

**Community Board 8
General Community Board Meeting & Public Hearing
Via Webex Virtual Platform**

May 12, 2022

Members Present

Glinda Andrews
Desmond Atkins
Lisa Atkinson
Princess Benn-James
Julia Boyd
Gail Branch-Muhammad
Robert Callahan
Nora Daniel
Dian Duke
Drew Gabriel
Tamika Gibbs
Nizjoni Granville
Igenie Harris-Blenman
Xeexema Jordan
Regina Kinsey
Frances Langley
Dr. Sarah Lazur
Mireille Lemaine
Kwasi Mensah
Fior Ortiz-Joyner
Alicia Nosenzo
Yahya Raji
Brian Saunders
Audrey Taitt-Hall
Mark Thurton
Greg Todd
Ethel Tyus
Gib Veconi
Yves Vilus
Kimberly Watson
Irsa Weatherspoon
Sharon Wedderburn
Deborah Young

Members Excused/Absent

Kiermoni Allison
Marva Brown-Henry
Gerri Buchanan
Kevin Farley
Andrea Ferris
Fred Frazier
Elaine Mahoney
Kalvis Mikelsteins
Robert Puca
Celene Rosado
Adam Sachs
Meredith Staton
Robert Witherwax
Vilma Zuniga

Elected Officials

Assemblymember Phara Soufrant-Forrest, 57th District
Assemblymember Stephani Zinerman, 56th District
Senator Jabari Brisport, 20th District

Agency & Elected Official Representatives

Raul Rothblatt, Assem. Brian Cunningham, 43rd District
Alejandro Gonzalez, Councilmember Crystal Hudson, 35th
Kevin Lawrence, Assembly Phara Soufrant-Forrest
Damaris Falero, Dept. of Buildings
Shawn Jones, Dept. of Buildings
Stephanie Grandpierre-Safe Horizon
Renee McClure, National Grid
Paul Smith, National Grid
Raziq Seabrook, National Grid
Jahi Rose, Civilian Complaint Review Board
Alicia Pritchard, Brooklyn Public Library

CB 8 Staff

Michelle George, District Manager
Julia Neale, Community Coordinator

Ms. Irsa Weatherspoon, Chairperson welcomed everyone to the May general meeting of Community Board 8 and called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

While awaiting a quorum of members, Chairperson Weatherspoon opened the floor to elected officials, elected official representatives, agency liaisons and public comments.

Mr. Raul Rothblatt from Assemblyman Brian Cunningham’s office informed the community of the very successful Iftar event held by the Assemblyman to break the Ramadan fast. He stated that one of the loveliest outcomes was the focus on those things that connect us as a population, and that this will be one of the models used for events moving forward.

The Assemblyman’s office is open for constituent services from 9 am to 6 pm Monday thru Friday, and is located at 330 Empire Blvd. There is a growing and substantive email list, so if you have resources to share, please share them with the office and they will send the information to their networks.

Finally, Mr. Rothblatt mentioned the upcoming Women of Distinction event that will be held in the coming weeks at the Brooklyn Children’s Museum. A list of honorees will be distributed shortly as well as event details.

Mr. Alejandro Gonzalez from Councilwoman Crystal Hudson’s office announced a few upcoming events with the councilmember, including “Coffee with Crystal” at the Penny House Café in Prospect Heights. A registration link will be emailed to CB8 for distribution. On May 25th, a housing clinic with Take Root Justice will be hosted in the office providing legal assistance and assisting with other housing needs.

Mr. Kevin Lawrence from Assemblywoman Phara Souffrant-Forrest’s office announced that the office is open and serving constituents. If you need assistance with any matter, please email or call the office. Assemblywoman Souffrant-Forrest is co-sponsoring an event with Senator Julia Salazar on mental health awareness. A flyer will be shared with the CB8 district office when available. Additionally, the assemblywoman is partnering with Kings County District Attorney Eric Gonzalez for an iPad for guns event, more details will follow.

Mr. Jahi Rose, Director of Outreach from the Civilian Complaint Review Board announced that the CCRB is available for in-person presentations and holds their board meetings on the second Wednesday of each month in-person as well at 4 pm at 100 Church Street in Manhattan. If you attend the board meetings, you will have an opportunity to speak about policing in your neighborhood. The CCRB requires honest feedback as the agency is tasked with policing the police. For more information, please email JRose@ccrb.nyc.gov.

Mr. James Ellis made a presentation about Dollaride, a company founded in 2018, that is seeking to gather information on dollar vans. He provided the following information:

- As many as 2 million New Yorkers in the outer boroughs lack easy access to public transportation.
- Dollar vans have played an integral part in NYC's transportation system since the 1980's

- Dollar vans serve thousands of daily commuters, delivering accessible transportation service for as little as \$2 per ride.
- The current generation of dollar vans are gas-powered, emitting greenhouse gasses and reducing air quality in our communities.

Mr. Ellis distributed a link to a survey so that he and his team could gain access to the community's thoughts and experiences with public transportation. Specifically, they are focused on the factors that determine your public transportation decisions, and if parallel transportation options like dollar vans service your needs.

Dollaride understands the value and necessity of this mode of transportation, and also the challenges associated with it including environmental impact of gas-powered vehicles, inconsistent service provisions, and the uphill road to economic sustainability for van drivers and fleet owners. Dollaride's mission is to:

- Deliver community-aligned clean transportation solutions that reduce local air pollution,
- Help to overcome persistent transportation challenges,
- Improve quality of life in communities where it's needed most.

Dollaride was recently named as a finalist for NYSERDA's [Clean Neighborhood Challenge](https://www.cleaneighborhoodschallenge.org/awardees/dollaride-inc) (https://www.cleaneighborhoodschallenge.org/awardees/dollaride-inc). The NYSERDA Clean Neighborhood Prize would enable Dollaride to activate electric dollar van vehicles where they are needed most in New York City transit deserts. The initial scope of this program will focus on electrifying commuter van fleets in neighborhoods that Dollaride serves in Brooklyn and Queens, including routes along Flatbush and Utica Avenues.

There are a series of events that will be hosted to get community feedback. If awarded the grant, they will receive \$10 million for the community to use for upgrades.

But first, Dollaride's team wants to hear directly from the communities being served, in order to better understand:

- What are the needs and challenges of current and potential users of dollar vans?
- What prospective customers want to see?
- How does an electrified fleet of dollar vans best serve neighborhoods along Flatbush and Utica Avenues?

