

**Community Board 8
Brooklyn Children's Museum
145 Brooklyn Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11213**

December 12, 2024

Members Present

Akua Aidoo
Sharon Alexis-Pierre
Gail Branch-Muhammad
Dian Duke
Benny Faygen
Mohammad Hassan
Tafari John-King
Frances Langley
Robert Lapointe
Dr. Sarah Lazur
Lisa Maldonado
William Meehan
Mimi Mitchell
Fior Ortiz-Joyner
Robert Puca
Conor Ross
Ezra Roth
Brian Saunders
Robin Smith
Katie Taylor
Dana Thompson
Mark Thurton
Esmond Turnbull
Gib Veconi
Kimberly Watson
Sharon Wedderburn
Robert Witherwax
Deborah Young

CB8 Staff Present

Michelle George, District Manager
Julia Neale, Community Coordinator

Members Absent/Excused

Peter Anekwe
Princess Benn-James
Robert Callahan
Edward Delman
Ammar Elahi
Tamika Gibbs
Nizjoni Granville
Jamell Henderson
Malik Jabati
David Mantell
Kwasi Mensah
Courtney Morgan
Taraya Pettway
Yahya Raji
Dr. Cadesa Ramharrack
Anika Roach
Meredith Staton
Briana Uwa
Irsa Weatherspoon

Elected Officials Present

Councilmember Crystal Hudson 35th District

Elected Official Representatives

Tendai Watkins for Assemblywoman Stefani Zinerman
Andrew Wright for Councilmember Crystal Hudson
Elika Runtan for Councilmember Crystal Hudson
Tamisha Thompson for Councilmember Darlene Mealy
Krista Reilly for Senator Zellnor Myrie
Orlando Ross for Congressman Yvette Clarke

Agency Reps Present

Jonah Rogoff, Dept. of City Planning
Alex Sommers, Dept. of City Planning
Alicia Pritchard, Bklyn Public Library Brower Branch

In the absence of the Chair Irsa Weatherspoon, the meeting was chaired by Ms. Gail Branch-Muhammad, 1st Vice Chair. She called the meeting to order at 6:40pm and welcomed everyone to the last meeting of 2024. She thanked Mr. Edwards for allowing us to use this wonderful auditorium and asked him to say a few words.

Brooklyn Children's Museum – Atiba Edwards, President and COO

Mr. Edwards introduced himself as the President and Chief Operating Officer and stated that it is always a pleasure to host community board meetings and meetings that serve the community. He stated that he has been with the museum for 5 years. He has been in this position for 1 year and 1 month and he is excited to serve Brooklyn in this position. He introduced Michael William, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer and Morgan Vickers, Director of Special Events and Community Affairs.

Ms. Muhammad then called for a roll call, and once a quorum was met she opened the floor to the Public Hearing on committee action items.

Public Hearing

Cannabis Ad Hoc Committee

The Cannabis committee met on Monday, November 25, 2024 to discuss the adult use dispensary application for BK Greenery to be located at 367 Flatbush Avenue (between Park and Sterling Places). Present were: Kimberly Watson, Tamika Gibbs, Audrey Taitt-Hall, Jennifer Jordan, Xeerxeema Jordan, Tafari John-King, Kim Robinson, Roger Myers, Robert Lapointe, Mimi Mitchell, Peter Tulloch, Michelle George, Julia Neale, Mr. and Mrs. DeRiggs, Chris DeRiggs, and Banton Banton.

The licensee, Mr. Michael DeRiggs, informed the committee that the location would be family run and operated, with his wife and adult children participating in the day-to-day operations. Each member would participate in the success of the business in terms of marketing, sales, merchandising, etc. The vision for BK Greenery is “not only for a store, but for a space that supports the community...and feels like a good neighbor.” They explained that the space would be “grounding in nature,” filled with lush greenery to incorporate the naturalness of cannabis as an herb for healing.

The establishment will operate Monday thru Thursday from 11AM to 9PM, Friday and Saturday from 9AM to 10PM, and Sunday from 10 AM to 9AM, and will utilize security cameras connected to a central command station, security personnel and multiple cashiers and budtenders on each shift. The applicant team intends to offer delivery service once OCM finalizes delivery requirements and will seek to deliver within a 2 mile radius to Brooklyn customers.

The applicant team has experience in the cannabis industry having operated a cannabis cultivation farm in St. Vincent where they are from originally. Unfortunately, they cited environmental traumas outside of their control as the reason the farm had to be released.

On motion made and seconded, the committee voted unanimously with 11 in favor to support the application as presented. It hopes the full Board supports its recommendation. Mr. Gibbs made a

motion to support the committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Watson and carried unanimously.

Environment, Sanitation, Transportation (EST)

The EST Committee met on Tuesday, November 26, 2024. In addition to the Chair Robert Witherwax, present were: Peter Anekwe, Uma Bhandaram, Phyllis Grannum, Karen Gray, Saskia Haegens, Delores Hutchinson, Peter Krashes, Frances Langley, Lisa Maldonado, William Meehan, Alex Morano, Traci Nottingham, Fior Ortiz-Joyner, Conor Ross, Ezra Roth, Celeste Stern, Audrey Taitt-Hall, Mark Thurton, Briana Uwa, Cheryl Walcott, Scott Weinstein and Deborah Young.

The committee discussed the following:

1. Resolution on Discounted Citibike Membership for NYC students

In September 2024, the committee heard a presentation from Transportation Alternatives seeking the Board's support for a resolution calling on Lyft, the parent company of Citibike, to provide discounted Citibike memberships for students aged 16+ who attend NYC DOE schools and CUNY schools. During their presentation, they illustrated some of the transit challenges students face including delayed trains and buses, schools located far from transit, and lack of secure storage for personal bikes. It was noted that leveraging the existing infrastructure of Citibike stations in NYC could add another option for students' commutes. Currently, a Citibike membership costs \$220 annually, which makes the service cost prohibitive for many students. However, a discounted membership at \$60 (or a \$5 monthly fee) would open the Citibike network to NYC students at a far more affordable rate.

The committee established a working group to review the Draft Resolution, and the committee voted 22 in favor with 1 abstention to support the following resolution for Affordable Student Citi Bike Memberships:

"In recognition of the fact that, while Citi Bike has become an invaluable resource and additional mode of public transportation for New York City residents, solving the "last mile" challenge to destinations not easily accessible by public transit in a sustainable manner, the recent price hikes for Citi Bike memberships pose a significant barrier to accessibility for many New York City students who may have long and inconvenient school commutes, and who might otherwise avail themselves of this resource,

"BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 8 supports offering a \$5 per month membership to all NYC students aged 18 and above, in order to provide them with affordable access to Citi Bike.

"Brooklyn Community Board 8 strongly proposes Lyft and the operators of Citibike to mandate cycling and road safety education as a precondition for this membership.

"Community Board 8 urges Mayor Adams, NYC Departments of Education and Transportation, and CUNY institutions to allocate necessary resources and support for the implementation of this program, recognizing its potential to improve student transportation options, reduce chronic

absenteeism, promote physical activity, and enhance academic performance among New York City students.”

The committee hopes the full Board supports the language in the resolution to offer heavily discounted CitiBike memberships to all CUNY students ages 18 and over. Mr. Ross made a motion to support the committee’s recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Meehan and carried unanimously.

2. Co-Naming for Greater Bibleway Church, NE corner of Lincoln Place and Rochester Avenue

In May 2024, the committee heard a presentation from parishioners of Greater Bibleway Church to co-name the northeast corner of Lincoln Place at Rochester Avenue to “HLR Apostolic Mecca Way”. Church members explained the many services in the community that highlight the church’s decades of service to the community, including a weekly food pantry, clothing and school supplies drives, and homework help for students among many other services. The committee voted unanimously with 23 in favor to support the co-name request in hopes that the full Board supports its recommendation.

Ms. Langley made a motion to support the committee’s recommendation. The motion was seconded by Dr. Lazur and carried unanimously.

SLA and Sidewalk Café Review Committee (SLAC)

The SLAC Committee met on Monday, December 2, 2024. In addition to Robert Witherwax, Vice Chair, present were: Akua Aidoo, Peter Anekwe, Jennifer Jordan, Xeerxeema Jordan, Mimi Mitchell, Roger Myers, Robert Puca, Brian Saunders, Robin Smith, Gib Veconi and Cheryl Walcott.

The committee discussed the following:

- a. New Full Liquor License application for the Brooklyn Children’s Museum, 145 Brooklyn Avenue (corner of St. Marks Avenue)

Details of the application include:

- i. The museum would hold the license in this instance versus a third party operating the café like in previous years. Mr. Atiba Edwards, Executive Director, presented the application
- ii. Hours of operation Wednesday thru Sunday 11AM to 10PM.
- iii. Consists of two spaces in the museum:
 1. Café space (max capacity 135)
 2. Rooftop terrace (max capacity 750)

The committee voted 10 in favor with 1 abstention to support the application and hopes the full Board supports its recommendation. Ms. Ortiz-Joyner made a motion to support the committee’s recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Saunders and carried with 25 in favor, 1 abstention and 1 against.

- b. Upgrade license application for Holic Thai Bistro, 592 Nostrand Avenue (between Atlantic Avenue and Pacific Street). Applicant is upgrading from a beer/wine/cider to a full license with the same parameters of operation as previous.

Details of the application include:

- i. Hours of operation Sunday thru Wednesday Noon to 10:30PM, Thursday thru Saturday Noon to 11:30PM.
- ii. One bar space with 7 seats, 6 tables with 2 to 4 seats each with a max of 24 seats.
- iii. Recorded background music

The committee voted 11 in favor to support the application and hopes the full Board supports its recommendation. Mr. Meehan made a motion to support the committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Duke and carried with 26 in favor, 1 abstention and none against.

2. Dining Out application for Bearded Lady, 686A Washington Avenue (corner of St. Marks Avenue) Application is for two 9 foot roadway beds (one on Washington Avenue and one on St. Marks Avenue). Each structure would have 8 seats. Applicant also applied for a sidewalk café under the Dining Out program with a 32x10 foot café on St. Marks Avenue and a 16x7 foot café on Washington Avenue with 36 total seats.

The committee voted 11 in favor to support the application and hopes the full Board supports its recommendation. Mr. Thurton made a motion to support the committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Veconi and carried with 22 in favor, 3 abstention and 2 against.

Economic Development, Environment Sanitation & Transportation and Housing & Land Use

Over the last few months, the Economic Development, Environment Sanitation Transportation and Housing Land Use Committee met and discussed the Atlantic Avenue Mixed Use Plan, (AAMUP).

Ms. Wedderburn, Mr. Veconi, Mr. Saunders, Ms. Maldonado and Mr. Witherwax gave the history about CB8's M1-1 Zone which became M-Crown (Manufacturing, Commercial, Residential Opportunity for a Working Neighborhood) and is now known as AAMUP. Each of them covered the section of the plan that represents their committee. The three Chairs presented the following conditions:

Brooklyn Community Board 8 supports the ULURP proposal brought forth by the Department of City Planning, 2022K0436, with the following conditions:

- I. LAND USE

1. Zoning

The 1.1 FAR incentive in the Special Atlantic Avenue Mixed Use District for M1-2A/R6A zoning areas must include 0.5 FAR restricted to light-industrial, arts-related, cultural, civic and repair and production service uses.

2. Zoning:
For buildings in the M1-4A/R9A zoning area, zoning is modified to M1-4A/R8A, with maximum height of 145 feet and residential FAR of 7.2. An incentive 1.1 FAR is added to encourage the development of mixed-use buildings, with a requirement for 0.5 FAR restricted to light-industrial, arts-related, cultural, civic and repair and production service uses.
3. Zoning:
In the R6B district proposed for R7D zoning, residential development must be 100% affordable housing, or the applicable zoning shall be R6A.
4. Zoning:
Lots in the Special Atlantic Avenue Mixed Use District which as of the date of certification for ULURP contained more than 20,000 square feet occupied by non-residential tenants engaged in uses conforming to M1-1 zoning, if redeveloped, must contain floor area restricted to M1-1 conforming uses equivalent to that occupied at the date of certification.
5. Affordable Housing:
MIH options 1 and 2 are removed from the application. A new MIH option 3.5 is created and mapped with 40% of floor area targeting an average of 30% AMI.
6. Affordable Housing
HPD commits to developing the following sites as 100% affordable housing targeting an average income of 25% AMI.
 - a. 457 Nostrand Avenue
 - b. 1134 Pacific Street
 - c. 1110 Atlantic Avenue
 - d. 510 Clermont Avenue
 - e. 178 Brooklyn Avenue
 - f. Any other City-owned sites that are added to the application for development as affordable housing prior to its approval by the City Council.
7. Tenant Protection - Residential:
The City makes a five-year commitment of \$3,000,000 annually to fund free representation to tenants in community district 8 affirmative and defensive cases, allocating funding to organizations like Legal Services NYC, the Legal Aid Society (LAS) and the New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG).
8. Tenant Protection:
HPD establishes a registry for tenants facing displacement pressure in the AAMUP study area (e.g., who receive legal representation through the fund previously described, as well as other intake channels). Should registered tenants be displaced, they shall receive preference for 50% of units of affordable housing created in any building developed as a consequence of the AAMUP rezoning, such units being separate from any units allocated to other preferenced classes that may exist at the time an affordable housing lottery takes place.

II. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

9. Dedicated workforce development program

The City shall create a career center and workforce development program specific to the AAMUP study area, located in the Bedford-Atlantic Armory to operate for at least 10 years. (Alternatively, fund a non-profit to provide these services.) The program shall include construction, construction adjacent trades, green economy jobs associated with sustainable construction, light-industrial, arts-related, cultural, civic, repair, production and service jobs. It shall be staffed by four professionals and target at least 200 placements per year. Program selection shall prioritize residents of community boards, 2,3,& 8.

10. Career development and training programs for youth and young adults

The City shall support career development and training programs for youth ages 15-26 who reside in CB2, CB3, and CB8, in areas including but not limited to construction, construction adjacent trades, green economy jobs associated with sustainable construction, light-industrial, arts-related, cultural, civic, repair, production and service jobs.

11. Apprenticeship incentive program

The City shall fund a construction apprenticeship incentive program for a period of 10 years with an annual contribution of \$10M, to provide contractors with grants for hiring clients of the AAMUP workforce development and youth and young adults programs, as well as existing workforce development programs in CB2, CB3, and CB8.

12. Local entrepreneur capital fund

The City shall create a low-interest capital fund for a period of 10 years with an annual contribution of \$10M for local entrepreneurs, including entrepreneurs displaced within the last 10 years, to locate in the AAMUP rezoning area (with a focus on Black and M/WBE entrepreneurs). M/WBE certification shall be provided by non-profit partners.

13. Green technology incubator

The City shall create a robust green technology Incubator and Accelerator for a period of 10 years, located at the Bedford-Atlantic armory (or other City-owned space in the study area) and coordinated with City and State services, with preference given to M/WBE entrepreneurs. The programs shall include mentorship, office space, legal and technical support to access government programs, financial and other incentives.

