Captain Rocco explained that all landlords must provide a smoke alarm in your unit if you are a renter. However, once you have moved in, maintenance of the smoke alarm is your responsibility. He explained that some people get frustrated with what they deem to be “sensitive smoke alarms” that go off during cooking, so they take the battery out and forget about them. Then when a fire breaks out, there is no alarm to alert of danger. Additionally, in terms of combination smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms, there can be beeping but no one sees anything so they take the battery out, and next thing you know, the entire family has passed out. Or during the night, they fall asleep and never wake up the next day. That is because CO is odorless and colorless, which is why it is called the silent killer. The most common symptoms of CO poisoning are headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, chest pain, and confusion. High levels of CO inhalation can cause loss of consciousness and death, so if you are sitting in the house and suddenly feel dizzy or get headaches, open the windows and get out immediately, call 911 and have the FDNY inspect and test. It makes more sense to be extremely cautious than to ignore something and not want to be a burden.
- Be smart about your battery-operated devices: Lithium batteries pose a serious problem. However, because so many of our devices are operated by Lithium batteries, we seem to have gotten to the point where we are complacent. Never keep your phone or laptop plugged in when you are sleeping or not home. Never charge your e-bike battery unsupervised. E-bikes blowing up because of their batteries are not pretty sites. We drop our phones all the time and don’t think twice about damage to the battery.
- Do what you can to prevent what you can when you can. For instance, Captain Rocco said smoking in bed is a fire you can control and prevent by not smoking in bed. However, your neighbor smoking in bed is not a fire you can control or prevent. However, knowing what type of building you live in (fireproof or not) determines your response to the fire.

Mr. Staton informed Capt. Rocco that his daughter recently had her leg amputated and will be getting a power scooter. He asked how the family should go about charging it and was informed to make sure it is never charging when someone is not home or asleep. You must be home to notice any issues, smell anything that does not smell right, and to act quickly. Also, Mr. Staton was reminded to charge the scooter only in a wall-grounded outlet.

A resident inquired about keeping an “Alexa” device plugged in 24 hours per day. Capt. Rocco informed that there are risks to everything and provided an example of a recent fire caused by an Alexa whose plug was chewed on and damaged by a family pet. Animals chew on wires and plugs because they are sweet; mice especially love them as do pets. Again, if you are not home, you will not be able to act quickly. Check your plugs and wires for frays often. If you move furniture, move the couch to sweep and mop, check to make sure you did not run the appliance over the cord and break it as that happens more often than people realize. With cell phones, companies send one charging plug which is never enough. As such, we go out and buy several more, go to discount stores and buy chargers and extension cords. Make sure all electrical cords are UL certified for the country you are in and for the amperage you need.

Responding to several follow-up questions on extension cords and power strips, Capt. Rocco explained that they are often misused. Hot and cold things should never go into a power strip or extension cord and should go directly into the wall. These include things like weighted blankets and heating pads.

Ms. Michelle Tege asked several questions regarding fire extinguishers including their life span, what to do when discharged, how often to have serviced, etc. Capt. Rocco informed her that everyone should have a fire extinguisher in the home and preferably one in every room. A good one lasts 8-10 years, and it is necessary to shake it up once in a while because the contents are a powder (sodium bicarbonate). A good rule is to get an ABC extinguisher which is good on all fires including grease, furniture, combustibles, etc. They cost about \$30 dollars, and as such, are an inexpensive preventive measure in the home. When using, always remember the acronym PASS: **P**ull the pin, **A**im at the base of the fire,

Squeeze the trigger, Sweep back and forth. Keep the extinguisher visible and easily accessible, and if it is discharged, the Dept. of Sanitation has discard events twice a year.

Additionally, Capt. Rocco encouraged everyone to always call the FDNY even if you believe you have successfully extinguished a fire with your extinguisher. Response time of the FDNY is 4 minutes, and you should never be afraid to call because fire is tricky and could easily have gotten behind the stove and in the wall or any other place despite looking like it has been extinguished.

Following up on previous statements about smoke alarms, Ms. Ethel Tyus asked for clarity on smoke alarms and also the best kind. Put even simpler, Capt. Rocco stated that landlords must install a smoke alarm the day you move in, and the day after you move in until you move out, you are responsible for that alarm. The law requires an alarm is required within 15 feet of each bedroom door. An alarm should be installed within each bedroom as well, and there are even “bed shaker” alarms as well for anyone hard of hearing or deaf. Smoke alarms do have expiration dates and should be replaced often. Multipacks are available for cost savings. Additionally, if you call the Red Cross at 877-Red-Cross (877-733-2767), they will come out and do an assessment of what you need and even install. Each year, a certain number of alarms are available for free.

Chairperson Weatherspoon thanked Capt. Rocco for the wonderful presentation on fire safety and invited Mr. Kwasi Mensah to speak on the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

Community Emergency Response Team – Mr. Kwasi Mensah, Team Leader for Crown Heights

Mr. Mensah invited all current Crown Heights CERT Team members to introduce themselves. He informed the public that the individuals standing in front of them were volunteers tasked with assisting first responders during emergencies. CERT team members are dedicated volunteers who undergo a training program that provides basic response skills needed for fire safety, light search and rescue, community disaster support, disaster medical operations, and traffic control. The volunteer commitment is for at least one year of service following graduation, but he stated that many stay on afterwards because they recognize the vital role that CERT team members play in the community.

Mr. Mensah explained some of the recent projects and disasters that the CERT teams across the city helped with, including cleaning debris from catch basins following heavy rain to help prevent flooding, assisting neighbors to clean their basements following city-wide flooding after recent flash floods, and on a lighter note, even assist with the Polar Bear plunges that take place in the City’s beaches during winter.