To participate:

- **Virtual "Town Call"** Monday, May 16, 2022 from 10-11am, via Zoom-
 - <https://electrifybklyn-virtual.eventbrite.com/>
- **In-person "Town Hall"** Thursday, May 19, 2022 from 6:30-8:30pm, Brooklyn Commons, 495 Flatbush Ave,
 - www.electrifybklyn.eventbrite.com

Additionally, all are invited to share your feedback via this survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/bkcommunityboards>.

Chairperson Weatherspoon encouraged everyone to complete the survey and participate in the town hall. She stated that Dollaride is a great program to make the system less chaotic and more accessible.

Mr. Thurton concurred and stated that it is essential to get the dollar vans well organized. However, he queried if it would be helpful for him to participate in the survey since it has been a while since he has taken a dollar van. Mr. Ellis informed him that they are also interested in understanding why people do not take dollar vans. In order for the program to be effective, myriad opinions need to be received and assessed.

Ms. Wedderburn asked if discussions have been held about how the MTA and dollar vans can work collaboratively, especially considering the integral nature of dollar vans as part of the transportation link. Mr. Ellis informed her that the focus at this point has been on community feedback to win the award.

Chairperson Weatherspoon thanked Mr. Ellis for bringing the survey to the attention of the Board and also for being so thorough in his explanation of Dollaride. She then opened the floor to public comments.

Ms. Stefanie Grand-Pierre introduced herself as the domestic violence advocate at the 77th Precinct. (Safe Horizon is a victim assistance nonprofit that assists victims of violence and abuse in New York City. They provide assistance, advocacy and support to victims who have experienced domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, youth homelessness and other crimes. She can be reached at 718-735-0678.

Ms. Julia Foster announced that the Continuing Education programs will begin on July 5th in Adult Education District (AED) 39. All classes are free of charge and undocumented residents are accepted into continuing ed programs. The only requirements are that candidates must be residents of the five boroughs and at least 21 years old. Additionally, AED 39 is seeking to start a cable networking class and is looking for interested candidates for the first iteration of their program.

Mr. Gib Veconi of Prospect Heights Neighborhood Development Council (PHNDC) announced that the NYC Dept. of Transportation is planning a number of street design initiatives in Prospect Heights. The initiatives will impact Underhill and Vanderbilt Avenues, and DOT will be presenting on-street workshops on Underhill Avenue at Prospect Place on May 19th, and on Vanderbilt Avenue and St. Marks Avenue on May 21st. If you are interested in learning more about DOT's design proposals, please stop by either of the locations on the days announced.

Ms. Deborah Young of the Crown Heights North Association (CHNA) announced that CHNA is celebrating its 20th Anniversary with series of events. The first will be the Shirley Chisholm Walking Tour on May 15th from 12:30 to 2 pm. Ticketed customers will assemble at St. Gregory's Church on the corner of St. John's Place and Brooklyn Avenue to begin the tour. Please come out and join us.

Ms. Alicia Pritchard introduced herself as the new Community Outreach Coordinator for Brower Park Library branch. She announced that the Summer Reading Program will kick off on June 4th. June also marks the 125th Anniversary Celebration of Brooklyn Public Library. The anniversary celebration will be a boro-wide event, showcasing 125 books that capture the spirit of Brooklyn. BPL Outdoors will be at Brower Park on June 11th from 1pm-4pm. There will be a dog fashion show, storytelling, poopbag giveaway, and so much more. Bring the family to Brower Park for a fun-filled afternoon of reading and entertainment.

Chairperson Weatherspoon thanked everyone for the information and updates and invited Mr. Paul Smith from National Grid to make a presentation on National Grid's service line inspection program.

National Grid –Mr. Paul Smith

Mr. Smith informed the Board that National Grid (NG) is required by New York State to perform periodic leak surveys and corrosion inspections on all meters even those located indoors. These inspections are performed by Precision Pipeline Solutions (PPS), a licensed National Grid contractor, at no cost to NG's customers. Postcards will be sent to the home informing the homeowner that an inspection is necessary.

The person completing the inspection will visually inspect the piping that connects to your gas meter. They will also use a calibrated gas instrument to detect if there are any leaks. In the event that there are damages to the pipes or connections, if the condition was caused naturally to company equipment, then National Grid will make repairs at no charge to the customer.

Inspections are done every three years currently, but the time frame will extend to every five years in the near future. Unfortunately, many account holders are not in compliance to allow PPS contractors to inspect their equipment, so these account holders are receiving shut-off notices. Despite NG contacting customers repeatedly to inform them of the necessity of inspections. If NG is unable to complete the safety inspection, your account will be charged a \$100 penalty, and your gas service may be subject to disconnection for safety reasons. The property owner does not have to be present to let in inspectors; a superintendent or representative can oversee the inspection, but the account holder is responsible for providing access or the information for the access. If the tenant does not have access, they can provide NG with the contact information of the access provider, and they will contact them directly.

Ms. Gibbs stated that this community has a history of experiencing predatory actions. In fact, she stated, in the last 4 months, she has experienced three different plumbers demanding access to her home to inspect pipes and has received at least 4 postcards from others telling her there might be something wrong with her pipes and to call them before her services are shut off. As such, many people do not feel comfortable or safe allowing strangers into their homes to perform inspections.

Mr. Smith informed her and others that if they feel uncomfortable allowing someone in randomly, they can schedule an appointment, and this becomes another check and balance to ensure you are opening the door for a legitimate inspector. Additionally, NG employees have two forms of ID and a set contractor with valid identification as well. NG and all vendors vet all employees and perform background checks on all employees.

Dr. Lazur stated that she was confused by the verbiage behind the word "premises" that had been mentioned several times during the presentation. She stated that during the pandemic, several landlords stopped paying utility bills and fell behind. Does the premises mean each individual unit or in the basement? She was informed that inspectors are only checking pipes in the basement and only on jurisdictional piping. However, there are a few thousand apartments in NYC with room set meters that do need to be inspected. That is the only exception where inspectors have to go into the actual apartments.

Mr. Atkins stated that he received a fine for a property he owns in Bedford Stuyvesant because he was unaware that door hangers had been left on the property. He informed NG that door hangers are a very indirect way of contact and conceivably, not very effective. He had to contact the Public Service Commission to intercede on his behalf to remedy the fine situation because NG had been non-responsive

in removing the fine. Mr. Smith informed him that door hangers are usually the easiest way to contact, but the agency is seeking to increase methodology in the future.

Mr. Smith encouraged anyone with additional questions or those seeking to make suggestions to go directly to the page on inspections on NG's website at <https://www.nationalgridus.com/ny-home/natural-gas-safety/pipeline-safety>.

Chairperson Weatherspoon thanked Mr. Smith for the information and asked Mr. Shawn Jones from the Dept. of Buildings to provide an update on Local Law 152.

NYC Dept. of Buildings – Mr. Shawn Jones, Plumber

Mr. Jones, a plumbing master with the NYC Dept. of Buildings, informed the Board that Local Law 152 was enacted in 2016 and became law in 2018. All properties with the exception of those zoned R3 (1 or 2 family), must have inspections done of all exposed gas lines. Local Law 152 requires you have inspection of gas lines from the point of entry, or where the main gas pipe enters the building or if the meter is set outside, to the meter. Responding to Ms. Gibbs' earlier statement about notifications from plumbers, Mr. Jones informed her that she was likely receiving solicitation flyers to obtain her patronage to perform the inspection. Solicitation is not against the law, but if you feel you are being harassed, contact the Department of Buildings.

All properties must have their gas lines inspected, and if you do not, you will be subject to a fine of up to \$5,000. Currently, of the 200 thousand properties that are supposed to be inspected this year, only 84 thousand have been inspected. Inspections are a benefit to all of us and the city as a whole, because gas explosions are quite damaging and deadly. In the past 6 months, there have been 6 gas explosions in the city. They are not pretty, and it behooves all to put safety above all else, especially as the access points in most buildings are thirty years old or older and have seldomly, if ever, been inspected.

Mr. Jones acknowledged that it is a costly burden to property owners, but you can ask for a 6 month extension if you do not have the money to get it done now. If your building's gas service is shut off and you do not have gas appliances, you do not need to conduct the inspection, but you will have to certify that there are no gas lines on your premises.

Responding to a question as to what exposed piping means, Mr. Jones stated that exposed piping means any piping that is open to view. All exposed gas piping from point of entry of gas piping into the building, including building services meters, and all gas piping in public spaces, hallways, corridors and mechanical and boiler rooms inside and outside a building, including rooftops must be inspected. If there is a mechanical room on any floor of the building, those must be inspected as well, but access to tenant spaces is not required. Commercial spaces need to have exposed piping inspected as well. The inspection requirement does not include any pipes that are behind walls, access doors, or even behind a drop ceiling. Additionally, pipes inside of units will not be inspected. A gas detection wand will be used around doorways and in hallways to ensure no leak is occurring within a unit.

A licensed plumber is not required to do the inspection, but the authorized representative must work for a company that has a licensed plumber, and the authorized representative must also have received their inspection certification via an 8-hour course. As a customer, you must receive verification of this certification. The certification requirement allows more people to serve as an authorized representative

as there are few licensed plumbers available to do the number of inspections. But all of their employees can receive the certification and conduct the inspections.

Due to the cost and the expansive range of price estimates for the inspection, Mr. Jones stressed that everyone should get a minimum of 3 quotes for the inspection. He also impressed upon everyone that full access to all non tenant spaces must be available. If you cannot provide access to a space that must be inspected, the inspection cannot be done. Once the inspection is complete, a GPS1 must be filed and maintained, and if a DOB inspector demands to see your GPS1, you must produce it within 48 hours. Within 60 days of your inspection, you must file a GPS2 form with Buildings. You can pay extra money to the company that does your inspection to file this form for you.

Responding to Mr. Todd's question about how this inspection differs from National Grid's free inspection, Mr. Jones stated that Buildings is requiring inspectors to check for gas leaks, illegal by-passes and illegal connections, and other immediate hazardous conditions on any and all pipes outside of the main entry into the property. Local Law 152 is focused on the pipes after the entry way pipe, which is the only pipe that National Grid is responsible for.

If any immediate hazard conditions are found by the inspecting plumber, Department of Buildings will be notified as well as National Grid for inspection. If the hazardous condition is confirmed, your gas meter will be shut off and possibly the gas to the entire building.

Mr. Jones provided the community the following links to additional information and resources:

Department of Buildings Local Law 152 of 2016 FAQs:

https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/buildings/pdf/ll152of2016_faq.pdf

Submit questions to Department of Building Plumbing Enforcement – 212-393-2557

LL152of16@buildings.nyc.gov

Department of Buildings Website:

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/buildings/index.page>

Report exposed gas piping to:

Con Edison – 800-752-6633

National Grid – 718-643-4050

A community resident asked if homeowners insurance or some other form of coverage such as Home Serve would cover the cost of repairs should Buildings or National Grid find a violation. They were informed that some insurance providers have riders that will cover repairs if they are not the responsibility of National Grid. Home Serve is usually limited to appliances and would not cover utilities. They were encouraged to check their homeowners insurance policy.

Mr. Todd further questioned the differences between the National Grid and Local Law 152 inspections. Mr. Jones informed him that the Public Service Commission requires National Grid to inspect all units regardless of number of units, and Buildings eliminates inspections for under three units.

Ms. Gibbs asked if one plumber could do the inspections for both agencies, since they are exactly the same.

Ms. Renee McClure, Director of NYC Community and Customer Management from National Grid informed Ms. Gibbs that the Public Service Commission requires National Grid to perform the inspection for free, and that Local Law 152 is separate. However, she stated, if the hired plumber is qualified to perform National Grid's inspections and has the Local Law 152 certification, they can do both as this would reduce the number of visits to the home.

Ms. Granville asked what the deadline is for CB8 to be inspected and was informed that all inspections must be completed by December 31st.

Ms. Tyus reminded everyone that the Crown Heights North Association's website lists eligible tax credits that includes plumbing credits. Those inquiring about costs should review what is available should they need financial assistance.

Chairperson Weatherspoon thanked Mr. Smith, Mr. Jones and Ms. McClure for bringing this information to the residents. Ms. McClure thanked Ms. George for the invitation to make a presentation to the board. Ms. Weatherspoon invited Assemblywoman Souffrant-Forrest to say a few words.

Assemblywoman Phara Souffrant-Forrest, 57th Assembly District announced that she represents parts of Prospect Heights, Fort Green/Clinton Hill, and Crown Heights. Her office is open and available to assist with constituent issues. The NYS Budget passed in April and that the Legislature is currently in session to pass legislation to cover spending for all items that were not covered in the budget. The biggest priority for her as a representative is the Good Cause Eviction Bill to further protect tenants and ensure legal rent hikes and making sure leases are renewed unless there is a valid reason not to renew, such as a tenant that is a nuisance. Additionally, another main priority is that prisoners are treated fairly in jail.

Chairperson Weatherspoon thanked Assemblywoman Souffrant-Forrest and invited Senator Brisport to say a few words.

Senator Jabari Brisport, 25th Senatorial District echoed the words of his Assembly counterpart, stating that his focus is also the Good Cause Eviction bill, which will do a lot to fight back against gentrification and slowing the non-renewal of leases and displacement.