14. Relocation fund

The City shall make grants over a period of ten years to local businesses displaced (directly or indirectly) by the rezoning efforts. Each business will be eligible to receive grants of up to \$250,000 per business adjusted for inflation, from the adoption of therezoning, and on a case-by-case basis thereafter. The City shall also provide funding for legal services, real estate, and other relocation support and advocacy services to these businesses. Businesses located in the proposed rezoning area since April 2015, the date of the official CB8 adoption of the MCrown rezoning proposal, will be eligible, whether or not they were located in the rezoning area at the time of City Council approval of the AAMUP application.

15. Economic Impact Study

The City shall fund an impact study to analyze the effects of the rezoning on the community, with the goal of preventing displacement to the greatest extent possible.

The study will be conducted by the proposed Community Oversight Body and its consultant with support from DCP, HPD, and SBS, and will include close tracking and monitoring of resident and business displacement and conditions for potential displacement. The Study will be conducted every three years and will include quantitative and qualitative data.

16. Notification and support to businesses facing displacement

At least 30 days prior to the City Council holding hearings on the AAMUP ULURP applications, the City Council Members shall notify all businesses in the rezoning area as to the proposed actions, and the dates of all planned hearings. And after the Rezoning is approved, shall notify and advise all businesses in the rezoning area of all resources at their disposal. Notification shall include direct mail and community outreach.

17. Supporting local businesses

The City shall set up a process so that local businesses receive a preference for City contracting and proactive information regarding private business opportunities emanating from the AAMUP plan, along with support for that process, to enable small business growth and development.

18. Supporting business parking

The zoning will allow for on-site parking sufficient for commercial manufacturing entities to sustain their services.

19. Retail square footage restrictions

The zoning will allow for a maximum of 10,000 sq feet for ground floor retail uses throughout AAMUP, except for grocery stores, to encourage smaller retail and discourage "big box" development.

III. ENVIRONMENTAL, SANITATION, AND TRANSPORTATION

20. Sidewalks and the Pedestrian Experience

a. Install bollards in front of amenities like parks. Specifically, include bollards on the sidewalks adjacent to Dean Street Playground on Dean Street and Bergen Street.

b. Loading docks and/or entrances to off-street parking shall be designed to minimize intrusion into the pedestrian environment and disruption of the usage of Pacific, Dean, and Bergen Streets as local multimodal streets. Off-street parking, if built and not fully utilized by development residents, must be opened to the public. The zoning will allow for on-site parking sufficient for commercial manufacturing entities to sustain their services.

c. Except for containerization, waste / recycling must be stored indoors.

21. Streetscape

a. Within 24 months, work with the local stakeholder community to develop a comprehensive plan for the street network in the AAMUP study area that both reflects Atlantic Avenue's vital importance for through-travel and also provides for safer east-west bike travel, safer crossings of Atlantic Avenue, a more livable and walkable environment on Atlantic, and improved bus travel.

b. Within 24 months, implement SIPS ("light touch" street improvements) to promote safety on Atlantic Avenue intersections, including but not limited to 6th Avenue,

Carlton Avenue, Vanderbilt Avenue, Clinton Avenue, Washington Avenue, Grand Avenue, Classon Avenue, Franklin Avenue, Bedford Avenue, Nostrand Avenue, New York Avenue, Brooklyn Avenue and Kingston Avenue.

- c. Plan for a variety of curbside uses, including space for waste containers and loading zones in front of all entrances to large buildings, specifically a loading zone in front of the building to be constructed at 542 Dean Street.

22. Transit

- a. Capital improvements to Clinton-Washington, Franklin, and Nostrand A/C train stations, and the Franklin Avenue Shuttle, including accessibility upgrades and re-opening closed entrances.
- b. The right of way of the Franklin Avenue Shuttle should be protected and not infringed upon, with sufficient space for a potential reconstruction with two tracks.
- c. The B65 bus route should remain on Bergen and Dean Streets.

23. Open Space

- a. The Open Space Incentive is removed from the Special Atlantic Avenue Mixed Use District.
- b. Any new open spaces should be Parks, or if funded and owned privately, administered by the Parks Department, rather than publicly accessible open spaces. Approval of any expansions or renovations to existing open spaces should include Community Board review and outreach and notice to adjacent residents and businesses.
- c. All existing parks, gardens, and open spaces, whether public or private, will be protected from development.
- d. The Department of Parks shall install new astroturf and a new children's play area with heat safe equipment at the Dean Playground.

24. Environmental

- a. Abide by COY: Carbon Neutrality and other best practices.
- b. A contiguous street tree canopy should be encouraged and wherever possible, rain gardens should be installed. Maintenance (cleaning, weeding, planting, etc) of street trees, planters, and rain gardens should be funded by developments. Street furniture and redesigns should not interfere with cleaning and maintenance of curb zones, storm drains, etc.

25. General

The City shall fund a consultant to act as facilitator of a community body formed to oversee the City's delivery of benefits committed as part of the AAMUP neighborhood rezoning to provide transparency and accountability. Funding shall be for ten years of the date of approval of the ULURP application. Members of the body shall be nominated by City Council members and Community Boards whose districts overlap the AAMUP study area, with a priority for tenants to be represented.

A lengthy discussion ensued, and several questions were raised and amendments made. Briefly, they include the following:

Regarding the HPD lots on Bergen and Dean Streets, Mr. Veconi clarified that R7D is a much denser zoning allowance than the other areas within the site. The committees, as well as DCP and Councilmember Hudson, believe this to be appropriate because the two properties will be 100% affordable. Another 5 buildings are mentioned in the application that can be redeveloped for affordable housing. Not all of them are called out as 100% affordable or even mention the rate of affordability, but the condition is to demand that they are indeed 100% affordable at the rate of 25% AMI, which is deeply affordable. Considering that CBs 3 and 8 have the highest rates of displacement in the city, this condition allows the protection of these tenants with a preference for return to the city should they be found to be displaced as a result of the AAMUP proposal.

Regarding preservation efforts in the M1-1 area, Mr. Veconi also clarified that a condition exists to ensure that light manufacturing be possible, and thus a condition much bigger than other areas in the site. Thought to be appropriate because they are 100% affordable. The buildings in the high density manufacturing zones should stay this way, so the condition regarding lots in the special district on Atlantic Avenue area must have M1-1 conforming uses. This is so we can preserve what is already in existence like 1000 Dean and a few other buildings in the zone. Additionally, the existing uses on Atlantic Avenue can only be allowed on Dean and Pacific Streets if developers add mixed use floors to their project.

Regarding the technology incubator, Mr. Saunders and Ms. Maldonado clarified that the ten-year commitment from the city is crucial for the economic development portion of the proposal. There was, however, some angst amongst several members of the Board about having young women having to enter the shelter with homeless men, many of whom have mental health and criminal backgrounds. Ms. George assured members that the armory is large enough to accommodate the programs within while keeping participants separate. She provided examples of other such spaces in the borough, including the Park Slope armory on 8th Avenue which operates a women's shelter and a YMCA. These 2 spaces co-exist and have separate entrances.

The pair also clarified that the Board is demanding an economic impact study as well with the goal of preventing displacement to the largest extent possible. The goal is to make sure that the businesses that might be negatively impacted by this proposal are as involved as possible and actively engaged.

Regarding the transportation and streetscape improvements as part of the plan, Mr. Witherwax stated that the proposal currently does not contain a significant amount of concrete streetscape planning, so a condition is that within 24 months of approval, the city must create a working group to develop a comprehensive plan. One of the conditions is to retain the current route of the B65 bus on Bergen Street (westbound) and Dean Street (eastbound). The current MTA plan is to put the bus on Atlantic Avenue at Washington Avenue. He stated that this is unacceptable and the condition to retain the current route is paramount.

Additionally, he stated that priority is to not give a zoning bulk bonus for paltry open spaces. There is a need to ensure that the open spaces are administered by the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR).

Dr. Lazur stated that she had hoped to get a chance to return to the issue of the advisory board of who will oversee all of these conditions as we move forward. She stated that tenants are rarely

represented on advisory boards appointed by elected officials, yet they are the ones most deleteriously impacted by rezoning proposals and displacement. She proposed an amendment to Condition #25 to mandate that 70% of the seats on the board should be designated for tenants that have been actively involved in fighting displacement. She added that she would like small homeowners to be fairly represented as well. In agreement, Ms. Ortiz-Joyner clarified that small homeowners should be defined as 1 to 3 family units that are owner occupied.

On Dr. Lazur's motion to amend C25, Ms. Mitchell seconded and offered clarification that business owners are included as tenants. There was significant back and forth on the motion as a better understanding of the definition of tenant was hashed out. Upon acceptance that the new condition specify that tenants should include commercial tenants as well, the motion to amend the condition passed with a final tally of 27 in favor, 0 opposed, with 1 abstention.

Ms. Ortiz-Joyner made a motion to amend C21 to require that the loading zone, curb cut, etc. be located only at the main entrance of large buildings and not all entrances. The motion was seconded by Mr. Veconi and carried unanimously with 26 in favor.

Questioning C23, Ms. Watson asked why DPR should be the responsible party for all newly created open spaces when the agency is so historically underfunded. Specifically, she asked if private funds could be allocated to DPR or some other way to ensure that the agency is able to fully administer the spaces since their budget falls far short of the 1% that the Board has advocated for and is on par with the NYPD overtime budget.

Following Ms. Watson's concern, a resident of Pacific Street noted the immediate public health concern with the AAMUP proposal since there is no language at all for the creation of open spaces. The language is "IF" open space is created. She encouraged the Board to identify a methodology and create a condition to figure out how to create open spaces not only on Atlantic Avenue, but also on Pacific, Dean, and Bergen Streets. Once the buildings are constructed on Atlantic Avenue, the residents of those southern blocks will be living under shadows in perpetuity, and as such, she encouraged the Board to impose a minimum number of square feet of open space to be created within the proposal.

Mr. Witherwax acknowledged that it is urgent that we protect the paucity of open space we currently have. Unfortunately, DCP is willing to entertain zoning bonuses for such open spaces, and the Board is truly hesitant to offer such bonuses and contribute to additional shadows and lost air.

Mr. Veconi offered an amendment to C23a that was seconded by Ms. Mitchell. It passed with a final vote of 24 in favor with 3 abstentions.

Mr. Meehan questioned the Board's lack of uniform specificity in the number of years for commitments. In some instances, it is a five-year commitment and in others a ten-year. With the assistance of Councilmember Hudson, he proposed that all commitment timeframes have an equal time period of ten years. He made a motion to amend C7, C11, and C12 to have a uniform 10-year timeframe. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mitchell and carried unanimously with 26 in favor.

Mr. Meehan also made a motion to amend C15 to add that the findings are published on Open Data. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mitchell and carried with a final vote of 27 in favor, 0 opposed, with 1 abstention.

Ms. Smith reinforced her concern of the work force development program being located in the Bedford Atlantic Armory. Understanding the concern, Mr. Veconi made an amendment to add gender equity and safety to ensure that women and young girls feel comfortable applying for and attending the programs. Ms. Smith accepted that amendment and seconded the motion, which carried unanimously with 26 in favor.

Ms. Nadeen Gayle, District Manager of CB 3, applauded the Board and asked if it would be willing to support CB3's condition that all data show who was represented and assisted. The request was accepted and noted in the final document.

Councilmember Hudson provided clarification on a few points based on the questions she heard. First, to Ms. Watson's query about DPR's historic underfunding, the member stated that it is specifically the Mayor that refuses to properly fund the department. The City Council wholeheartedly supports the Parks 1% initiative and will continue to fight for increased funding for the agency.

Secondly, the member clarified the difference with yes or no votes with conditions by stating that a yes with conditions provides more leverage by showing that the board is open to the process while a no vote shows that it is not open at all. The member acknowledged that not all conditions will be met as they are just not possible or feasible. However, CB8 saying yes with conditions makes it easier for her to advocate in the council to get a yes from the legislative body and also to engage in stronger negotiations with DCP.