Team members distributed baseline emergency planning guidebooks, and Mr. Mensah informed everyone that the book has recently been updated to add flood zone information. Climate change is altering which areas of the city are impacted by flooding, so it is important that everyone knows their zone.

The general rule of emergency planning books is to have one per household. Following up on a point that Captain Rocco had made during the earlier fire/safety presentation, Mr. Mensah and several other team members mentioned how important it is to have a plan that everyone in the family knows and also a meeting spot. If a flood hits the neighborhood, meeting next door or two doors down might not be ideal, but another location that everyone knows and that other families can use as part of evacuating, is something to consider. He urged everyone to make sure to check in on their neighbors.

Mr. Mensah and the team discussed how important a “Go-Bag” is in emergencies. A go-bag is a bag filled with essentials such as easy and light snack foods (peanuts, energy bars), a few bottles of water or at least one liter, necessary medication, a change of clothes (the bag should be updated at least twice a year so that season appropriate attire is included), a handheld radio, batteries, a flashlight, first aid kit, and whatever else is deemed important. The bags should be small enough to carry in the hands or on the back, and several members showed the community their bags tailored to their specific needs. The community was reminded that if the home has pets, to include pet food in the bag as well. Additionally, if there are any small children in the home, Mr. Mensah said it is crucial to kids’ recoveries that familiar toys be immediately available to them and instructed parents to pack a few toys in their go-bag as well to take the dangerous situation and traumatic experience off the minds of kids.

To join the CERT team in your neighborhood, go to <https://www.nyc.gov/site/em/volunteer/nyc-cert.page>. You must be at least 18 years old. Training is a few months and you learn valuable skills like CPR and other basic medical training.

Chairperson Weatherspoon thanked Mr. Mensah and the CERT team members for their service in the community and the wonderful information. She then opened the floor for elected officials and representatives.

Elected officials and representatives

Ms. Paurcha Edwards from Senator Zellnor Myrie’s office announced that the office is still giving away rapid covid tests, masks, and hand sanitizer while covid-19 lingers in the community. HEAP grant period is open through March 15th. Additionally, Churches United for Fair Housing, or CUFFH, offers services in the office every Wednesday from 12-6 PM, offering assistance with applying for housing through the Housing Connect portal. The office is located at 1077 Nostrand Avenue between Lefferts Avenue and Lincoln Road. If you need assistance, please call 718-284-4700 or stop in.

Ms. Kristin Rouse, District Director from Congressman Dan Goldman’s office announced that the Congressman released a community funding project which set aside funding for community projects in the 10th Congressional District. If you visit the www.goldman.house.gov, you can learn about the different grants available, eligibility, and what they can be used for. There is an extremely tight deadline of March 16th for the applications to be submitted.

Additionally, Ms. Rouse announced the Congressional Arts Competition that will be open from March 15th through May 1st. Art from high school winners will be displayed at the nation’s capital, and there will be one winner from each congressional district. He stated that Congressman Goldman is excited to display student art from his district.

Finally, the Congressman’s district office will be located at 340A 9th Street in Park Slope. The office is not ready for visitors yet, but should be opening soon to the public.

Ms. Ana Garcia, Director of Constituent Services with Councilmember Crystal Hudson’s office announced that the State of the 35th Council District will be held on March 21, 2023 at Medgar Evers College in Founders Hall, located at 1658 Bedford Avenue, which is located by the parking lot on Crown Street.

Additionally, she shared the following information with the community:

- Every Second Tuesday of the month, Constituent Services hours with Brooklyn Neighborhood Services are held at the Central Library located at 10 Grand Army Plaza from 4-8p.m.
- The next Community Planning Workshop for the Atlantic Avenue Mixed Use Plan (AAMUP) is scheduled for March 12, 2023, from 2-5:30pm at PS 9 (80 Underhill Ave). The workshop will entail a walking tour of the area and an open house where you can share ideas and draft recommendations. To register, please visit the following link: <https://bit.ly/AAMUP-CPW2>.

For more information or to RSVP for any of the upcoming events, please call 718-260-9191.

Ms. May Vutrapongvatana from Councilmember Chi Ossé's office shared the following information with the community:

- Housing Info with CUFFH Affordable Housing Services is held every Tuesday from Noon to 6 p.m.
- Migrant Resource Day is held every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Migrants can apply for various services including WIC, transportation, housing, health insurance, immigration attorneys, and can even apply for a free cell phone or tablet.
- The next Family Law Clinic will be held on Thursday, March 16, 2023 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Individual and confidential legal consultation on many issues including child/spousal support, custody/visitation, domestic violence information and assistance, consumer debt and identity theft, and much more is available.
- Participatory Budgeting Project Expo will be held on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 from 6 to 8 p.m. You will be able to learn about the various projects that the community can vote to fund this year. This is your opportunity to learn about the projects on the ballot as well as ask questions about the projects and learn how to vote.
- Medicare Fraud Forum on March 28, 2023 from 10a.m. to Noon. Prevent, Detect, and Report! The Senior Medicare Patrol empowers seniors, caregivers and professionals to fight against those who commit fraud, waste, and abuse in the Medicare program. Residents are encouraged to RSVP, and those who are unable to do so electronically, can call 718-919-0740, 10am-5pm M-F to have their names added.
- Free Legal Immigration advice will be offered on March 30th, April 13th, May 11th, and June 8th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Appointments are encouraged but walk-ins will be accepted.

All services are provided at the Councilmember's office located at 1360 Fulton Street, Suite 500. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 718-919-0740.

