

Community Board 8
Webex Virtual Public Hearing and Meeting
February 11, 2021
6:15 PM

Members Present

Kiermoni Allison
Glinda Andrews
Desmond Atkins
Lisa Atkinson
Wayne Bailey
Princess Benn-James
Julia Boyd
Gail Branch-Muhammad
Robert Callahan
Nora Daniel
James Ellis
Kevin Farley
Andrea Ferris
Drew Gabriel
Tamika Gibbs
Nizjoni Granville
Igenie Harris-Blenman
Marva Henry
Xeexema Jordan
Sarah Lazur
Mireille Lemaine
Elaine Mahoney
Kalvis Mikelsteins
Robert Puca
Yahya Raji
Adam Sachs
Audrey Taitt-Hall
Mark Thurton
Greg Todd
Ethel Tyus
Kimberly Watson
Irsa Weatherspoon
Sharon Wedderburn
Robert Witherwax
Deborah Young

Members Absent/Excused

John Buckholz
Hanjy Charles
Helen Coley
Fred Frazier
Regina Kinsey
Brian Saunders
Meredith Staton
Karmisha Superville
Gib Veconi
Yves Vilus
Vilma Zuniga

Elected Officials Present

Assemblywoman Phara Forrest, 57th AD
Assemblywoman Stefani Zinerman, 56th AD

Elected Official Representatives

Darryl White, NYS Attorney General's office
Arna Lipkind, Councilwoman Laurie Cumbo

Agency Liaisons Present

Damaris Falero, Dept. of Buildings
PO Stravinsky Jeanbart, 77th Precinct
PO Khalida Wallen, 77th Precinct

CB 8 Staff Present

Michelle George, District Manager
Julia Neale, Community Coordinator

The regular meeting of Community Board 8 was called to order at 6:15 PM by Ms. Ethel Tyus, Chairperson. Ms. Tyus asked for roll call.

Acceptance of Minutes – Dr. Lazur made a motion to accept the minutes of the January meeting with any necessary corrections. The motion was seconded by Ms. Benn-James and carried unanimously.

Correspondence – CB 8 newsletter and other information was distributed.

Updates from Elected Officials – Ms. Tyus opened the floor for elected officials to speak and make announcements.

Honorable Phara Forrest, 57th Assembly District

Assemblywoman Forrest thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak and introduce herself to the community as the official representative of the 57th Assembly District. She stated that she is a nurse by trade, a tenant activist, and was born and raised in Crown Heights, living in the community her entire life. Assemblywoman Forrest acknowledged that there are some divisions in the community and stated that regardless of the path of the journey, the goal is to focus on the what to do now that the destination is reached. As such, the goals of her staff are to transform the district office into a space that is welcoming, open and inclusive, and a space that is open to constituents. The office number is unchanged at 718-596-0100. The goal is to allow callers to the office to feel that at the end of the telephone line, they have not only an advocate, but also a direct line to advocates already serving the community in other organizations. It is a line for organizing, feeling connected to the community, and obtaining the needs of the individuals comprising the community. The assemblywoman stated that she is learning as she goes along and acknowledged that she has much to learn on how to address the needs of residents, but if there is something that her staff cannot assist you with, you will be forwarded to the individuals and organizations that have the knowledge to appropriately assist you.

The Assemblywoman was proud to announce that she recently hosted the first in a series of housing clinics a few weeks ago. During the event, there was an opportunity for participants to speak with a lawyer to talk about their individual issues. On the state level, she informed the Board that the Covid-19 Pandemic that continues has created enormous financial hardships for most. She and her colleagues in the assembly have been working on food insecurities, housing, and other hardships brought to their attention. To the question of “What can the state do for Us?,” the answer is that the state can do a lot. The federal government is now coming in with significant aid, promising \$12.6 billion to help close the budget gap. However, the time is now for the state to raise revenue, looking beyond attacking programs that benefit the middle class. The time is now to look at the 120 millionaires and billionaires in the state that made \$88 billion in profits in 2020 and have paid little to no taxes on that revenue. In other words, the time is now for us to band together and tax the rich to ensure that everyone pays their fair share and the budget does not continue to be balanced on the backs of those with less to offer.