Councilmember Hudson stated that AMMUP was the vision of Community Board 8 that started over 10 years ago. She thanked CB8 for all their input to this plan. She announced that the Brooklyn Borough President will hold his public hearing on AAMUP on January 15th and encouraged everyone to attend.

Mr. Saunders made a motion to conditionally support the Atlantic Avenue Mixed Use Plan provided the conditions are met. The motion was seconded by Mr. Meehan and carried unanimously with 26 in favor.

Ms. Muhammad thanked all the members and committees involved for their hard work over the years and asked for public comments.

Mr. Orlando Ross from Congresswoman Yvette Clarke's office announced that the member is the newly elected Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus and only the 10th woman to serve in this position. He also mentioned the Congressional Job Fair with the following Congressmembers- Jeffries, Velazquez, and Goldman. This will be held on Friday, December 20th from 11AM-2PM at City Tech College, 300 Jay Street.

Ms. Thompson from Councilmember Darlene Mealy's office announced that the next Community Advisory Board meeting will be held on Saturday, December 21, 2024 at 400

Rockaway Avenue from 11 to 12:30PM. Toy giveaway to immediately follow from 1PM to 3PM. Additionally, she distributed flyers for the Democratic District Christmas Celebration on December 21st starting at 7PM at 1086 Myrtle Avenue.

Ms. Muhammad thanked the elected officials and representatives for the information and opened the floor for committee reports.

Mr. Witherwax announced that there would be no December meeting of the EST Committee. The next meeting will be January 28, 2025 at 6:30PM at Crown Heights Nursing Home located at 810 St. Marks Avenue. All are invited to attend.

Mr. Saunders thanked the Economic Development Committee members for all of their hard work on the AAMUP proposal. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday season and New Year. The next meeting will be January 14, 2025 at 6:15PM at Brower Park Library located at 155 Brooklyn Avenue. All are invited to attend.

Ms. Watson announced that the Parks, Youth & Education Committee will be working in sub committees to assess afterschool programming. As a community, we need to find out what these programs are and how well attended they are in an effort to get more involvement out of our youth. The next meeting will be January 7, 2025 at 6:15PM at Brower Park Library located at 155 Brooklyn Avenue. All are invited to attend.

Mr. Thurton announced that the Public Safety Committee would not meet in the month of December. The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 27, 2025 at a new location: Legal Hand located at 252 Kingston Avenue at 6:30PM. All are invited to attend.

Ms. Muhammad announced that the Seniors committee met on December 4, 2024. She thanked Traci Nottingham for attending to do an arts and crafts event with the seniors. The next meeting will be January 8, 2025 at 6 PM at Crown Heights Apartments located at 1055 St. John's Place. All are invited to attend.

On behalf of the Veterans Committee, Ms. Audrey Taitt-Hall announced that there would be no Veterans Committee meeting in the month of December.

With no further business, Ms. Muhammad wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, Happy Kwanza, Happy 3 Kings Day and adjourned the meeting at 9:15p.m.

Guests Present:

Regina Glover
Jack Lei
Philip Lee
Cheryl Walcott
Xeexema Jordan
Jennifer Jordan
Asar John
Ryan Christman
Lareto D.
Crystal Cooper

Adrienne Grande
Veronica Criswell
Charles Nkurunziza
Michael DeRiggs
Chris DeRiggs
Banton Banton
Audrey Taitt-Hall
Pamela E.
Kurtis Weatherford
Diana Bond
Roger Myers
Lisa Greenridge
Kazembe Batts
Tiffany Pryce
Delaney Spangler
Karen E.
Diana Drogeris
Betty Davis
Ella Levith
Dion Ashman
Veronica McQueen
Ibrahim Ayu
Cody Israel
Jonathan Marable
Hellen Denman
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