Ms. Deanna Foote from Borough President Antonio Reynoso's office announced the BP's upcoming Women's History Month Celebration at Borough Hall on March 30, 2023. Additionally, the BP is sponsoring a Rat Academy in partnership with several other elected officials on March 23rd from 6-8 p.m. at Grand Army Plaza Library. Finally, Ms. Foote announced that community board member application process is wrapping up, and if you are an existing member that reapplied but have not had your interview yet, please contact her immediately to schedule your interview appointment as all interviews must be conducted no later than March 15th.

Mr. Leon Tulton from Councilwoman Darlene Mealy's office announced the following services available at the office located at 400 Rockaway Avenue, Brooklyn:

- Every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., a housing specialist is in the office to assist with housing matters.
- Every first and third Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., a food pantry is held at the office distributing food supplies such as fresh produce and canned goods. Every second and fourth Wednesday there is a hot food distribution during the same times.
- Every second Thursday of the month, an Immigration Specialist is in office by appointment only, please call 718-953-3097 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Ms. Karen Chambers from the Kings County District Attorney's office thanked everyone that came out to support the Black History Month Celebration. She announced that the DA will be partnering with Medgar Evers College for a Women's History Month event on March 29th. Ms. Chambers stated that the DA's office is here to assist residents with information via the Action Center. Every crime that occurs in Brooklyn comes through the DA's office if it goes through the NYPD. If you need assistance or guidance on a case, call her or the Action Center at 718-250-2340 to be guided through the case.

Ms. Muhammad asked Ms. Chambers to relay a heartfelt "Thank You" to DA Gonzalez for the continued support of the Wrongfully Convicted Unit that was started under his predecessor Ken Thompson. The unit serves a great value and purpose to those whose lives were upended by a corrupt system.

Mr. Raul Rothblatt from Assemblyman Brian Cunningham's office wished everyone a happy Purim, explaining that Purim for the Jewish community is very similar to Halloween with gift exchange. Mr. Rothblatt commended the work that the comrades in office are doing, especially those that are offering free legal and housing assistance on a consistent basis in their offices. Additionally, Mr. Rothblatt announced that Assemblyman Cunningham is partnering with Councilmember Osse to help stop discrimination against those with Section 8 and other housing vouchers. He stated that if you know of someone violating the law by not accepting the vouchers or hear of any stories, please call their offices and inform them.

Finally, Mr. Rothblatt announced that one of the major legislative accomplishments achieved so far this year is pertaining to the legalization of drinks to go by bars and restaurants (with the purchase of food) until 2025.

Mr. David Pechefsky from Assemblyman Robert Carroll's office invited everyone to attend the Assemblyman's Town Hall meeting on Thursday, March 23, 2023 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at PS 9 (Sarah Smith Garnet) school located at 80 Underhill Avenue (between Bergen Street and St. Marks Avenue). The Assemblymember will be meeting with constituents to discuss local issues and concerns in Prospect Heights and the CB8 community as a whole, provide a report of what is happening currently in Albany, updates on legislative initiatives and the NYS Budget, and will also have informational tables from city agencies, community based organizations and the community boards. Come with your questions and concerns! RSVP to carroll@nyassembly.gov or call 718-788-7221.

Additionally, Mr. Pechefsky informed the Board that Assembly Carroll recently allocated \$125,000 to a new exhibit at the Brooklyn Children's Museum called the Brooklyn Time Machine.

Mr. Emad Ansari from Assemblywoman Stefani Zinerman's office announced the following events sponsored by the Assemblywoman:

- Housing Forum on Monday, March 13, 2023 at 6p.m. at Restoration Plaza located at 1368 Fulton Street, 3rd Floor. Information on Tenant Protection and Rights, including tenant organizing, access to legal services, rental assistance programs, and needs of NYCHA residents.
- Underground Reading Railroad Read Aloud on Saturday, March 18, 2023 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Macon Public Library located at 361 Lewis Avenue. Elevating literacy one book at a time!

Mr. Ansari also announced that the Assemblywoman is hosting an upcoming event with the Public Advocate's office to address the growing number of Central Brooklyn rental properties on the worst landlords list. He read a lengthy list of several properties in District 8 that are on the list including 1188 Lincoln Place, 1305 Lincoln Place, 1402 Sterling Place, and 1308 Prospect Place to name a few. He stated that the forum is to brainstorm ways to resolve the issues that tenants in these buildings face.

Dr. Lazur asked if the Assemblywoman was going to support the Good Cause Eviction Bill this year, and was informed that she is willing to support it, but that support is contingent upon an exemption for non-owner occupied smaller landlord held properties.

Mr. Thurton asked if the tenants in the buildings listed on the worst landlord list had been notified of the efforts of the Assemblyman and the Public Advocate. He was informed that they are working hard to get the word out and to get the tenants involved in remedying the issues.

Chairperson Weatherspoon thanked the elected official representatives for their updates and opened the floor for public comments.

Public Comments

Ms. Michelle Tege announced that the petitioning campaigns for City Council are currently underway as all seats are up for election due to redistricting. The primary is June 27, 2023 with early voting the week prior.

A resident named Marc expressed his opposition to bus route changes proposed by the MTA, especially the proposed relocation of the B45 to Sterling Place from New York to Rogers Avenue. He stated that the relocation to accommodate the two narrower blocks of St. John's Place are unnecessary because people are familiar with the terrain, and most drivers accommodate their driving style accordingly. Additionally, he mentioned several dialysis centers on Sterling Place between Nostrand and Rogers Aves that causes narrowing of the street because of double parking. Finally, he stated that the change lengthens the walking distance between the B45 and B44 SBS transfer at Lincoln Place.

Mr. Kwasi Mensah urged everyone that owns a home to check if insurance covers the water main should there be an issue with the line; it can save you tens of thousands of dollars. Additionally, he shared a little known fact about why the month of February was chosen to celebrate Black History. He stated that the popular opinion of February being the shortest month, is not rooted in fact. Instead, February was chosen because both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass' birthdays are in February. He cited a book for reference by Carey G. Wilson.