He reminded those present that there will be two primary elections this summer, with Assembly and District leaders occurring during the standard June season, and then Congressional primaries will occur in August. The Senate is currently focused on addressing mayoral control of schools, as the provision is set to expire at the end of this school year. Legislators are looking at a range of models versus extending the provision as it is for another four years or even an alternative amount of time. However, before the Senate acts, they are seeking feedback from community for aligned action to ensure that their vote reflects the will of the people. Additionally, the 421A tax abatement program is set to expire but it may be extended as well. Feedback is being sought on this as well, and if you and your neighbors have ideas on these programs, please contact his office at 718-643-6140.

Chairperson Weatherspoon thanked everyone for the information and questions and asked for a roll call. After establishing that a quorum was present. Ms. Weatherspoon asked for a motion to accept the April minutes. Ms. Tyus made a correction to the minutes stating that Mr. Buckholz was marked absent when he was no longer a member. Ms. George stated that as of the last board meeting on April 14, 2022, Mr.

Buckholz was still a member of the board. The district office received his official resignation notification on April 19, 2022.

Ms. Gibbs moved that the full board accept the April minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Ms. Atkinson and accepted unanimously.

Chairperson Weatherspoon then opened the Public Hearing for the evening.

Public Hearing on Committee Action Items

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met on Monday, April 18, 2022 via Webex Virtual Meeting platform. The Executive Committee recommends the removal of Ms. Aisha Dotson as a member of Community Board 8, as per of the By-Laws of Community Board 8.

In terms of a member's removal, the By-Laws state specifically:

§5.5: (c) An appointed member may be removed from the Board for cause by a majority vote of the Board, only after:

- (i) a two-thirds majority of the members of the Executive Committee present and entitled to vote recommends a removal hearing,
- (ii) service of written charges and specifications to the appointed member, at least 30 days prior to a scheduled hearing,
- (iii) a scheduled hearing before the Board, at a general or special meeting, at which the appointed member shall have the right to respond to the charges and specifications, the right to counsel, and the right to produce witnesses or evidence on his or her behalf. The notice of the meeting shall include the hearing on its agenda.

§5.5: (d) Circumstances which may constitute cause for removal shall include, but shall not be limited to:

- (i) Non-attendance at four of the previous six consecutive general or special Board meetings
- (ii) substantial non-attendance or non-participation in two (2) committees of the Board
- (iii) substantial record of missed roll call votes at the Board meeting
- (iv) conduct detrimental to the Board

Charges against Ms. Dotson are as follows:

- Non-attendance and participation in general meetings: Ms. Dotson have not attended any meetings since her appointment in May 2021.
- Non-participation in at least two standing or ad-hoc committees: Dotson has not attended any meetings since her appointment in May 2021.
- Ms. Dotson was sent multiple letters about her attendance as per the By-Laws, and to date, has not responded.

As such, the Executive Committee recommends the removal of Ms. Dotson on the aforementioned grounds, and hopes the full Board supports its recommendation. If you would like to come to the defense of Ms. Dotson, you may do so.

Chairperson Weatherspoon asked for any questions or comments from the community. Hearing none, she then asked for questions and/or comments from community board members. Hearing none, she asked for a motion. Ms. Tyus made a motion that the board remove Aisha Dotson for non attendance. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gibbs and carried unanimously with 29 in favor.

Land Use Committee – Sharon Wedderburn, Chair

The Land Use Committee met on Thursday, May 5, 2022 via Webex Virtual Meeting platform at 6:15 p.m. In addition to the Chair, Sharon Wedderburn, present were: Cathy Iselin, Secretary, Xeerxeema Jordan, Deborah Young, Fior Ortiz-Joyner, Ethel Tyus, Elaine Weinstein, Celina DeLeon, W. Dennis, Drew Popkin, Eli Liedman, Frances Langley, James Wene, Anthony Beckford, Jeff Sherman, Jennifer Jordan, Lisa Atkinson, Kim Robinson, Mary Shufford, Kwasi Mensah, Matt Markowitz, Nizjoni Granville, Princess Benn-James, Nicole Nix Laemmle, Nora Daniel, Karen Gray, Patricia Lynn, Peter Krashes, Ross Bannon, Robert Callahan, Sarah Lazur, and Mark Thurton.

The committee brings forth the following public hearing action item:

Application for review of proposed window replacement at 1436/1440 Pacific Street (Crown Heights North Historic District) LPC-22-09230 = 1436 Pacific Street (Block 1209, Lot 29)/LPC-22-09231 = 1440 Pacific Street (Block 1209, Lot 31)

Mr. Mark Markowitz on behalf of the owners presented the plan for window replacement at two adjacent buildings on Pacific Street, 1436/1440. The total street frontage of the two buildings is 66 feet, each building is 33 feet. The application is to receive forgiveness to legalize work already completed on the window replacement.

The owners have been working with the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) on many aspects of the renovation of this building destroyed by fire.

The owners used the adjacent building in the landmark district, 1432 Pacific Street, as reference for the window replacement. They are aware they should have contacted LPC before replacing the windows and agree this was an oversight on their part. The windows in their buildings match those at the adjacent #1432 where the windows were approved by LPC.

Crown Heights North Association (CHNA) submitted a letter withholding support for the window replacement as presented by the applicant because they neglected to reach out to LPC before proceeding with the replacement. CHNA recommends the Committee withhold support unless the applicant is willing to fully restore to the original form.

The applicant noted that NYC buildings, in an historic district, with over 40' of street frontage can replace windows as they did. They assumed their two adjacent buildings – identical in design – with 60 feet of street frontage would allow them to proceed with the windows without LPC approval if they matched the third adjacent building.

A motion made and seconded that the committee withhold support for the window replacement as proposed by the applicant. The motion passed 11 in favor, 6 against, with 1 abstention.

Chairperson Weatherspoon asked for any questions or comments from the community. Hearing none, she then asked for questions and/or comments from community board members. Hearing none, she asked for a motion. Mr. Veconi made a motion that the board support the committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gibbs and carried unanimously with 26 in favor, 2 abstentions and 2 against.

The next meeting of the Land Use Committee will be held on Thursday, June 2, 2022 via WebEx. All are welcomed to attend.