As a member of the Invest New York Coalition, Assemblywoman Forrest informed the Board that other members are not compromising on the six bills that will bring \$50 billion to the state on top of what is already coming in. She stated that we need to move from only accepting the thousands of dollars from the many low to middle class taxpayers to the millions and potentially billions of dollars that are out there in the form of untaxed supremely wealthy New Yorkers that remain untapped because no one is fighting for tax and fair share equity. She reminded those that are averse to higher taxes for the rich that even if you are not struggling today, the fight is to prevent you from struggling tomorrow. The link to the six bills for Invest New York platform: <https://investinourny.org/>.

Assemblywoman Forrest invited all to “Please join their Week of Outreach by clicking on the link: bit.ly/woophara. She can be reached at 718-596-0100 or by email at souffrantforrestp@nyassembly.gov.

Dr. Lazur mentioned the Brooklyn Tenants Town Hall on February 18th and asked the Assemblywoman if she would be interested in attending, stating that it is necessary for legislative action to pass necessary

legislation to help tenants and small homeowner. Assemblywoman Forrest asked Dr. Lazur to please send her the information.

Ms. Tyus thanked the Assemblywoman for the information and asked Assemblywoman Zinerman if she had anything to share.

Honorable Stefani Zinerman, 56th Assembly District

Assemblywoman Zinerman announced that the Assembly has spent the last 2 weeks and during 10-12 hour hearings reviewing Governor Cuomo's proposed budget. The majority conference will be pushing back on a number of the cuts put forth by the governor including cuts to education, which has been underfunded (especially in the city) for a number of years. There were proposed healthcare cuts as well to safety and protocols, Medicaid to the point of possibly not being enough money to keep hospitals open, and a slew of other cuts to vital services. Members are fighting to restore programs that have helped to keep hospitals open over the years, including a restoration of nursing home funds. Among other restorations, the legislative is asking for \$10 million for homeowners.

The Assemblywoman announced that last week, legislation was passed to compel the Commissioner of Agriculture to investigate the food production to table chain to ensure that downstate neighborhoods have good food. She spoke about the correlation between healthy bodies and minds, and the impact that food access has on both. Finally, the Assemblywoman responded to a question related to redistricting, stating that as more information comes in, she will relay it to the district office.

Ms. Tyus thanked Assemblywoman Zinerman for the information and asked for a presentation on Ranked Choice Voting.

NYC Campaign Finance Board/Ranked Choice Voting – Mr. Matthew Pitt

Mr. Pitt from the NYC Campaign Finance Board presented a brief slide show presentation on Ranked Choice Voting (RCV), a new way of voting that allows voters to rank their top five candidates in order of preference during city governmental elections. RCV will be completed for offices for Mayor, all Council seats, Public Advocate, Comptroller, Borough Presidents, and even District Attorneys. RCV does not apply to state or federal elections, judicial elections, or general elections. **They only apply for city offices primary elections.**

RCV can lead to a more diverse winning candidate scenario. Currently, it is used in numerous counties, cities, and other voting events nationwide. The process eliminates run-off elections if no one gets 50%. Mr. Pitt stated that voters can indeed still only vote once, but the great thing about ranking up to five choices (if available) is that your voice carries longer and farther. However, a candidate cannot be ranked more than once. If a candidate wins more than 50% of first place votes, they automatically win, but in the case that this does not happen, counting is done in rounds if no one wins outright. Each round, the candidate with the least number of votes get dropped. Votes of dropped candidates move upward, which is why ranking multiple candidates gives you more say in the election outcome.

Showing a sample ballot of how voting will take place during the upcoming primary election, Mr. Pitt illustrated that you pick your first-choice candidate and completely fill in the oval next to their name under the 1st column. If you have a second-choice candidate, fill in the oval next to their name under the 2nd column, and do this same procedure for your top five choices should five be available. He stressed that ranking other candidates does not harm your first choice. If your top-choice candidate is eliminated first or quickly, your vote goes to the next highest ranked candidate on your ballot.

What are the benefits of Ranked Choice Voting?

- Ranked Choice Voting gives you more say in who gets elected. Even if your top choice candidate does not win, you can still help choose who does.
- More civility and less negative campaigning. Candidates who are not your top choice still need your support as your 2nd, 3rd, 4th, or 5th choice. This makes them more likely to appeal to a wider audience.
- More diverse and representative candidates win elections. Cities that have implemented Ranked Choice Voting have elected more women and more women of color, making their elected officials more representative of their communities.