Ms. Shakira Williams brought up an issue with protective gates, in front of supermarkets that disallow shopping carts, wheelchairs, and baby strollers from being able to go through without first having someone from the supermarket come out to unlock the accessible gate. She asked the board to work with her to make it mandatory that the gates and barriers be removed. Ms. Atkinson advised her to reach out to the Dept. of Buildings regarding ADA accessibility as well as the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities. To address the issues, the responsible oversight agencies must first know about them.

Mr. Yves St. Louis, the general manager of the parking garage on Sterling Place between Nostrand and Rogers Avenues, stated that rerouting the B45 bus down Sterling Place on this block is a terrible idea and needs to be reconsidered.

Ms. Helen Denman, President of the St. Marks Superblock, stated that the B43 should not be rerouted down Albany Avenue, citing safety and cleanliness concerns. She explicitly stated that if the bus must be moved to Albany, at the very least, brighter lights must be installed and the street cleaned better.

Mr. Ron Pernel, the audio and music director at Friends and Lovers nightlife establishment on Classon Avenue stated that the establishment has been in the community for 10 years without any issues. Unfortunately, a high-rise housing development is currently under construction next door, and the establishment is concerned about its future as a result of the building owner not responding to correspondence inquiring what measures they would be implementing to accommodate the existing bar and prevent their future residents from experiencing what they consider to be a nuisance from the bar and club. He cited New York City code and legal language about new construction requirements when an existing nightlife establishment has been operating, as the law puts the onus on remediation efforts on the new development, not the existing establishment.

The individual operating the Brooklyn United Marching Band informed the board of an upcoming Brooklyn United College Fair at Queens College. She explained that Brooklyn United has been in operation for 10 years and caters to children ages 5 to 18. The organization trains kids in band and works with them to help them graduate and get enrolled in historical black colleges and universities (HBCUs).

Chairperson Weatherspoon thanked everyone for their comments and announcements and asked for roll call.

Acceptance of Minutes – Ms. Watson made a motion to accept the February 2023 minutes with any necessary corrections. The motion was seconded by Mr. Witherwax and carried unanimously.

Chairperson Weatherspoon then opened the Public Hearing of the March meeting.

Public Hearing Items:

Environment, Sanitation and Transportation – Robert Witherwax, Chair

Mr. Witherwax reported that the Environment, Sanitation and Transportation Committee met on February 21, 2023 via WebEx. In addition to the Chair Robert Witherwax, present were Mark Thurton, Vice Chair, Rev. Dr. Bronco Crooke, Cheryl Walcott, Celeste Stern, Deborah Young, Colin Jakubczyk, Ethel Tyus, Fior Ortiz-Joyner, Frances Langley, Xeerxeema Jordan, Beverly & James Mapp, Gail Muhammad, May Vutrapontgvatana, Nizjoni Granville, Nicole Tetreault, Karen Gray, Peter Krashes, Saskia Haegens, Shirley Mondesir, William Meeham and 4 callers.

The committee discussed the MTA’s Brooklyn Bus Network Redesign Proposal. In conjunction with concerns received at a committee led presentation before the Seniors Committee on February 1, 2023, discussions with the subcommittee on Transit matters, and written testimony received via email, the EST Committee voted 14 in favor with 1 opposed to present the following resolution to the full Board for ratification:

“RESOLUTION”

Brooklyn Community Board 8 believes that bus service is a vital link for our residents to travel within and beyond our district. Our community is both a naturally occurring retirement center (NORC), and a home for families with school age children – two demographic groups that ride the bus at a high rate. Yet for too long the bus network has been hampered by structural defects that limit its potential to serve our community.

The Brooklyn Bus Network deserves a comprehensive review, and we thank the people at New York City Transit for the hard work and deep thought that has gone into this proposal. And we thank them for the opportunity to weigh in on the draft proposal. Community Board 8 has engaged its community in an extensive process, and we believe the comments below should add value and insight from our community as you develop the proposed final plan.

- 1. General Matters: some basic principles, even beyond the redesign, will ensure success.**
 - The best-designed network is pointless without frequent and reliable service. Bus headway should be a maximum of 8 minutes on any line at any time, and bus frequencies should stay high into the late evening to accommodate workers.
 - Every bus should have all door boarding, transit signal priority, and front-facing cameras.
 - DOT should also install seating, lighting, active information, and shelter at every bus stop, so that we can wait for the bus with dignity and comfort.

- 2. Spacing and Eliminated Stops: To speed up service, we understand that it may be advisable to remove particular stops. Nevertheless, we note the following:**
 - Maintaining bus stops adjacent to important destinations such as cultural centers like the Brooklyn Children’s Museum, senior centers and senior housing, schools, hospitals, grocery stores, and important transfer points, is critical. Too many proposed eliminations do not take these factors into account.
 - On the east-west running B45 and B65, we note that the blocks between avenues of central Crown Heights and Weeksville are long, and at the current level of service there are generally few delays, so removing stops (on the B45 at Classon, Bedford, Brooklyn, and Troy Avenues, and on the B65 at Grand, Brooklyn, and Rochester Avenues) seems counterproductive and arbitrary.

- 3. Rerouting: To speed up service and improve the efficiency of the network, we understand that it may be advisable to adjust certain routes. We note the following:**
 - Retaining a one-seat ride to JFK on the B15 is a valuable service to community residents, especially those who work at the airport.
 - Moving the B43 southbound off Brooklyn Avenue deprives the Brooklyn Children’s Museum of direct service. We understand that service on Albany Avenue will serve the Albany Houses and fill a gap in southbound service between Brooklyn and Utica Avenues. NYCT could consider running the B49 southbound along the current B43 route, instead of on

Nostrand concurrent with the B44 and B44 SBS. This would pair well with the B49 on New York Avenue.