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

Mr. Witherwax reported that the SLAC Committee met virtually on Monday, May 2, 2022 via Webex at 6:15 p.m. In addition to the Chair, Irsa Weatherspoon, present were: Robert Witherwax, Vice Chair, Alicia Nosenzo, Dian Duke, Brian Saunders, Deborah Young, Ethel Tyus, James Ellis, Gib Veconi, Fior Ortiz-Joyner, Hollis Barclay, Tamika Gibbs, John Iezzi, Michael Kelly, PO Vidal, Gail Muhammad, Karen Gray, Oliver, Robert Puca, Roger Myers, Sharon Wedderburn, Natalie, Mark Thurton, Maria Trim and 2 callers.

The committee discussed the following liquor license applications:

Renewal application for Savannah Café, 75 Utica Avenue (corner of Pacific Street) – Wine/beer/cider license:

Details include:

- patio/deck, DJ, recorded music, live music on occasion
- 12 tables with 24 total seats; one service bar with 6 seats
- Hours of operation Sunday Noon to 2 AM; Monday thru Thursday 3 PM to 2 AM; Friday 3 PM to 4 AM; Saturday Noon to 4 AM
- Covered backyard seating area (12 feet by 22 feet) with 10 tables and 20 seats operating until 10 PM Sunday thru Thursday and 11 PM Friday and Saturday

New Liquor License Application for Trimbago Inc., 785 Nostrand Avenue – Full License

Details include:

- Hours of Operation Sunday thru Wednesday 7 AM to 11 PM; Thursday thru Saturday 7 AM to Midnight
- 6 tables with 24 seats; additional 7 seats at one service bar
- Buffet style restaurant on one side with take-out, and a dining room area on the other to serve as sit down gathering
- 5 service employees at this family-owned restaurant

New Liquor License Application for Crown Heights Pizza, 563 Lincoln Place (between Bedford and Franklin Avenues) – Wine/beer/cider license

Details include:

- 5 tables with 12 seats; no service bar

- Hours of operation 11:30 AM to 8 PM Sunday; 11:30 AM to 10 PM Monday thru Saturday
- Open restaurants seating being utilized with a 4 foot by 15-foot structure holding 4 tables and 10 seats with the same operating hours as the indoor space

All three applications were supported unanimously by the committee as presented. The committee hopes the full Board supports its recommendation.

Chairperson Weatherspoon asked if there were any comments or questions from the community. Hearing no other comments, Ms. Weatherspoon asked for a motion. Ms. Granville made a motion that the full board support the committee's recommendation as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gibbs and carried with a vote of 27 in favor, 0 against, 2 abstentions.

The next meeting of the SLAC Committee will be held on Monday, June 6, 2022 via WebEx. All are welcomed to attend.

Ms. Weatherspoon stated that this concludes the Public Hearing on committee action items. She asked for the following committee reports.

Economic Development – Brian Saunders, Chair

Mr. Saunders reported that the Economic Development Committee met virtually on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 via WebEx at 6:15 p.m. In addition to the Chair, Brian Saunders, present were: Drew Gabriel, Vice Chair, Celene Rosado, Lisa Atkinson, L. Kim Robinson, Frances Langley, Karen Gray, Mark Thurton, Princess Benn-James, Conor Hassett, Raul Rothblatt, Tiffany Forte and two callers.

The following report was submitted. During this meeting the following topics were discussed:

Mr. Conor Hassett, Community Outreach Coordinator, Economic Development for Bridge Street Development spoke about the Open Streets initiative along Nostrand Avenue. The initiative will take place along Nostrand Avenue from Prospect Place to Atlantic Avenue. Mr. Hassett mentioned that an application has been submitted to the Street Activity Permit Office. Conversations with the 77th Pct and merchants along Nostrand have begun before outreach to the community. Proposed date Saturday, August 20th from 12-7pm. Set up would begin at 11:00am.

In the Q&A session committee members asked will there be additional security on hand? It was mentioned that in addition to NYPD, cure violence groups would be there to assist.

Is there anything that CB needs to be doing or can help with? As of now there are no needs or asks of the CB. Ms. Hassett wanted to make us aware of the ongoing process and where things stand to date.

Are there any surveys that we can refer to on the economic impact? No

Mr. Hassett provided his contact information for the committee: chassett@bsdcorp.org 609-651-6907

A representative from Council Member Mealy's office and Raul Rothblatt from Assembly Member Cunningham office joined the meeting.

The Chair and Karen Gray will create a subcommittee to focus on business incubators

Celene Rosado provided an update on Council Member Osse beautification projects.

Raul asked if we could incorporate the Central Brooklyn Jazz Consortium for the summer event? We are open to it, just have to plan out the logistics.

Karen asked if we could make the Nostrand Ave corridor a main focus in the new year.

Mark Thurton made a statement regarding the importance of economic development and having partners in government and the community work together to services business corridors.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Economic Development Committee will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2022. Mr. Saunders invited everyone to attend and bring one person with you.

Education & Youth – Nora Daniel, Chair

The Youth and Education Committee met on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 via WebEx at 7:00 p.m. In addition to the Chair, Nora Daniel, present were: Marva Brown-Henry, Vice Chair, Audrey Taitt-Hall, Jennifer and Xeerxeema Jordan, Kimberly Watson, Lisa Atkinson, R. Bruland, Mark Thurton, Tiffany Forte, Yahya Raji and two callers.

The committee did not submit a report, however, Ms. Daniel stated that the committee discussed their plans for the next year. They plan to do a better job communicating with the schools in the district to see how the board and the Youth and Education Committee could be of assistance.

The next meeting of the Youth and Education Committee will be held on Tuesday, June 7, 2022. All are invited to attend.

Environment, Sanitation and Transportation – Robert Witherwax, Chair

The Environment, Sanitation & Transportation (EST) committee met on April 26, 2022 at 6:15 p.m. via WebEx. In addition to the Chair Robert Witherwax, present were: Norman Oder, Deborah Howard, Marie Brandao, Cathy Iselin, Celeste Loft, David Kazanjian, Denise Harding, Ethel Tyus, James Ellis, Elaine Weinstein, Fior Ortiz-Joyner, Frances Langley, Igenie Harris-Blenman, Elicia Howard, Jenna Glazer, Julia Boyd, Regina Kinsey, Lorraine Drummond, Misbah Mostazimi, Michael Rogers, Phyllis Grannum, Karen Gray, Ashish Patel, Peter Krashes, Sari Kisilevsky, Saskia Haegens, Dazhi Sheng, Carmela Smith, Sharon Wedderburn, Mark Thurton, Tiffany Forte, William Meehan, Kay Andrews, Stanley Zhaost, Xingyuan Zhae and 10 callers.

The committee heard two presentations from the Department of Transportation on the Citibike expansion and the safety plan for the intersection of Buffalo Avenue and Eastern Parkway as well as regular committee business.