Mr. Mikelsteins asked Mr. Pitt to describe what the greatest electoral benefit is over standard voting. Mr. Pitt responded with increased civility, as it should theoretically eliminate candidate trash talking. Ms. Tyus stated that the elimination of run-offs that can be costly, are a great bonus.

Ms. Blenman-Harris asked about the status of write-in candidates with RCV, stating that it sounds like write-in candidates will be eliminated. She was informed that voters can still write in candidates.

Mr. Callahan noted that as part of the presentation, Mr. Pitt mentioned that if someone incorrectly fills out a ballot, they will have to re-enter. He asked whether they would automatically have the opportunity to do it at the poll, and was informed that they would indeed have that option and opportunity.

Ms. Tyus thanked Mr. Pitt for the information and asked for a report from the following committees:

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

The SLAC Committee met on Monday, February 1, 2021 via Webex Virtual Meeting platform. The committee discussed the following liquor license renewal applications:

- Uotora, 1075 Bergen Street – Beer/wine/cider (no outdoor space listed)
- Restaurant Gen, 659 Washington Avenue – Beer/wine/cider (no outdoor space listed)
- Natural Tree, 856-858 Bergen Street/667 Classon Avenue – beer/wine/cider (no outdoor space listed)
- Alta Calidad, 552 Vanderbilt Avenue – Full (Sidewalk café listed)
- Eve's 3, 769 Washington Avenue – Full

The committee voted 15 in favor to support the above renewals in hopes that the full Board supports its recommendation.

Ms. Gibbs made a motion to support the committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mikelsteins, and carried with a final tally of 29 in favor, 0 opposed, with 1 abstention.

The committee also discussed a defacto denial for the renewal application for Latino Sports Club, 665 Franklin Avenue – Full (DJ). The applicant did not attend the meeting or submit materials. Voting 14 in favor with 1 abstention, the committee voted to deny the renewal application on basis of the applicant's non-attendance and failure to submit paperwork in hopes that the full Board supports its recommendation.

Mr. Atkins made a motion to support the committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gibbs and carried with a final tally of 28 in favor, 1 opposed, with 1 abstention.

The next SLAC meeting will be held on Monday, March 1, 2021 via Webex, details of which can be found on the Board's website.

Land Use – Ms. Ethel Tyus, Chair

The Land Use Committee met on Thursday, February 4, 2021 via Webex Virtual Meeting platform. The committee discussed the following:

1. BSA Application 914-86-BZ for Eastern Athletic Club, 17 Eastern Parkway, to: extend the term of a previously granted Variance (§72-21) for the continued operation of a Physical Culture Establishment (Eastern Athletic Inc.) which expired on May 19, 2017

John Overland of Klein Slowik, PLLC presented a corrected variance renewal application with accurate data regarding the City Council District location of the site and Eastern Athletic as the applicant. Jeffrey Stein of Union Temple, appeared for the property owner to address Committee members' questions about repeated instances of the ground floor being used as a live music venue where alcohol is served, as well as 50 Dept. of Buildings violations reportedly on record for the address at issue. Mr. Stein explained that periodically Union Temple allows Murmur to hold concerts at the site and Murmur had temporary permits to sell beer and wine. Mr. Stein also stated that the Certificate of Occupancy for a gym was issued 7/28/98.

On motion made by Gib Veconi and seconded by Robert Callahan, the Committee voted 16 in favor with one abstention to support the application. We hope the full Board will support the Committee's recommendation.

During discussion prior to the vote, many complaints about the use of the establishment space were issued to the Board. A representative from Majority Leader Cumbo's office stated the office has been tirelessly working to resolve the issues. Seeing as the statements and comments made were not germane to the application, Mr. Atkins made a motion to support the committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellis and carried with a final tally of 31 in favor 1 opposed, with 1 abstention.