- Moving the westbound B45 between New York and Rogers from St. Johns Place to Sterling Place will eliminate chronic chokepoints on St. Johns Place at Nostrand and Rogers Avenues. While some residents of Sterling Place welcome the new route, other residents are concerned that it will have a detrimental impact, and we hope NYCT and DOT can allay those concerns.
- Moving the B65 off Dean and Bergen Street to Atlantic Avenue eliminates any east-west transit service in Prospect Heights between Fulton Street and Flatbush Avenue, eliminates stops close to public high schools and elementary schools, and removes connections to NYCHA housing developments in Gowanus. While additional service at Atlantic Terminal is beneficial, any bus on Atlantic Avenue needs to be considered together with the Atlantic Avenue Mixed Use Plan (AAMUP) project.

4. Missing Elements: The proposed changes are numerous, and we reserve judgment on most. We want to point out some hoped-for changes that we do not see in the draft plan.

- The draft plan does not address the primary chokepoint on the B69, its movement between Vanderbilt Avenue and 7th Avenue, along Flatbush Avenue and through Grand Army Plaza. Although this links the B69 to the Grand Army Plaza 2/3 subway station and the 7th Avenue B/Q station, this circuitous route, combined with the SB left turn across traffic at 7th Avenue, is rife with delays. Removing stops at Plaza Street East is only a patch. NYCT should explore alternative routes that retain the subway connectivity and utilize Grand Army Plaza, 8th Avenue, and Union Street.
- The draft plan does not restore the former B71 route, which ran on Eastern Parkway and Union Street, and thus there is no east-west transit service whatsoever between Atlantic Avenue and 9th Street, and no connection from CB8 west to Gowanus, Carroll Gardens, and Red Hook. Such a bus could serve not only our residents but also the cultural institutions of Prospect Park, the main branch of the Brooklyn Public Library, the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, and the Brooklyn Museum. This Community Board has called for the restoration of the B71 ever since it was eliminated, and any redesign that does not restore the lost service is flawed.”

The committee hopes the full Board will support the resolution, and that members will also submit their own personal testimony to the MTA on the Brooklyn Bus Network Redesign.

Mr. Witherwax asked if there were any questions or comments from the community.

Residents of Sterling Place, led by block association president and CB8 member Ethel Tyus, expressed their opposition to the re-routing of the B45 to Sterling Place. They especially took umbrage with element 3, bullet point 3 that stated that some residents of Sterling Place were ok with the proposed changes. An extensive conversation ensued about verbiage and changes, and the sentence in question was amended to, "However, residents of Sterling Place are concerned that it will have a detrimental impact, and we ask NYCT and DOT to address those concerns and explore other options."

Mr. Veconi made a motion to support the committee’s recommendation with the changed language. The motion was seconded by Mr. Witherwax and carried with a final tally of 22 in favor, 1 opposed, with 4 abstentions.

Mr. Witherwax provided an update on composting in the district with the compost smart bins on various corners and with curbside composting arriving in October. Additionally, he reminded everyone that waste set out times are changing starting April 1st:

Residential buildings of any size (single-family and multi-unit) have two options:

- Place waste out after 6:00 PM in a container of 55 gallons or less with a secure lid, or
- Place waste out after 8:00 PM, if putting bags directly on the curb

To ensure collection, all waste must be set out by midnight.

Businesses that place waste at the curb* for collection have two options:

- If using a container with a secure lid, place waste at the curb 1 hour before closing, or
- If putting bags directly on the curb, place waste out after 8:00 PM

* This does not apply to businesses that have waste collected from a loading dock.

Remember, containers must be removed from the curb by the time your business reopens.

The next meeting of the Environment, Sanitation and Transportation Committee meeting will be held on March 28, 2023. All are welcome to attend.

SLA and Sidewalk Café Review Committee (SLAC) – Irsa Weatherspoon, Chair

Chairperson Weatherspoon asked Vice Chair Robert Witherwax to give the following report. Mr. Witherwax reported that the SLAC Committee met on Monday, March 6, 2023 via Webex Virtual Meeting platform. In addition to the Chair, Irsa Weatherspoon, present were: Gail Muhammad, Tamika Gibbs, Jennifer Jordan, Xeerxeema Jordan, Mimi Mitchell, Roger Myers, Brian Saunders, Mark Thurton, Sharon Wedderburn, Brooklyn Waffle House, Dian Duke, Celene Rosado, Michael Kang, Leo Quigley, Becky Lin, Andrea Ferris, Jae Yu, Oliver Hardt, JP, Omar Johns, Stacey Washington, Tamarra Lawrence, Erin, Washington Tavern and 3 callers.

The committee discussed the following liquor license applications:

1. **New Liquor License Application for Bagae: 563 Nostrand Ave (between Atlantic/ Pacific) – Pizzeria seeking a Wine, Beer & Cider License**

Details of the application include:

- Indoors 13 tables/ 40 chairs; Outdoors 3 tables 6 chairs
- Hours of operation: Closed on Monday and operating Noon to 10 PM all other days

The committee voted 10 in favor with 1 abstention to support the application as presented in hopes the full Board will support its recommendation.

Chairperson Weatherspoon asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, Mr. Veconi made a motion to support the committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Staton and carried with a final tally of 25 in favor, 0 opposed, with 1 abstention.

