



BROOKLYN BOROUGH BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 1, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.

Brooklyn Borough Hall

209 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn NY 11201

Call to Order: 6:25pm.

Attendance: CBs: CB 3 (Anthony Buissereth), CB 4 (Robert Camacho), CB 5 (Ro Johnson), CB 6 (Mike Racioppo), CB 7 (Cynthia Felix Jeffers), CB 8 (Irsa Weatherspoon), CB 9 (Ethan Norville), CB 10 (Josephine Beckman), CB 11 (Marnee Elias- Pavia), CB 13 (Jeanny Hernandez), CB 14 (Jerrell Gray), CB 15 (Theresa Scavo), CB 16 (Margaret Brewer) **CMs :** 35 (May Vutrapongvatana), 41 (Shelly-Ann Brown – Non-Voting) 43 (Anna Firsova), 44 (Klein, Cheskel), 45 (Daniel Heredia), 46 (Frank Shea), 47 (Joseph Loonam), 50 (Nancy Roden).

Borough President's Office: Carol-Ann Church and Spencer Williams.

Agenda: Approved by consensus.

Approval of the Minutes of June 2, 2026: Moved by Chairs Camacho and Scavo, approved by consensus.

Borough Hall and Board Member Updates:

CB 4: Noted that CB members are volunteers and there is more CB representation than elected officials present. Elected officials should be here representing their community. Hope Gardens in CD 4 is currently being converted under the RAD/PACT program, and the TA election should be investigated.

CB 3: Due to Labor Day, the CB 3 general meeting will be held on Tuesday 9/8.

CB 13: Jeff Sanoff was appointed to a 2nd term as Chair of CB 13. Member Hernandez is now 1st Vice Chair.

Borough Hall: Looking to promote Borough Board as public body and would assist in getting members of the public in the room, asked for notices to be shared in Newsletters and announced at meetings.

Upcoming Events/Initiatives:

9/12 Peoples Runway at Borough Hall: Part of NY Fashion Week events. Doors open at 5pm, and the show starts at 6pm.

- The office is collecting for the relief efforts for the earthquake that took place in Colombia.
- 9/15 Free Legal Clinic for tenants.
- 9/23 Public Workshop in East Williamsburg for grant the office assisted with –6-pm at Williamsburg Community Center.
- 9/24 Climate Week event between 9-10:30am.
- 9/28 CB Swearing-In and Orientation, doors open at 5:15pm, 6pm formal event will begin, will be on Webex starting at 5:45pm.
- 10/6 Civic Engagement Roundtable & Fair – all day from 9am, beginning with the roundtable and then tabling on the plaza.
- 10/15 COIB CB member Workshop at 6pm.
- November's Borough Board is scheduled for Thursday, November 5 as Tuesday will be election day.

Unfinished Business - EDC - Coney Island Business Plan

Comments/Questions:

- CB 13: Conditions for approval are outlined in a letter from the Board to the developer. Conditions include the Board receiving construction updates, providing CB with a meeting space, implementation of local workers for construction and building maintenance. Will be voting to recommend.
- CM 47: This is an area of the district that needs more community space and more partnerships for disaster relief.
- Concerns were expressed about the 25% affordability and what that is defined as? Will people who have been living in the area for 40 years and make less be pushed out?

Motion to Approve the project on behalf of Borough Board: CM Santosusso (47) represented by Joseph Loona, seconded by Chair Grey. **Motion Approved unanimously.**

Presentation: The Low Traffic Neighborhoods Campaign aims to reduce cut-through traffic on residential streets. Presenter: Emily Chingay, Advocacy and Engagement Associate, Open Plans

The Low Traffic Neighborhoods (LTN) Campaign focuses on limiting the amount of traffic driving through residential neighborhoods. The goal of LTN's is to improve quality of life for all neighbors, by providing more opportunities for walking, cycling, socializing and a healthier environment. A combination of design elements such as diverters, bus gates, school zones, shared streets, parklets and plazas are used to create LTNs. These elements can make school pickups safer and reduce accidents in high volume areas. Access to homes, and emergency vehicles access would be maintained. The benefit would be that larger traffic stays in specific areas, keeping residential areas safer, calmer and quieter for neighbors. LTN's can be inexpensive to implement for the city.

NYC already applies elements successfully through open streets, slow streets and diagonal diverters.

Open Plans is available to present to or meet with community boards.

Comments/Questions:

- Concerns that LTNs are not applicable with the level of high density and the amount of people needing to be able to get around to all the things they need to do in a day.
- Constituents pay taxes for convenient transportation and should have choices about where they drive. Maybe they prefer driving locally rather than on highways.
- Concern about E-Bikes enforcement and the fire hazard potential.
- How are redirected vehicles identified as opposed to those following the natural route? How do you know? It may not have to do with apps. Answer: Data was pulled from Replica, a software that uses multiple sources including Open Data and enforcement data also It also pulls from Google maps and can see traffic patterns. Data questions may be asked to Lead Strategist at Open Plans Data.
- It was clarified that Open Plans in 501 (c) 3 non-profit and not Department of Transportation. Open Plans provides education to communities and helps assess which locations might need street intervention and could serve as a pilot.
- How will the measures be enforced? It was clarified it would be done through diverters, camera enforcement, and bus gates.
- Robert Moses created pass through districts, when traffic studies are done, what are the recommendations for Capital Funding to make streets safe in these areas?
 - Significant improvements need to be made to the BQE. There has been disinvestment in many areas, and infrastructure needs to be improved to manage flooding.
- What other campaigns are Open Plans working on?
 - Capital Projects are part of our campaigns. Open Plan's policy analyst helps with Capital Projects/Campaign.
- LTN was criticized as a smaller form of congestion pricing and that congestion pricing has only served to push traffic to outer boroughs. BQE narrow lanes were mentioned as problematic as well.
- The idea of drivers "just passing through" was challenged. People do bring money into communities they pass through, buying from local stores and food establishments.
- What are your thoughts on areas that may not want to be avoided by traffic?
 - Cars will not be completely off the road; people will also come in through public transit. DOT came out with a report that Open Streets positively impacted businesses.

- Forest Hills Gardens was used as an example of a LTN of which the local CB was supportive.
 - It was mentioned that the area is not like other areas, it has private parking and functions like a gated community.
- What is a minimally invasive way to implement LTN vs a full implementation?
 - Minimally invasive is diverters and a more a full LTN would include elements such as a plaza and shared streets.

Presentation: An Overview of NYC Waterfront Public Access Study and Survey Introduction

Presenters: John Moody, Special Study Urban Designer, Strategic Planning Division, Stephanie McMorran, Climate and Sustainability Planner, Climate and Sustainability Division, *Department of City Planning*.

DCP is conducting a yearlong comprehensive study to analyze the lessons and challenges of current waterfront zoning. The study includes current waterfronts, their design, accessibility, and what works and what doesn't work. These waterfronts include Domino Park in Williamsburg, Canal Promenade in Gowanus and more. The goal would be to make the next iteration of waterfront zoning more inclusive, resilient and accessible. Including ADA accessibility in waterfront designs is a goal. Some areas with waterfronts are not accessible because of industrial or transit use. DCP will use this study to make zoning and non-zoning recommendations. Non-agency recommendations will be used in interagency coordination. Stakeholders are being included in this study to better navigate how waterfronts can belong to the public and better serve New York. The recommendations made through this study could lead to pilot programs, reform policy and promote better processes. The public can fill out a survey at nyc.gov/waterfront.

Comments/Questions:

- Waterfront amenities are predominately for newer residents and long-term and working-class residents are being pushed out.
- Private HOA walkways near waterfronts that will not be accessible to the public.
- Some communities feel unsafe accessing the waterfronts that are across highways. Sunset Park was used as an example.
- It was requested that DCP specifically survey Black and Latino residents about their experiences with and desires for local waterfronts.
 - DCP stated that they have been intentionally reaching out to communities they have historically not heard from. Used the example of attending the Mott Haven Houses Family Day. Also extended the invitation to email with any comments or questions.

- It was noted that while the presentation was focused on residential waterfront, the agency would like input on other waterbodies as well. DCP is looking into expanding M1 zoning requirements to allow for public access in parts of the Bronx and the Newtown Creek.
- What are the priorities for amenities and programming for waterfront developments?
 - An issue with a lot of sites, especially ones near each other, is that amenities are being packed into each space as developers are not checking in with each other. It would be ideal to create meaningful public space without over or underdoing it.

Final Borough Hall Announcements:

- A reminder that community boards are seven (7) months away from term limits will. If a Board's executive members are going to be term limited, their Board should be planning for the leadership change
- CB 16 Chair Margaret Brewer was honored with a Proclamation from the Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso for being a long serving member and board chairperson.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:32pm

Submitted by Madeline Enlow