2. Request to CPC for Certification for Minor Modification of Open Space Requirement for Residential Conversion, 991 St. Johns Place (Proj. ID: P2020K0134; ULURP 19-28668) (Crown Heights North Historic District)

Joshua Rhinesmith, Sherida Paulsen and Erica Labritch of Workable St. Johns LLC presented a request to the City Planning Commission Chair for a 'minor' modification of the Zoning Resolution open space equivalent requirement to assist in converting the former St Gregory's school building and the adjacent open space into residences with 40 dwelling units. Four of the dwelling units are proposed for a horizontal four-story enlargement covering what is currently open space between the existing school building and the adjacent row of brownstones. The request asks the CPC to certify that the roof of the existing building (to be vertically enlarged with an additional floor) is/will be unsuitable for open recreational space and cannot be made so at a reasonable cost; and that the open recreational space requirement be satisfied by using additional footage on the rooftop of the proposed four-story horizontal enlargement. The Committee and Community attendees discussed whether it would be

preferable to put the open space or the HVAC equipment at grade. Since none of the proposed apartments will be affordable to local residents, the applicant's rationales regarding costly design changes and limitations on tenant privacy on rooftop terraces without the required open space fell on unsympathetic ears.

A motion was made by Gib Veconi and seconded by John Buckholz to support the applicant's proposal. It failed with four in favor, 10 against and one abstention. On motion made by Deborah Young and seconded by Sarah Lazur, the Committee voted 12 in favor of withholding support for the application with five against. We hope the full Board will support the Committee's recommendation. This item will likely be heard at the 2/17/21 CPC hearing available at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCu0amGxQJBnd1YITFETTqQ>.

Mr. Gaon clarified for the Board that the request is to modify the rooftop open space requirement to put open space at grade instead of on the roof. In fact, the applicant is not asking to put it on the roof of the extension and are rather saying that if the variance is not granted, then open space would go on roof instead of at grade. The proposal is to split the open space between the roof and at grade.

Despite Mr. Gaon's amendment, Mr. Callahan made a motion to support the committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gibbs and carried with a final tally of 20 in favor, 4 opposed, with 7 abstentions.

3. M-CROWN Resolution Reaffirmation

The attached resolution reaffirming CB 8's continuing request for a neighborhood rezoning in the face of DCP's contention that the project would not be approved during the current Mayoral administration was discussed. The proposed Reaffirmation will serve to remind private applicants seeking re-zonings that CB 8 has a stated framework and plan for development of the MCROWN. Committee members still in attendance voted to present the Reaffirmation at the 2/11/21 full Board meeting.

Resolution:

MCROWN NEIGHBORHOOD REZONING RESOLUTION REAFFIRMATION

February 11, 2021

Whereas Brooklyn Community Board 8 ("CB8") has requested the Department of City Planning ("DCP") to study rezoning of the six-block area located in the northwest sector of Crown Heights and bound by Atlantic Avenue, Franklin Avenue, Bergen Street, and Grand Avenue which has a majority of its lots currently zoned M1-1 (the "M-CROWN District") by its resolution of April 9, 2015 and amended June 9, 2016; and

Whereas pursuant to CB8's request, DCP presented a rezoning framework to CB8 in February 2018, and CB8, Brooklyn Borough President Adams and City Council Member Cumbo responded in August 2018 with guidance on uses and density to be applied to subzones in the DCP framework (together, the "Modified Framework"); and

Whereas CB8 affirmed its support for the Modified Framework by its resolution of September 12, 2019; and

Whereas DCP has informed CB8 it presently lacks the resources to proceed with a rezoning of the M-CROWN District under ULURP; and

Whereas property owners and developers have since indicated interest in proceeding with private rezonings in the M-CROWN District;

Now, therefore, it is resolved that CB8 reaffirms its interest in seeing development in the M-CROWN zone proceed according to the terms of the Modified Framework regarding use and density, and hereby communicates such to all interested parties, including the Department of City Planning, the New York City Planning Commission, the Council Member representing the 35th District, the Brooklyn Borough President, and private parties applying for rezoning within the M-CROWN District. In the case of a private application in which the goals sought in the Modified Framework cannot be fully achieved through the existing New York City Zoning Resolution, CB8 expresses its intention to pursue other legal agreements with the applicant that result in the goals being as fully achieved as is practicable.

The Land Use Committee votes to recommend the full board adopt the resolution.

Mr. Ellis made a motion to support the committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wedderburn and carried with a final tally of 30 in favor, 0 opposed, with 1 abstention.

The next meeting of the Land Use Committee will be held on March 4th via Webex, details of which can be found on the CB 8 website.

Youth and Education – Ms. Nora Daniel, Chair

The Youth and Education Committee met on Tuesday, February 9th via Webex. The committee continues to focus on, and work on a series of events for community youth, especially high school age students.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 2nd via Webex, details of which can be found on the CB 8 website.