2. **New Liquor License Application for Six Guy: 595 Dean St (between Vanderbilt/Carlton) – Chinese cuisine restaurant seeking a Full Liquor License**

Details of the application include:

- Indoors 27 tables / 62 chairs, 1 bar with 10 seats
- Hours of operation Sunday 12pm - 10pm, Monday thru Thursday 11am - 11pm, Friday 11am - 12am, & Saturday 12pm - 12am
- Recorded music

The committee voted 13 in favor to support the application as presented in hopes the full Board supports its recommendation.

Chairperson Weatherspoon asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, Mr. Veconi made a motion to support the committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Staton and carried with a final tally of 25 in favor, 0 opposed, with 2 abstentions.

3. New Liquor License Application for Mooliauno's Trapp Kitchen: 621 Washington Ave (between Bergen/Dean Sts) – Restaurant seeking a Full liquor license

Details of the application include:

- 6 Tables 16 Chairs, 1 Bar 8 seats
- Hours of operation: Sunday 12pm - 6pm, Tuesday thru Saturday 3pm - 11pm, closed Mondays
- Recorded music

The committee voted 13 in favor to support the application as presented in hopes the full Board supports its recommendation.

Chairperson Weatherspoon asked if there were any questions or comments. A resident inquired as to the type of establishment Mooliauno's Trapp Kitchen is, and was informed that it is a Caribbean American fusion cuisine restaurant.

Ms. Ortiz-Joyner made a motion to support the committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Muhammad and carried with a final tally of 25 in favor, 0 opposed, with 2 abstentions.

4. New Liquor License Application for Kuun Kuun, 779 Franklin Ave (between St. Johns/ Lincoln Places) – Restaurant Seeking Full Liquor license

Details of the application include:

- 30 tables / 60 seats Indoors with Outdoor service (open restaurant program) with 10 tables / 20 seats
- Hours of Operation daily from 11 AM to 11PM both interior and exterior spaces
- Recorded music

The committee voted 13 in favor to support the application as presented in hopes the full Board supports its recommendation.

Chairperson Weatherspoon asked if there were any questions or comments on the application. A resident stated that Franklin Avenue is saturated with outdoor space and has very little walking space. She stated that the community needs clarification on the outdoor space, and asked how much room is being used

for the seating and how much room is left over for sidewalk space. She was informed that the majority of the outside seating will be in the street, but there is potential for sidewalk space usage as well.

Mr. Veconi stated that he was not present at the SLAC meeting, but tried to clarify that open restaurant seating allows for either or both usage of the sidewalk and the street, so unless the applicant specifically stated that they would not be on the sidewalk, we as the board cannot make the assumption that they will not use one of the spaces available to them.

Mr. Callahan informed the Board that Google maps indicates that there is an existing structure already, so the restaurant will likely utilize existing infrastructure.

Mr. Veconi made a motion to support the committee's recommendation with the condition that the outdoor space close at 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The motion was seconded by Ms. Muhammad and carried with a final tally of 25 in favor with 1 opposed.

5. New Liquor License application for Kingstown Café, 114 Rogers Avenue (corner of Sterling Place) – Beer/wine/cider license

Details of the application include:

- Coffee Shop opened at 7a.m. daily
- Indoors: 4 Tables / 24 Chairs and Outdoor seating with 6 tables / 12 Chairs
- Hours of operation 3p.m. - 12a.m.
- Recorded music

The committee voted 12 in favor to support the application as presented in hopes that the full Board supports its recommendation.

Chairperson Weatherspoon asked if there were any questions and comments. A resident asked where the sidewalk space was located, and was informed that it would be within the lot line, so it is not part of the open restaurant campaign.

Ms. Mitchell asked what the hours of the outdoor space would be. The applicant was present and stated that the outdoor space would be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., but that there would be no liquor service outside.

Ms. Muhammad made a motion to support the committee's recommendation with the condition that the outdoor space closes by 7p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Staton and carried with a final tally of 26 in favor, 0 opposed, with 1 abstention.

The committee also discussed the renewal application for Washington Commons located at 434 Park Place at the corner of Washington Avenue. Initially, the committee had voted to table to application until the April SLAC committee meeting because they were under the impression that the liquor license did not expire until the end of May. However, between the time of the SLAC meeting and the general meeting, it was discovered that the license expires at the end of April.

The general manager of the establishment, Erin, first thanked the Board and the SLAC for its patience and understanding during the renewal process, and stated that she had been in communication with the managing member, Mike Lan. Mr. Lan agreed with the terms and conditions stated during the SLAC meeting and signed a stipulation sheet agreeing to the following: 1) a strict cap on patrons in the rear

yard at 60 (seated and standing); 2) Not opening until 3p.m. on Sunday; and 3) keeping existing backyard closing hours of 10:30p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 11:30p.m. Friday and Saturday. On behalf of the bar, Erin thanked the residents around the bar for the continued extended hours of the backyard space as a compromise for the reduced capacity.

Dr. Lazur made a motion to support the liquor license renewal application for Washington Commons with the adherence to the three stated stipulations. The motion as seconded by Ms. Atkinson and carried with a final tally of 25 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention, with 1 recusal.

The next meeting of the SLAC Committee will be held on Monday, March 6, 2023 via WebEx. All are welcome to attend.

Chairperson Weatherspoon closed the public hearing and asked for the following committee reports:

Economic Development – Brian Saunders, Chair

Mr. Saunders reported that the next meeting of the Economic Development Committee will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 via WebEx at 6:15 p.m. All are welcomed to attend. He also mentioned that the committee is working with Ms. Atim Oton, owner of Calabar Exports to host a job fair on May 19, 2023 on Franklin Avenue from 1-6pm. All are invited to attend.

