

BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 6
ECONOMIC/WATERFRONT/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING COMMITTEE
& YOUTH/HUMAN SERVICES/EDUCATION COMMITTEE
MARCH 17, 2014

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

N. BERK-RAUCH
V. HERMANIA
M. LEAR
D. MAZZUCA

R. CERVONE
A. KOZYZR
R. LUFTGLASS
M. RACIOPPO

A. DEVENING
A. KRASNOW
S. MATTHEWS
T. TAYLOR

EXCUSED:

R. BASHNER

D. SCOTTO

J. STRABONE

ABSENT:

C. CALABRESE
L. KERSAVAGE

G. FAETH
M. SILVERMAN

E. FELDER

GUESTS:

J. VOGEL – REP. FOR STATE SENATOR MONTGOMERY
G. FIALA

S. ARONOWSKY

C. SALGUERO

*****MINUTES*****

Presentation and discussion with representative for the New York Rising Red Hook Community Reconstruction Program and the Red Hook Coalition Long Term Community Recovery groups on local resiliency planning efforts.

The presenters were Alex ?, Chelsea Muller and Carolina Salguero.

Introduction to the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery (New York Rising), which includes:

- Housing
- Small business
- Infrastructure
- Community Reconstruction Program

New York City: \$166 million out of \$3.8 billion

- 50 community planning committees statewide – 10 are in NYC
- Red Hook is supported by HR&A and is eligible for \$3 million.

Community Planning Committee co-chairs are Ian Marvy and Gita Nandan. There are ten members. Planning area includes: Red Hook and Columbia Waterfront. Final plans to be completed 3/31/2014.

The 4th and final public engagement section is for proposed and featured projects:

1. Resiliency construction and workforce training.
2. Local financial assistance for housing and business retrofit and micro business.
3. Red Hook Houses micro grid/co-generation feasibility study.
4. Solar-powered emergency lights for Red Hook Houses stairwells (pilot project).
5. Emergency backup generators for health/social services provider.
6. Relief center network (pre-planned sites).
7. Drainage study.
8. New ferry landing and additional ferry service.
9. Integrated flood protection system.

Lots of information is available on the Red Hook NYRCRP Committee blog.

Presentation and discussion with representatives for the Fifth Avenue Committee and the Carroll Gardens Association, Inc. on their housing programs, services and initiatives for the district.

A) Presentation was made by Jay Marcus of the Fifth Avenue Committee (FAC). FAC includes programs – initiating and affiliates:

- Affordable housing and community facilities development.
- Asset and property management
- Organizing and advocacy
- Neighborhood employment services
- Single stop
- Adult education and literacy

B) Presentation by Carroll Gardens Association

- Background: Incorporated in 1971.
- Neighborhood Preservation Corp. in Red Hook and Columbia Waterfront.
- Service area: Red Hook, Columbia Waterfront, Carroll Gardens.
- Secondary Service Areas: Gowanus, Sunset Park.

Major Programs:

1. Affordable Housing – Developed 500+ units and housing education and one-on-one counseling, tenant workshops and organizing
2. Small business – Economic development: entrepreneurial assistance, workshops and one-on-one counseling. Columbia Waterfront Commercial Corridor. Merchants organizing
3. Workforce readiness: free computer training, resume clinics and workforce readiness training.
4. Community services: health fairs, Kings County DA Neighborhood Office (at Columbia Street office) has counselors and walk-in services.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned.