



**MINUTES OF THE  
MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2011  
COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING  
BEDFORD STUYVESANT RESTORATION CORPORATION  
1368 FULTON STREET  
BROOKLYN, NY 11216**

**Attendance:**

**Members Present:** Divinah Bailey, Michael Bailey, Jacqueline Bolling, Gloria Boyce, Henry Butler, Charles Coleman, Jr., Evelyn Collier, Waleed Cope, Dolores Witherspoon-Dickerson, Isaiah Dillhunt, Richard Flateau, Brenda Fryson, Gregory Glasgow, Renee Turner-Gregory, Eddie Hampton, Deon Davis-Harris, Sean Hawkins, Mary Jemison-Head, Kimberly Hill, Vincent James, Edna Johnson, Beatrice Jones, Hardy “Joe” Long, Onida Coward-Mayers, Wilma Maynard, Paulette Moorehead, Eldica Murray, Bernice McRae, Sharland Norris, C. Doris Pinn, Ruby Aiken-Purnell, Marcella Simmons, Nelson M. Stoute, Randolph Waterman, Rev. Robert Waterman, Douglas Williams, L. Joy Williams, Tremaine Wright

**Members Absent:** Kim Best, Josephine Dismore, Monique Greenwood, Vanessa Gumbs, Tyquana Henderson, Marion Little, Michael McCaw, Arthur Niles, Kwaku Payton, Mark Pollard, Rev. Jesse Sumbry, Ayana Ajanaku-Vason

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Eddie Hampton.

**REMARKS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON – Henry L. Butler**

Mr. Butler thanked his fellow board members for re-electing him as the Board Chair for another year. He stated that he will continue to be the best chairperson he can be for his members and the community. He introduced the other elected officers: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair – C. Doris Pinn, Treasurer – Bernice McRae, Executive Secretary – Sharland Norris, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – Michael Bailey.

Mr. Butler advised residents to call the Board office at 718-622-6601 if their streets had not been plowed and their garbage had not been picked up. He added that Council Member Letitia James, Chair of the Sanitation Committee will be holding a public hearing on January 10<sup>th</sup>, regarding what went wrong after the snow storm.

Mr. Butler informed the audience that applications are now being accepted for the Garvey, located at 1600 Fulton Street. Applications were available.

**I. PUBLIC HEARING**

- A. The Parks, Arts & Culture Committee held a public hearing regarding a letter of support to name the park triangle at Fulton Street and Troy Avenue to the Charles C. Pinn Triangle.**

Mr. Butler introduced Assembly Member Annette M. Robinson.

**Hon. Annette Robinson**

Assembly Member Robinson wished everyone a Happy and healthy New Year. She also thanked the residents for their support in the November election. The Assemblywoman apologized for not being able to get the snow cleaned up. It was not cleaned up quickly enough. She went further to thank the newly elected executive officers for their service.

Assembly Member Annette Robinson made a presentation on behalf of the proposal to name the triangle after Charles “Chris” Pinn. She added that it is a special honor. The Assembly Member stated that she knew Charles when he was in high school. He served in her office when she was a member of City council and with Council Member Vann. She added that it was a great honor to work with him. He was a great organizer and advocate.

Wilma E. Maynard, Mary Jemison-Head, Dr. Geronimo Williamson, Gregory Glasgow and Sharonnie Perry all gave tributes to Charles Pinn.

**REMARKS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**Xamayla Rose-Persadi – Borough President’s Office**

Ms. Persadi announced that the Borough President will be hosting the 2011 Brooklyn Sweethearts Event for couples who have been married for 50 years or more. The event will be held on February 14<sup>th</sup> at El Caribe at 1:00 p.m. To register please call 718-802-4488.

Ms. Persadi informed the audience that the Borough President has setup a complaint hotline in reference to snow removal. If anyone has an issue that has not been resolved, please feel free to contact the Community Service Center at 718-802-3777.

**Renea Murphy – Hon. Albert Vann**

Ms. Murphy announced that Councilman Vann’s City Hall monthly roundups are available on the table. She also wished everyone a Happy and healthy New Year.

**Sam Pierre – CAU**

Mr. Pierre stated that he is here at the meeting to hear the concerns of the residents. The Mayor’s office is investigating the issues/concerns regarding the snow removal. He stated that they now have things in place to ensure that this situation does not happen again. Mr. Pierre informed the audience that the Mayor State of the City Address will be held shortly. Mr. Pierre can be reached at 212-788-7446.

**Jakki Gilchrist – Hon. Darlene Mealy**

Ms. Gilchrist wished everyone a Happy New Year on behalf of Council Member Mealy. She informed the audience that Council Member Mealy’s monthly advisory board meeting is scheduled for January 15<sup>th</sup> at her office, 1757 Union Street between Utica and Rochester Avenues. The meeting starts at 10:00 a.m.

Ms. Gilchrist can be reached at 718-953-0397 or by email at [jgilchrist@council.nyc.gov](mailto:jgilchrist@council.nyc.gov)

**Lee Church – Hon. Hakeem Jeffries**

Mr. Church informed the audience that Assemblyman Jeffries will be hosting the State of the District Address on Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Pratt Institute, Higgins Hall, 61 St James Place. To RSVP, please call 718-596-0100.

Mr. Church encouraged everyone to come out and support the students at Boys & Girls High School. He is an alumni and he is also on the board of the High Impact Alliance (HIA) which was created by Frank Mickens.

**Michael Caver – Hon. William Boyland, Jr.**

Mr. Caver announced to the audience that the Assemblyman will have his monthly advisory board meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup> at the district office, 467 Thomas Boyland Street between Pitkin and East New York Avenues.

The Assemblyman will also be celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. If anyone is willing to participate in the event please contact the district office at 718-498-8681.

Mr. Caver announced that Assemblyman Boyland will be hosting a Central Labor Council meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who has plumbing and electrical skills is invited to come and receive information in order to become certified and licensed.

**Hon. Letitia James**

Council Member James informed the audience that the Sanitation Committee will be holding a hearing on January 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall.

**Hon. Darlene Mealy**

Council Member Mealy announced that there will be a Transportation public hearing on January 6<sup>th</sup> and a Sanitation hearing on January 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss what went wrong with the cleanup after the snow storm.

Council Member Mealy reiterated that her monthly advisory board meetings will be held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at her district office. However, she will have a new location next month.

**Deputy Inspector Peter Bartoszek – 79<sup>th</sup> Precinct**

Deputy Inspector Bartoszek informed the audience that there has been a decrease in crime for the past six weeks especially in robbery. He hopes that this decline will continue in the New Year. He is striving to make Bedford Stuyvesant safer for the residents, the people who visit, and the people who work here. He added that the precinct has received 66 new officers. He stated that his goal is to groom them to be respectful, and courteous to the residents.

The Deputy Inspector on behalf of all the members of the 79<sup>th</sup> Precinct wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Ms. Divinah Bailey applauded Deputy Inspector Bartoszek for the manner in which he handled the situation at a crime scene on Herkimer Street. His demeanor is one of respect and caring.

## Acknowledgements

Karen Cherry – Hon. Edolphus Towns, Joan Eastmond – Hon. Velmanette Montgomery, Hon. Albert Vann, Hon. Letitia James, Hon. Darlene Mealy, D. I. Peter Bartoszek – 79<sup>th</sup> Precinct, P. O. Manderson – 81<sup>st</sup> Precinct, Dordy Jourdain – Bedford Stuyvesant YMCA, Catherine Arline – 81<sup>st</sup> Precinct Community Council

Mr. Butler also acknowledged “I Like it Like That Bakery” located at 1180 Bedford Avenue between Putnam and Madison Streets, and Halsey Street Grill located on the corner of Halsey Street and Tompkins Avenue.

## II. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

### **B. The Landmarks Committee presented an informational session on how to become eligible for a free grant to restore the exterior of your property.**

Jacqueline Bolling, Committee Chairperson introduced Tenzing Chadosang, Director of Grants and Outreach, Landmarks Preservation Commission

Ms. Bolling introduced the members of her committee: Evelyn Collier, Linda Thorne, Michelle Todd, and Altroise Fleury. She gave a brief synopsis on the importance of landmarking.

Ms. Bolling stated that Landmarking provides protection from developers who would build out-of-scale structures, and preservation of the original structure for generations. Homeowners of landmarked properties are encouraged by the Landmark Preservation Commission to maintain the original special characters of their property because it boosts the value of the property and the integrity of their neighborhood. There are two designated district in Bedford Stuyvesant: Alice and Agate Courts and Stuyvesant Heights. Alice and Agate Courts were designated in February 2009. It is located off Atlantic Avenue between Albany and Kingston Avenues. Stuyvesant Heights was designated 39 years ago, in 1971.

Before introducing Mr. Tensing, Ms. Bolling introduced Mr. Abdul Wahab, the contractor who worked on her house.

Ms. Pinn made a clarification to Ms. Bolling’s statement about the contract. She informed the audience that the community board does not promote or endorse any contractors. They are free to choose any contractor of their choice.

Mr. Chadosang informed that there are various types of designation. Stuyvesant Heights is an historic district; Individual landmark – The Empire state Building; Scenic landmarks consist of Prospect Park or Central Park. Interior designation would be Grand Central Terminal. He explained that the grant program started in 1980. It is an income eligible grant that is given by HUD. The guidelines are very strict. After qualifications are met, Mr. Chadosang stated that he and his assistant will scope out the work to determine what needs to be done. The contract then goes out as a public bid to 50 contractors. Inspections are made during the work process. The grants range from \$5,000 to \$20, 000. Two grants were given to Agate Court each in the amount of \$30,000 because they are corner houses with façades facing the street.

Mr. Chadosang informed the audience that he brought Rowhouse Manuals. The manual he stated is a guide for homeowners of historic homes. It outlines the various features of the building. He also brought brochures and applications.

Mr. Chadosang can be reached at 212-669-7944. The Landmarks hotline number is 212-669-7817.

## Questions and Answers

**Dr. Williamson:** What is the status of the landmarking of the Slave Theatre?

**Mr. Chadosang:** The first criteria in becoming a landmark building is the property has to be 30 years old. Then a letter has to be sent to LPC requesting a re-evaluation.

**Robert Isaac:** What is the limit on the annual income requirement? I own a corner property; does that mean that I would qualify for the \$30,000 grant like Agate Court?

**Mr. Chadosang:** The limits are in the fact sheet. It is based on the gross income per household. In response to the \$30,000 grant, it is on a case by case basis. You would have to qualify based on your income and the Federal standards.

**Michael Caver:** Is there an appeal stage when a building does not qualify because it has no architectural significance?

**Mr. Chadosang:** A building can be designated as a NYC landmark based on architectural significance, cultural, historical or related significance. That information has to be presented to the board.

**Resident:** What is the scope of work that would trigger a lead based paint inspection?

**Mr. Chadosang:** The lead based paint inspection is an EPA requirement. It is triggered by a disturbance to the paint work. It does not affect brownstones only shingle homes.

**Resident:** Do you evaluate the interior of a home?

**Mr. Chadosang:** Interior designations are only done when the area is publicly accessible like the inside of a theatre or a bank.

## III. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Bernard Gassaway – Principal, Boys & Girls High School**

Mr. Gassaway invited the audience to a presentation of August Wilson’s play “Fences” by Boys and Girls High School Drama Club on January 6<sup>th</sup> to January 9<sup>th</sup>. For more information call 718-467-1700, ext. 4060. He asked everyone to come out and support the students.

Mr. Gassaway added that the rumors regarding the closure of the school, is simply that. They are trying the “Turnaround Model” in which he as the principal would be able to elect a large percentage of the staff to do what is necessary for our young people.

### **Meredith Marshall – BRP Development**

Mr. Marshall informed the audience that applications are available for the 77 units at 1600 Fulton Street. The deadline to submit applications will be February 13<sup>th</sup>. The lottery will be held in February. Applications can be downloaded at [www.thegarvey.com](http://www.thegarvey.com) or by calling the community board office at 718-622-6601. Residents of Community Board 3 will receive 50% preference, 5% for City employees, and seniors will also have preference.

He also updated the audience that the lottery for the six three family homes on Albany Avenue and Herkimer Street was a success. All six homes were allocated to Community Board 3 residents. Certificate of Occupancy will be available in March and hopefully they will close shortly after.

Mr. Marshall also announced the new name for the Bradford building on the corner of Albany Avenue and Fulton Street. It will now be called the Acacia. The Acacia is a tree which can be found along the Nile in Africa. The building will consist of 105 units with 10,000 square feet of retail space.

**Lurie Daniel Favors – Daniel Favors Law Group**

Ms Favors stated that her law firm offers services to people who have financial difficulty. She is offering five workshops to churches, senior centers or any organization for free. For more information please contact her at 347-967-7737 or [nyc.debtandbankruptcylaw.com](http://nyc.debtandbankruptcylaw.com).

**Michael Bailey:** Do you have resources for IRS issues?

**Ms. Favors:** I know there are attorneys in the community who deal with these types of issues.

**Stanley Banks**

Mr. Banks stated that he will be making a presentation on January 17<sup>th</sup> at Sugarhill, at 5:00 p.m. The presentation will be about the food that we are eating and how it is killing us. He invited everyone to come out.

**Robert Isaac**

Mr. Isaac commented that sometimes residents have to spend their own money to get things done. It shows dedication on the part of Mr. Banks.

**Catherine Arline – 81<sup>st</sup> Precinct Community Council**

Ms. Arline wished everyone a Happy New Year on behalf the 81<sup>st</sup> Precinct Community Council. She also thanked everyone for their support in 2010. Ms. Arline stated that the Christmas party was a success. They were able to serve 359 children. 289 sick and shut-in were served for Thanksgiving at Glorious Church in Christ. She also thanked the men and women of the 81<sup>st</sup> precinct.

Ms. Arline announced that the next precinct council meeting will be held on January 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., at P.S. 309.

**Dr. Geronimo Williamson**

Dr. Williamson announced that his CD's are available for sale at Birdel's Record Store.

**V. ROLL CALL**

There were 38 members present and 12 absent.

**VI. ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING**

Kimberly Hill stated that the committee received petitions from residents, businesses and elected officials. She indicated that the committee supports the request to name the triangle. A motion was made by Beatrice Jones and seconded by Edna Johnson.

**Vote: 38 – Yes; 0 – No; 0 – Abstention**

**VII. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Henry L. Butler**

This portion of the meeting was closed to the public and then it was reopened.

**IX. ACCEPTANCE OF DECEMBER MINUTES**

A motion was made by Divinah Bailey to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Paulette Moorehead.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
January 14, 2011