Environment, Sanitation, Transportation (EST) – Mr. Robert Witherwax, Chair; Ms. Irsa Weatherspoon, Vice Chair

The EST Committee met in January 2021, and agency representatives from DOT were present to discuss open streets and other street usage. The next meeting will be in March, details to be found on the CB 8 website.

Health/Human Services – Ms. Elaine Mahoney, Chair; Ms. Tamika Gibbs, Vice Chair

Ms. Gibbs reported on the insightful presentation on mental health issues and trauma given by Kimberly Watson at the January meeting. She encouraged everyone to view the meeting recording to learn more and to get ideas on how to act and respond when individuals present signs of trauma.

The next meeting of the Health Committee will be in March, details of which can be found on the CB 8 website.

Housing (Advocacy) – Ms. Nizjoni Granville, Chair

The Housing (Advocacy) committee did not have an official meeting in the month of February and members were instead invited to attend a meeting on Community Land Trusts. Ms. Granville provided a synopsis of the meeting details, stating that she was glad to have attended as much valuable

information was provided. In fact, community land trusts are a good way to keep affordable housing in the family and the community as a whole.

Parks – Ms. Glinda Andrews, Chair

Ms. Andrews thanked the Board for its support after the loss of her sister. There will be no meeting in February, but in March, the Brooklyn Children’s Museum are going to be in attendance to discuss an upcoming project.

Public Safety – Mr. Mark Thurton, Chair

Mr. Thurton mentioned again the new officers in Community Affairs at the 77th precinct, stating that they have a high learning curve, but should also do well in the role because they are eager to learn. He reported that at the January meeting, a representative from the District Attorney’s office was present to discuss a youth alternative to prison program. Additionally, there is a new commanding officer at the 78th precinct, Capt. Souffrant. Finally, the Mayor’s office has proposed that precinct council presidents will be able to have input for the next commanding officers of station houses.

Seniors – Ms. Gail Branch-Muhammad, Chair; Ms. Regina Kinsey, Vice Chair

Ms. Muhammad stated that she is concerned that the seniors committee is the last to report despite reporting on a population that usually is not known to stay up so late. She stated that in previous years, our comment letters and requests illustrate that seniors are often a forgotten population, but it is sad to see that it happens during the general meetings when the committee is the last committee to present and does not report until 9 PM or later.

As an update on the committee, Ms. Muhammad stated that a van was able to transport a number of seniors to Interfaith hospital to receive their first dose of the COVID vaccine. The second dose will be administered on the 16th and they will be met by Congressman Jeffries. She thanked the CB 8 members that have contributed to the meetings and participated over time or offered to help.

Ms. Tyus thanked the committee chairs for their reports and asked for an update from the 77th Precinct Community Affairs.

77th Precinct Community Affairs – PO Stravinsky Jeanbart and PO Khalida Wallens

Both officer Jeanbart and Wallens introduced themselves to the community as the new officers in the 77th Precinct Community Affairs Division. They replaced the recently transferred to 1 Police Plaza Detective Pierre-Louis and Officer Green. Both officers stated that they are invested in learning all about the community that they can to assist with rectifying any issues that arise. They urged the community to contact them with any issues in need of resolution.

Ms. Tyus thanked the officers and called to order the Public Hearing to gather comments on the agency responses to the FY 2022 Capital and Expense Budget requests. Requests and responses were read by Ms. Gail Branch-Muhammad, Mr. James Ellis, Ms. Irsa Weatherspoon, and Mr. Robert Witherwax. Comments were limited to three minutes each.

Mr. Atkins noted that of the requests, school garbage was not listed but remains to be a problem. He mentioned that while garbage at NYCHA developments was mentioned, public school garbage was left out despite being as much of a nuisance and the issue being apparent across both agencies. Ms. George

reminded Mr. Atkins that in September and October, a public hearing is held to gather additional requests, but that tonight's hearing is only to gather comments on the agency responses.