Health and Human Services – Tamika Gibbs, Chair

The Health and Human Services Committee met on February 16, 2023 via WebEx at 6:15 p.m. In addition to the chair, Tamika Gibbs, present were: Kimberly Watson, Vice Chair, Aqsa Shahbaz, Audrey Taitt-Hall, Dr. Cadesa Ramharrack, Frances Langley, Xeerxeema Jordan, Kim Robinson, Kwasi Mensah, Nizjoni Granville, Arna Lipkind, Melida Edwards, Faye Hodge and Rahim McNeilly.

No committee report was submitted, however, Ms. Watson thanked Arna Lipkind from Interborough Developmental Consultation Center for the information regarding the 6 week diabetes management class at Kingsbrook Hospital and Pierre Toussaint Clinic on Eastern Parkway and other mental health services. Ms. Watson stated that the committee would like to continue to build relationships with the local community-based organizations.

The next meeting of the Health and Human Services Committee will be held on March 16, 2023. All are welcome to attend.

Housing (Advocacy) – Nizjoni Granville, Chair

Ms. Granville reported that the Housing Advocacy Committee met virtually on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 via Webex at 6:15 p.m. In addition to the Chair, Nizjoni Granville, present were: Mimi Mitchell, Frances Langley, Kim Robinson, Xeerxeema Jordan, Dr. Sarah Lazar, Lisa Atkinson and Princess James.

No committee report was submitted, however, Ms. Granville mentioned that the committee discussed the recent updates on legislation, Section 8. Dr. Lazur mentioned that she is working for Housing Court Answers. They educate and empower NYC tenants and small homeowners through Information Tables and a hotline. Ms. Atkinson mentioned that the committee had a lively discussion about housing rent rates. She also mentioned that she has agreed to be the Vice Chair of the Housing (Advocacy) Committee.

Ms. Granville announced that the next meeting of the Housing Committee will be held on April 12, 2023. All are welcome to attend.

Land Use – Sharon Wedderburn, Chair

The Land Use Committee met on Thursday, March 3, 2023 virtually via Webex at 6:15 p.m. In addition to the Chair, Sharon Wedderburn, present were: Princess Benn-James, Jacques Brunvil, Karen Gray, Jennifer Jordan, Xeerxeema Jordan, Frances Langley, Dr. Sarah Lazur, Kwasi Mensah, Mimi Mitchell, Fior Ortiz-Joyner, Jack Robinson, Nicole Laemmle, Kim Robinson, Gib Veconi, Elaine Weinstein, Andrew Wright, Ashley Thompson, Ben Drukman, Brian Cook, Cathy Iselin, DeVonne Perez, Demond Atkins, Edward Delman, Ethel Tyus, Ella Levitt, Jay Goldstein, Leah Archibald, Michael Francoeur, Gail Muhammad, Nadine Oelsner, William Oelsner, Michael Higgins, Richard Lobel, Stephen Fabian, Soly Bawaben, Mark Thurton and Emily T.

The committee did not have any action items for the month of March and no committee report was submitted. The next meeting of the Land Use Committee will be held on Thursday, April 5, 2023. All are welcome to attend.

Parks – Glinda Andrews, Chair

The Parks Committee met on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 via WebEx at 6:15 p.m. In addition to the chair, Glinda Andrews, present were: Ena McPherson, Frances Langley, Nizjoni Granville, Karen Gray, Alexandra Morman, Colin Jakubczyk, Harrison Katz, Julia Boyd and 1 callers.

No committee report was submitted, however, Ms. Brown-Henry reported that the committee discussed the following upcoming events: Join the Friends of Brower Park for Earth Day Fun Day and the It's Not Easy Being Green Eco-Fair on Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 12pm-4pm at Brower Park There will be storytime and craft activities, live animal encounters, bicycle safety checks, opportunities to garden and compost, as well as learning opportunities regarding food sustainability, fire safety, and more!

Also on Monday, June 19, 2023 from 11am-3pm join "Juneteenth in Brower Park 2023: Celebrating the Black Women's Movement" sponsored by the Friends of Brower Park, the Brooklyn Children's Museum, the Brooklyn Conservatory of Music, the Crown Heights North Association, and other community partners! There will be music, dance, giveaways, and more!

Lastly, the Lincoln Terrace Tennis Association is sponsoring the following events: NYC Parks Department Outreach Cleanup Program on April 15, 2023 @ 10am at Lincoln Terrace Park Tennis Courts. On April 22, 2023 @ 10am, Coaches Workshop at Lincoln Terrace Park Tennis Courts. On May 13, 2023 @ 10am, First Day of Summer Program, (Registration starts at 8am), cost: Juniors \$50; Adults \$60 at Lincoln Terrace Tennis Courts. Lastly, on June 11, 2023 @ 10am, USTA / LTTA Essential Worker's Event at Lincoln Terrace Tennis Courts sponsored by NY Presbyterian Hospital free of charge.

The next meeting of the Parks Committee will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023. All are to attend.

Public Safety – Mark Thurton, Chair

The Public Safety Committee met on Tuesday, February 21, 2022 at 6:15 p.m. via WebEx. In addition to the chair, Mark Thurton, present were: Desmond Atkins, Vice Chair, Marva Henry, Princess James,

Tamika Gibbs, Dorothy Bemby-Guet, Kim Robinson, Lisa Atkinson, Janet Collins, Lynn Cave, Nicole Tetrault, Roger Myers, Shirley Mondesir, Venus Scantlebury, Lt. Polanco and PO Wallen (77th PCT).

The committee did not submit a report, however, in the absence of the chair, Ms. Brown-Henry gave the following report. She reported that the committee had a robust conversation with officials from the 77th about crime prevention. They suggested that we get packages delivered to a neighbor if we will not be home to accept the package or have them delivered to a drop off location. Criminals have come up with a new crime during tax season. They are pretending to be from the IRS demanding a payment. Please keep in mind that the IRS will not call you, will not email you or ask for payment via gift cards so please be aware and tell your family and friends of this new scam.

