UPCOMING MEETINGS + EVENTS

Next Steering Committee Meeting: Tuesday, July 11, 2017:
- Vote on Housing Recommendations

Economic Development + Community Health and Resources Summit: Tuesday, June 13th @ Wyckoff Heights Medical Center, 374 Stockholm St. 9am-11am & 5:30pm-8pm

(See Subcommittee Updates section for additional subcommittee meeting dates)

RECENT EVENTS

Tues. 5/9 Youth Summit @ Academy of Urban Planning

We gathered feedback from 69 youth participants from various schools and organizations including El Puente, Make The Road, CUFFH, RBSCC, and the Academy of Urban Planning. Participants engaged in breakout sessions on zoning and housing discussing the changes they notice in their neighborhood, how tenants are harassed by landlords, and what measures the City should take to protect tenants in Bushwick. For the second session, participants were given a choice of three discussions: transportation, open space, and college admissions aid.

Steering Committee Meeting on Thurs. 5/4 @ Hope Gardens

The SC voted on two items and discussed the industrial areas in Bushwick. First, Celeste Leon, District Manager of Brooklyn Community Board 4 was voted into the Executive Committee with 28.5 votes. Second, the SC decided on what the Bushwick Community Plan will look like. From three output options, a phased approach was chosen. Phase 1 consists of two documents: a list of recommendations from the community and a Pre-ULURP Plan. Phase 2, completed around the end of ULURP, are negotiated commitments from the City through ULURP. Phase 3 is a strategy plan for the community to organize for further advocacy on remaining recommendations that has not been addressed. Finally, the meeting ended with a discussion about the industrial areas in Bushwick and how it relates to the timeline of the Bushwick Community Plan process. For full notes from SC meeting, please contact Gabo at Hester Street, Gabriel@hesterstreet.org

DRAFT TIMELINE: THE NEXT FEW MONTHS

* Draft Zoning Proposal will not include Industrial Areas.
** Voting on recommendations could potentially happen sooner, if subcommittees and steering committee are ready.
SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

LAND USE + ZONING

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MEMBER ATTENDANCE + PARTICIPATION

Around 30 land use, housing, and economic development members attended our Revised Framework meeting on 5/10, including some new members. We hope to keep up the momentum for our coming working sessions.

Active members: Jose Lopez, Jesus Gonzales, Stephanie Cancel, Edwin Delgado, Anne Guiney, Brigette Blood, Jackie Reyes, Kelly Carroll, Katy Hydell

Technical Assistance: Betsy Mclean, Isella Ramirez, Gabriel Halili, Chris Walters, Paula Crespo, Brian Paul, Lacey Tauber

RECOMMENDATION REVIEW + DRAFTING

We received extensive feedback on our planning framework at the Housing and Land Use Summit on 2/11 and used that feedback on the corridors and mid-blocks to revise the Planning Framework and create a draft proposal that we shared with a joint sub-committee group on 5/10. We plan to share an updated version of that presentation to the full Steering Committee on 6/6.

We are now planning a series of working sessions for the next few months to discuss the range of zoning options in more detail as they relate to trade-offs, including MIH ranges and units. As part of this series we will take a closer look at potential nodes and opportunity sites; explore new urban design tools for elevated train corridors; determine where commercial uses should be allowed or required; and identify priority preservation areas.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

We have not done any public engagement since the February Summit.