Mr. Todd stated that Capital item 6, food incubators, is extremely necessary. Additionally, the Parks Committee should advocate for more community gardens and open space, as well as community based composting programs and engagement about healthy eating. Specifically, Expense item 13 relating to high levels of chronic diseases, it should be noted that this can be addressed through education in community gardens about affordable healthy food and in healthy eating. On item 22, it should be noted that street trees can be saved by putting layers of compost and wood chips in their tree beds which nourish the tree roots and absorb canine waste. Subsidies for community garden composting and food scrap drop off can increase the availability of compost in the community for street tree maintenance. The Parks Department can drop off wood chips at community gardens as well for distribution to street tree beds.

Ms. Tyus stated that the additional lighting around Dean Street and Brower Park are necessary to be in place by summer. Furthermore, re Capital #6, expanding affordable work/research space: this should be funded when MCROWN is approved. Capital 7: a letter should be sent to CM Cornegy. Expense 9 Animal & pest control: currently, DoB only requires baiting by construction companies when the project is demolition. Baiting by construction companies should also be required for major renovations. Expense 14 is an excellent recommendation. Expense 17 for youth crime prevention doesn't necessarily concern NYPD budget. We should get from NYS after-hours access to schools: staff for all aspects of building use. Exp. 22 A percentage of permit fee should be dedicated to ensuring that new young trees are watered regularly during their first 2 yrs, esp. in Summer.

Dr. Lazur commented that the response to the request for youth crime prevention was sassy, a bit rude, and unnecessary. Mr. Callahan stated about the same response that the NYPD and Mayor's office both seemed to have missed the memo about redistributing funds to community services and programs during calls to defund the police.

Mr. Ellis commented that comments such as "this is not a budget request" are not as factual as they seem since the request is made after hearing from agencies that the service is not provided due to a lack of resources. The budget impacts policy, and this makes the request a budget request.

Ms. Atkinson commented on the dearth of housing available to those income bands not covered by either low-income or middle income. She clarified by stating that there is generally a large swath of households withheld from the market in the Housing NYC market due to not meeting the income requirements. These households should be prioritized as they glut the competitive market of existing rent-stabilized affordable housing.

Ms. Watson wondered if funds from defunding the police could be rerouted to fund programs like the ones we are seeking. Additionally, she questioned what the funds withheld from the NYPD have been put toward instead, and asked if we would access support via the Borough President's Office.

Dr. Lazur noted that HPD resources are currently not adequate for getting inspectors out to repair issues with heat or hot water.

Mr. Callahan stated that the only funds that were "redirected" from NYPD were by way of removing School Safety Agents and Traffic Enforcement from the NYPD's list of responsibilities. The Mayor's budget took the remaining funds as savings.

Ms. Weatherspoon made a motion to give authority to the District office to utilize the comments received at the hearing to compose a comment letter on the agency responses. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellis and carried unanimously.

Ms. Tyus thanked everyone for their comments and opened the floor for elected official and agency representatives.

Ms. Arna Lipkind from Majority Leader Cumbo's office announced that the period for applying for discretionary funding ends on February 16h. The Pre-K application deadline is February 14th. The COVID vaccine rollout is occurring at Medgar Evers College and will be available to the community soon. The city should hear final words on the vaccine mega center by February 24th. Finally, rent remains a burden for many households in the city. If you or anyone you know is having difficulty paying rent, please email the councilwoman's office as the eviction moratorium has been pushed back to May.

Ms. Damaris Falero from the Dept. of Buildings announced that Buildings is will be conducting outreach regarding new legislation on building façades. To keep buildings safe, owners of properties 6 stories or more must have a façade inspection completed every few years. Additionally, please sign up for the Building's newsletter to get updates and reminders automatically to your inbox. You can sign up directly through the agency's website at www.nyc.gov/buildings.

Ms. Marva Henry, a CB 8 member, announced that she has practiced law as a public defender for the last 15 years in the Bronx and neighboring counties. She announced her candidacy for Kings County Civil Court Judge, Municipal District 2.

Mr. Darryl White from NYS Attorney General Tish James' office gave his contact information (Darryl.white@ag.ny.gov/718.5602040. ag.ny.gov. is our website) as the Outreach Community Liaison for the State Attorney General Tish James. He shared a flyer for an upcoming event from the DA's office. Additionally, there was a presentation at the Boro Board meeting last week focusing on ways to protect the community.

Ms. Nizjoni Granville congratulated the St. Marks Independent Block Association for being recognized by the Historic Districts Council after successfully being able to ward off destruction of the garden at 850 St. Marks Avenue, the Institute for Community Living property.

With no further issues to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.