The committee submitted the following report:

1. Call to Order
2. Presentation on Buffalo Avenue:
 - a. See PDF, attached, for Presentation
 - b. See Exhibit A, attached, for Committee and Community Feedback received.
3. Presentation on Citibike Expansion:
 - a. See PDF, attached, for Presentation
 - b. See Exhibit B, attached, for Committee and Community Feedback received.
4. Subcommittees
 - a. Rules of the Road report on latest discussions:
 - i. Questions about how Agenda is developed
 - ii. Specific Safety Issues
 1. Rogers Speed Cam
 2. Nostrand/St. Johns Crash into Two Saints
 3. Open Streets displacement of traffic
 - iii. Spreadsheets
 1. Public Realm Improvements
 2. Quality of Life
 - iv. Atlantic Avenue and Vicinity
 1. Upcoming and recent ULURP projects
 2. Comprehensive Plan would be useful
 3. Transportation Alternatives should be invited to present
5. New Business:
 - a. Deb Howard: Can ASP be reduced to 2x a week?
 - b. Karen Gray: dog waste is prevalent
 - c. M Thurton: Open Streets contributes to congestion east of Vanderbilt
 - d. A. Taitt Hall: Open Streets Underhill is not useful
 - e. D Atkins: various sanitation comments (streetsweepers don't use water, not enough corner bins, mixed use buildings should have requirements for waste storage)
6. Next meeting will be May 24, 2022
7. May Agenda:
 - a. VOTE on adoption of comments for two presentations.
 - b. VOTE on 2022-2023 GOALS (See Exhibit C, Goals)
 - c. VOTE on Renewing, Terminating, or Modifying Sub Committees
 - d. New Business

EXHIBIT A – Committee and Community Feedback on Buffalo Avenue

- 1) Speed bumps?
- 2) Eastern Parkway and Buffalo Avenue

Last night there was another car crash at Eastern Parkway and Buffalo Avenue.

I find the DOT's plan to add a protective bike line on Buffalo Ave between Eastern Parkway and East New York Ave and delay the completion of the pedestrian safety project on Eastern Parkway, Rochester Ave and Buffalo Ave for 2 to 3 years totally unacceptable. I'm requesting that the DOT do their job fairly and focus on the 2017 Eastern Parkway Vision Zero plan to make the intersections of Eastern Parkway, Rochester Ave and Buffalo Ave pedestrian safe. I'm demanding the DOT to start work ASAP on the pedestrian safety at the intersections of Eastern Parkway, Rochester Ave and Buffalo Ave with completion by the fall of this year.

The DOT needs to comply with the community's request for a new pedestrian crosswalk east and west on Buffalo Ave between Lincoln Terrance Park Tennis courts and Lincoln Terrance Park. The plan for a possible protective bike line on Buffalo Ave should be reviewed at a later date.

I'm disappointed but not surprised by the DOT's plan to make one block safer for bikers with a protective bike lane ahead of the basic pedestrian safety for people of color on the eastern section of CB8.

- 3) On Buffalo Avenue, DOT needs to bite the bullet and eliminate enough parking spots to fully protect the northbound bike lane approaching Eastern Parkway and eliminate the slip lane at East New York Avenue. They should also add stop or yield signs at the crosswalk between the park and the tennis courts. It'll likely be several more years before DOT revisits this corridor, so they should do it right the first time. If they don't, someone *will* get hurt.
- 4) Will there be the placement of overhead signage indicating the flow responsibilities of each lane, to help eliminate any confusion to any driver who may not be familiar with the intersection, and to reinforce the proper flow.
- 5) Would a signalized midblock pedestrian crossing be a possibility to join the two halves of the park?
 - a. *** Comment enthusiastically seconded by several others ***
- 6) I wanted to ask if any of the new crosswalks will be raised?

EXHIBIT B – Committee and Community Feedback on Citibike

- 1) What are the CB9 locations along Eastern Parkway? We cannot give constructive feedback without knowing that fact.
- 2) At our [Public Safety] meeting many community/committee members voiced their concerns about the DOT and Citibike plan's for Citibike stations in Crown Heights. I feel the EST committee should have a meeting to review the plan and provide possible locations that may be more suitable for the Citibike stations in Crown Heights. The DOT may not take our recommendations but it's important that our voices are heard. As a committee we cannot ignore the concerns, ideas and recommendations of our community and committee members. If an EST committee vote is needed on the Citibike plan it can be done in June. Citibike is not a Safety or Vision Zero objective.
- 3) We need more CitiBike stations *directly* in front of subway entrances. The maps showed several stations without any CitiBike docks nearby, and others where the nearest dock was up to a block away. CitiBike and DOT should prioritize locations in the roadway, due to the highly disproportionate amount of our streets dedicated to parking vs sidewalks despite huge pedestrian counts.
- 4) I'm very happy to see these mostly in the roadbed! Our sidewalks are pretty busy and narrow, so I'm glad you won't be encroaching on that
- 5) Not happy they are on the roadbed cause no parking for neighborhood residents we have a problem already looking for parking when we come home from work.
- 6) Will you be implementing CB8 and CB9 at the same time? I'd like for the ones next to the Nostrand and Utica sooner

- 7) The loss of parking spaces results in residents parking further away from their residences. People who work late are subject to travel longer distances to reach their final destination , often late at night. This presents a safety issue. Everyone's needs are NOT being considered.

EXHIBIT C

1) **Environmental Issues:**

- a. **Air traffic noise:** We have drafted and sent a letter – is there more to be done?
- b. **Rats and pest control:** an eternal problem. What role can we play?
- c. **Sewers and catch basins:** many are clogged. How can we work to unclog them?

2) **Sanitation Issues:**

- a. **Composting:** Legislation is pending to re-fund the “brown bin” program. Should we support it?
- b. **Containerized Waste pilot project:** Putting commercial and residential waste in bags on the sidewalk is not the best way to manage waste. NYC is piloting a program to use centralized bins for collection. Should CB8 participate?
- c. **Illegal Dumping:** Are penalties high enough? Is enforcement appropriate? Are perpetrators brought to justice?

3) **Streets Issues:**

- a. **Alternate Side Parking:** Full ASP resumes in July. Is this a good thing for CB8? Should we advocate for a change?
- b. **Open Streets:** Our district has several “model” Open Streets, and a new one this summer. DOT is proposing changes: what is our feedback?
- c. **Atlantic Avenue:** Many new developments are coming to our district’s busiest roadway. What streetscape changes should accompany them?