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be held on March 27, 2023. All are welcome to attend.

Seniors- Gail Branch-Muhammad, Chair

The Seniors Committee met on Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 6:00 pm. at Crown Heights Apartments located at 1055 St. John's Place. In addition to the Chair, Gail Branch-Muhammad, present were: Andrea Ferris, Gilda Andrews, Jacqueline Love, Linoa Ragoo, Victoria P. Bittle, Mary Bonham, Silvia Saldivar, Clara Odom, Hermie Higgins, Patsy Johnson, Joan A. Diaz, Vivienne Smith, Iva Webster, Mandel Corn, Mildred Smith, Estelle Rogers, Willa Robinson, Elna Richardson, Hermina Small, Helen Selby, Barbara Rivera, Gloria Freeman, Brenda Green, Essie Spivey, Yvonne Bailey, Vashti Bentiack, Patricia Washington, Jennifer Jordan, Xeerxeema, Jordan, Loretta Fisher, Joyce Bolden, Doreen Braithwaite, Ida Golson, Jennifer Jordan, Sharon Joseph, Lucy John, Julia Boyd, Gilbert Perlman, Lola Matthews, James Armstrong and Ethro Butcher.

The committee submitted the following report:

Ms. Muhammad welcomed and greeted all in attendance. Introduced the guest Attorney Lola Waterman.

- Mrs. Waterman has been to CB8 Senior Committee Meetings in the past to discuss Wills and Trusts.
- Mrs. Waterman discussed the New York State Guardianship Proceedings.
- Guardianship is a legal relationship whereby the Supreme Court gives a person (the guardian) the power to make personal and financial decisions for another (the ward) A guardian may be appointed when a court determines that an individual is unable to care for herself and her estate by reason of mental health issues, developmental disability or physical and meant incapacity.
- When someone is in charge of your financial and medical welfare.
- Have a Living Will and a Health Care Proxy (Do together)
- Have these in place: Living Will, Health care proxy, trusts and a power of attorney they all should be in writing.
- Court Appointed Guardian – Spouse, Adult child, Parent, Siblings and close friend in this order.
- Literature was handed out and questions were asked and answered. .
- Gail Muhammad thanks Jacqueline Love (Grandma's Hands) for inviting Lola Waterman to come speak to the seniors.
- Seniors won raffle tickets to Applebee's and a box of Produce. (Ms. Muhammad will inquire about transportation from the 77 Pct. to Applebee's)
- Flyers were handed out for a Mental Health Fair – March 2, 2023 11:00- 5:00pm 495 Gates Avenue between Marcy and Nostrand Avenue

- Computer classes for 55+ April computer class sign up at 600 Albany Ave or 1550 St. John’s 10:00 – 12:00 pm Twice a week for 6 weeks.

The next meeting of the Senior Committee will be held on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at Crown Heights Apartments 1055 St. John’s Place, Community Room. All are welcome to attend.

Veterans – Nizjoni Granville, Chair

The next meeting of the Veteran’s Committee will be held on March 21, 2023 via WebEx. Congresswoman Clarke has been invited to the next meeting to discuss veterans services. All are welcomed to attend.

Youth and Education – Nora Daniel, Chair

The Youth and Education Committee did not meet for the month of March, instead, members attended Community Board 9’s Youth Committee meeting. The next of the Youth and Education Committee will be held on April 4, 2023 via WebEx. All are welcomed to attend.

Chairperson Weatherspoon thanked the committee’s for their reports and asked if there were any additional comments.

She announced the Nominating Committee for the upcoming elections: Kimberley Watson, Brian Saunders, Mark Thurton and Robert Witherwax. Ms. Mitchell inquired what is the Nominating Committee. Ms. George referenced the Boards By-Laws “At the regular meeting of the Board held in the month of March of every odd numbered year, a Nominating Committee consisting of not less than three nor more than five Appointed Members shall be appointed by the Chairperson”. The election of officers will take place at the May meeting.

Ms. Mitchell also thanked Chairperson Weatherspoon for reinstating the chat function in the Land Use and SLAC committee meetings.

Chairperson Weatherspoon thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 9:15 pm.

Guests Present

Jennifer Jordan	Lula Staton
Emily Rahhal	Brice Sagbohan
Cheryl Walcott	Omar John
Tamarra Lawrence	F. Gebre
Erin Forde	Gerianne Scott
Beverly Richards	Delores Hutchinson
Christopher Saint-Louis	Yves Saint-Louis
Conor Hassett	Laura Jean-Jacques
Shirley Mondesir	Kenneth Pyle
Sophie Martin	Phyllis Grannum
Brittany Grannum	Shakira Williams
Amy Perry	Diana Foster
K. Womack	M. Reeves
N. Turner	Nicole Jones
Azeez Alimi	DuLius Busecke

Valerie Nero-Reid
JP Guo
Haniq Holder
Ryan Lindsay
C. McFadden
Nadine Davis
Elaine Miles
Nicola Parks
Michelle McQuilla
Gelsey Maslanka
L. Delgado
Jonathan Allen
Roger Myers
M. Combs
R. Pernell
Ingrid Saraquard
Hellen Denman
Christine James
Britta Husach

Frankie Alleyne
Thema Holder
Joyce Mapp
Annette Kavanagh
Estella Daniels
Sandra Armstrong
JoAnn Parks
Tiffany McQuilla
Deborah Washington
Omari Armstrong
Denise Ferdinand
D. Thomas
Allison Davis
Kyisha Brooks
Henry Brown
Elizabeth Hibbard
Ashley Chipman
George James