4) **Transit Issues:**

- a. **Brooklyn Bus Map revision:** NYCT is re-mapping each Borough’s bus routes to enhance service. Do we have suggestions to make, especially as concerns some of our more problematic routes (B46 on Utica, stuck in traffic) or locations (B45 between Rogers and New York, stuck behind double parkers)?
- b. **CitiBike expansion locations:** the program is moving east. Do we have locations to suggest, or avoid?
- c. **Closed Subway entrances:** we have sent a letter – is there more to be done?

The next Environment, Sanitation & Transportation (EST) committee met on May 24, 2022 at 6:15 p.m. via WebEx. All are welcomed to attend.

Health and Human Services – Tamika Gibbs, Chair

The Health and Human Services Committee met on Thursday, March 17, 2022 via WebEx at 6:15 p.m. In addition to the Chair, Tamika Gibbs, present were, Kim Watson, Vice Chair, Frances Langley, Audrey Taitt-Hall, Kwasi Mensah, Xeerxeema Jordan, Jennifer Jordan, Princess Benn-James, L. Kim Robinson, Aqsa Shahbaz, Daniel Cox, Mariam Quraishi, and Moya Dewar.

No report was submitted, however, Ms. Watson mentioned that the committee heard from students at Sarah Lawrence and Mercy Colleges they are working on a community health assessment survey and

would like feedback from the community. They also heard from Daniel Cox from North Brooklyn Coalition. They provide support to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. They partner with the area hospitals to offer legal support and crisis management. Additional information will be given to the district office.

Ms. Gibbs thanked Ms. Granville for the information that she provided regarding the Black Health Matters Health virtual conference which she attended. She expressed how informative and helpful it was.

The next meeting of the Health and Human Services Committee will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2022 via Webex. Planned Parenthood's Project Beat Street has been invited to speak about HIV/AIDS outreach. All are welcomed to attend.

Housing (Advocacy) – Nizjoni Granville, Acting Chair

Ms. Granville reported that the Housing Advocacy Committee met virtually on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 via Webex at 6:15 p.m. In addition to the Acting Chair, Nizjoni Granville, present were: Xeerxeema Jordan, Mimi Mitchell, Jennifer Jordan, Sarah Lazur, Dian Duke, Frances Langley, Mariam Quraishi, MarieElena Harrison, Karen Gray, and Greg Todd.

No committee report was submitted, however, Ms. Granville reported that the eviction moratorium has ended which means that the nearly 200,000 city eviction cases against New Yorkers currently pending in Housing Court will begin to move forward once again. The law states that everyone is entitled to the right to counsel, unfortunately, with so many cases going to court this has created a shortage of legal representation. The Legal Aid Society can no longer take on new cases. Some judges are insisting that cases be heard anyway. She is hoping that something can be done to help renters on the state level.

The NYS budget has allocated 1 billion dollars for tenants and landlords emergency assistance. There was also discussion about the Good Cause law which means that a landlord has to give a good reason to evict tenants.

The next meeting of the Housing Advocacy Committee will be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2022. All are welcomed to attend.

Parks – Glinda Andrews, Chair

Ms. Andrews reported that the Parks Committee met virtually on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 via WebEx at 6:15 p.m. In addition to the Chair Glinda Andrews, present were: Greg Todd, Vice Chair, Marva Brown-Henry, Mark Thurton, Karen Gray, Charles East and Carolyn Johnson.

The committee submitted the following report:

Anthony Beckford from Assemblyman Brian Cunningham's office

Mr. Beckford left his email address. He would like advanced notice on any upcoming events.

Friends of Brower Park (FOBP) – Marva Brown Henry

April 24 – 12 noon -4pm -Friends of Brower Park in conjunction with Community 8 Parks committee hosted the “*Earth Day, Fun Day; It’s Not Easy Being Green*” event it was well attended and successful. *Repair the World* provided supplies to clean the park. Other participants were Brooklyn Solar Works, Solar One, the Petting Zoo, composting, the Park Rangers, and Plant & Seed Swap.

May 7 – 11am – 1pm – Street Tree Workshop with the Big Reuse organization will discuss how to keep our community green including the trees surrounding the park.

They opened the lawn at Brower Park. Dogs are back on the lawn and the grass has started to deteriorate. The community need to work with our elected officials find another location for a dog run in the neighborhood.

June 19th – Juneteenth – 12pm – 4pm. Will some storytelling, arts & craft, free books for children, music, and food for sale. Volunteers will help clean-up the park prior to Juneteenth.

One organization inquired about Lincoln Terrace Park for clean-up. Glinda Andrews will check with Lawrence Brown the president of Friends of Lincoln Terrace Park.

Imani Gardens – Greg Todd

April 22, 2022 - Earth Day, Plant Parent Meet up Open Mic” 5pm – 9pm - at least 40 to 50 people attended. This event included food, band performance, vendors, and plants were given away. Events will be held every third Friday of the Month

Saturday, May 7 – will be the Third Annual Plant Sale at the Lakou Café 10 am to 12 noon and Sunday at the Wi Café from 12noon -2pm.

Mark Thurton, Public Safety

At the Environment, Sanitation & Transportation (EST) Committee meeting on Tuesday April 26, had a presentation from DOT about the safety of Buffalo Ave near Lincoln Terrace Park the bike lane and the intersection safety. They said that the intersection safety issue may take up to two (2) years to resolve since they plan to work on the protected bike lane issue first.

This projection was not acceptable to the committee. Pedestrians’ safety should take precedent. The committee was asked to submit comments about this issue. They would like to request to put a pedestrian crosswalk between Lincoln Terrace Park and the Tennis Court.

Glinda Andrews have not heard from the Brooklyn Queens Land Trust. She will try to reach out to them.

Announcements

Nizjoni Granville – Dance Africa - The Tribute to the Ancestors will be at Weeksville on Saturday, May 21st at 10 am and on the same day the Dance Africa Community Day will performed at Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration. Their first performance at Brooklyn Academy of Music starts on Friday, May 27 to Monday May 30, 2022, Memorial Weekend.

Chi Osse is hosting a Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, May 4th at the Weeksville Heritage Society -

Crystal Hudson is doing a Mother's Day Luncheon on Friday, May 6th

Greg Todd attended a testimony about NYS passing a law about two years ago called the Climate Leadership and Committee Protection Act CLCPA. New York is the only state trying to outline a way to get carbon neutral future for the state will have scoping meeting throughout the state. The meeting was crowded with multiple testimonies. Mr. Todd suggest that everyone go online and review the information. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 pm.

The next meeting of the Parks Committee will be held on Tuesday, June 7, 2022. All are welcomed to attend.

Public Safety – Mark Thurton, Chair

Mr. Thurton reported that the Public Safety Committee met virtually on Tuesday, April 25, 2022 via WebEx at 6:15 pm. In addition to the Chair, Mark Thurton, present were: Desmond Atkins, Vice Chair, Xeerxeema Jordan, Brian Saunders, Jennifer Jordan, Dorothy Bembry-Guet, Igenie Harris-Blenman, Tamika Gibbs, Janet Collins, Lt. Polanco, Lisa Atkinson, Kim Robinson, Marva Brown-Henry, Princess Benn-James, Nizjoni Granville, Andrea Ferris, Karen Gray, Raul Rothblatt, Roger Myers, Marsha, Janice and 5 callers.

No committee report was submitted, however, Mr. Thurton mentioned that the committee discussed the police crime stats for the 77th Precinct for the month of April. Sadly, there has been an increase in every category except homicide where there was a slight decrease year to date. The committee also discussed traffic safety concerns.

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be held on Monday, May 23, 2022 via WebEx. All are welcomed to attend.

Seniors- Gail Branch-Muhammad, Chair

Ms. Muhammad reported that the Seniors Committee met on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 6:00 pm. At Crown Heights Apartments located at 1055 St. John's Place. She also introduced the Vice Chair of the Committee Ms. Regina Kinsey.

No report was submitted, however, Ms. Muhammad stated that this was the first in person meeting in over 2 years. The Seniors were very happy to get together and network with everyone. The committee partnered with the Local Development Corporation of Crown Heights (LDCCH) to host the meeting. It was a Mother's Day event and Ms. Kinsey read a beautiful poem dedicated to mothers. She thanked CB8 members who provided refreshments for the seniors. She also thanked PO Vidal who has always made himself available to the Seniors Committee. He provided the seniors with special ink pens that they can use to write out their checks when paying bills. These special pens make it difficult for criminals to steal their checks and erase their information and use the checks fraudulently.

The committee heard from Ms. Carmen Martinez from LDCCH, she stated that they have received funding from the 35th Council member to provide computer classes to the seniors. Any senior interested in the classes must visit the office at 252 Kingston Avenue to sign up for classes.

The committee is planning a game night for their June meeting. They will partner with Grandma's Hands and Local Development Corporation of Crown Heights. They have received several donations for the prizes.

The next meeting of the Seniors Committee will be held on Wednesday, June 1, 2022. All are welcomed to attend.

Veterans – Nizjoni Granville, Chair

Ms. Granville reported that the Veteran's Committee met on Tuesday, April 19, 2022. In addition to the Chair Nizjoni Granville, present were: Audrey Taitt-Hall, Xeerxeema Jordan, Jennifer Jordan, Frances Langley and Julia Boyd.

No report was submitted, however, Ms. Granville mentioned that she has been attending joint meetings with Community Boards 3 and 16 discussing veterans benefits and making donations to veterans. The committee will reach out to get a speaker from Veterans Administration to find out ways to support veterans once they leave active duty.

She reminded everyone that you do not have to be a veteran to attend. If you know a vet, please invite them to attend. Everyone is welcome to attend to help find ways to assist the veterans in our community.

The next meeting of the Veterans Committee will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2022. All are welcomed to attend.

Ms. Weatherspoon thanked everyone for their committee reports and asked Assemblywoman Stephani Zinerman to say a few words.

Assemblywoman Stephani– 56th Assembly District wished all mothers a happy Mother's Day and gave some brief updates. You all may remember that her predecessor Tramaine Wright was able to get a law passed establishing a cease and desist zone in the district to ensure that we were not being harassed by predatory developers and others. The State Department has scheduled a public hearing on June 9, 2022 at Brooklyn Borough Hall, 209 Joralemon Street from 6-8pm for people to come out and testify. Also, if you were harassed and are still being harassed, receiving letters or flyers in the mail, please submit this information to her office prior the hearing. They are trying to gather enough information so that this area can finally be designated a cease and desist zone. If you would like to testify you can register at her office at 1360 Fulton Street.

This weekend she will be hosting a few events starting tomorrow in preparation for summer. She has been working with the violence interrupters and some youth development organizations to come up with ways to make sure that everyone stays safe this summer because as we all know violence escalates during the summer months.

They are planning to premiere the first of many PSA's featuring young people really expressing what safety means to them. At the premiere they will have formally incarcerated individuals speaking to the youth and also book signings, meditation and healing. The premiere will be held tomorrow at Restoration Plaza at 5:30 pm. On Saturday, they will be hosting a Know Your Rights and Immigration Clinic sponsored by Brooklyn Legal Services and the Mayor's Office of Immigrations Services from 11-3p.m.

On June 4th she will be hosting their 2nd annual block party which will focus on health and wellness. She also reminded everyone that the primary election will be held on June 28 for the Assembly, judiciary candidates, district leaders and committee members. Also, on August 23rd there will be a special election for a few state senate seats available, please remember to get out and vote.

Lastly, Assemblywoman Zinerman was able to get a feasibility study for Marcus Garvey armory, they are seeking ideas for reimagining that space. Please submit ideas to MG-armory56.org.

I hope everyone has gotten a poll for the Good Cause Eviction Bill so far they have received 94 responses. The authors of the bill have been invited to the district to explain the bill in detail. She thanked the Chair for allowing her to speak at the end of the meeting.

Ms. Wedderburn asked the Assemblywoman to identify the boundaries of the cease and desist zone. Assemblywoman Zinerman explained that the zone will be determined by the data received from residents who have been victims.

Ms. Gray ask for the location of the of the cease and desist public hearing. It will be held at Brooklyn Borough Hall on June 9th.

Dr. Lazur asked how she can get information regarding Good Cause Evictions. She was told that she is on the mailing list and the information was sent out, please check your spam folder.

Ms. Watson asked for the location of the block party. It will be on Fulton Street between Brooklyn and New York Avenue.

Ms. Ortiz-Joyner stated that she did receive the poll and has filled it out and sent it back.

Ms. Weatherspoon thanked Assemblywoman Zinnerman for the update and asked her to email the information to the community board office for distribution. She asked if anyone had any further questions, comments or announcements. Hearing none, she wished everyone a happy Memorial Day and adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm.

Guests Present

Mimi Mitchell
Celeste Morris
Celeste Loft
Corey Anderson
Dorothy Bembry-Guet
Eli Liedman
Elaine Weinstein
Hellen King-Denman
Jack Robinson
Jamell Henderson
James Ellis
Julia Foster
Jennifer Jordan
Kevin Wolfe

L. Kim Robinson
Phyllis Grannum
Nicole Nix Laemmle
Karen Gray
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