NEXT STEPS

Our working sessions will include:

1. Industrial Areas (5/31, 6-8pm @ Gates Gardens Senior Residence, 1349 Gates Avenue)
2. Transit Corridors (6/29, 6-8pm @ Gates Gardens Senior Residence, 1349 Gates Avenue)
3. Neighborhood + Mixed Use Corridors (7/17, 6-8pm @ Gates Gardens Senior Residence, 1349 Gates Avenue)
4. Midblock + Historic Preservation Corridors (8/14, 6-8pm @ Gates Gardens Senior Residence, 1349 Gates Avenue)
HOUSING

SUBCOMMITTEE CONTACT: Lacey Tauber (CM Reynoso) LTauber@council.nyc.gov

- MEMBER ATTENDANCE + PARTICIPATION

Regular attendance: approx. 10 members + Council, Assembly, HPD, DCP, and NYCHA reps + Hester Street + ANHD

Orgs represented: MRNY, CUFFH, RBSCC, BKA, CB4, Catholic Migration Services; as well as a few unaffiliated residents

- RECOMMENDATION REVIEW + DRAFTING

We are currently in a review/discussion process with the Subcommittee and HPD regarding the recommendations. Held meetings 4/19 and 5/15 to review and refine; next meeting 6/20.

- PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

We have not done any public engagement since the Feb. Summit.

- NEXT STEPS

1. 6/20 4-6pm @ MTRNY 449 Troutman Street – next meeting to review/finalize recommendations
2. Ongoing participation in Land Use/Economic Development/Housing joint Subcommittee meetings on M zones
3. Discuss next steps with NYCHA

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SUBCOMMITTEE CONTACT: Isella Ramirez (Hester Street Collaborative) isella@hesterstreet.org

- MEMBER ATTENDANCE + PARTICIPATION

The subcommittee usually has about 7-10 consistent members in attendance. The present members are residents, CB4 members, a business owner, organizational reps, chamber of commerce representative, and agency representatives from DCP, SBS, and EDC.

Active Members: Karen Nieves, Kevin Worthington, Edwin Delgado, Egaudy Gomez, Rebecca Pear, Deborah Collingwood

- RECOMMENDATION REVIEW + DRAFTING

The subcommittee has three major objectives:

1. Support new and existing locally owned small businesses
2. Support the creation and cultivation of businesses that meet the needs of Bushwick
3. Help facilitate the growth of jobs for Bushwick residents

The subcommittee is working on finalizing their proposed recommendations before the upcoming June 13th summit.

● PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Upcoming engagement: Economic Development + Community Health & Resources Summit
Tuesday June 13th, 9A – 11A and 5:30P – 8:30P @ Wyckoff Hospital

● NEXT STEPS

1. Meeting on 5/24 to go through Bushwick’s Industrial Areas and solidify the priorities/vision for those areas from the Econ Dev subcommittee’s perspective
2. Attend the 5/31 Industrial Areas Joint-Subcommittee meeting

COMMUNITY HEALTH + RESOURCES

SUBCOMMITTEE CONTACT: Isella Ramirez (Hester Street Collaborative) isella@hesterstreet.org

● MEMBER ATTENDANCE + PARTICIPATION

The subcommittee usually has about 6-8 consistent members in attendance. The present members are residents, CB4 members, organizational reps, Wyckoff Hospital reps, and agency representatives from DOHMH.

● RECOMMENDATION REVIEW + DRAFTING

The subcommittee has reviewed preliminary recommendations, and is now conducting interviews with “expert” in the sub-topic areas to inform + strengthen recommendation language.

● PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

The subcommittee helped to plan + staff the youth summit on 5/9, crafted a youth survey that is currently being collected as well as principal survey for Bushwick schools that is also being collected now.

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● NEXT STEPS

The subcommittee will meet on Wednesday May 31st to finalize recommendation language + plan activities/flow for the upcoming summit.
OPEN SPACE

SUBCOMMITTEE CONTACT: Celeste Leon (CB4) celeon@cb.nyc.gov + Gabo Halili (Hester Street Collaborative) Gabriel@hesterstreet.org

● MEMBER ATTENDANCE + PARTICIPATION

May 1 subcommittee meeting attendance: 7 members + Council, HSC, DCP, Parks, 596 Acres
Orgs represented: El Puente, CB4, Bushwick Parents Padres de Bushwick

● RECOMMENDATION REVIEW + DRAFTING

Currently in review and discussion process with subcommittee and Department of Parks and Recreation

● PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Youth Summit: May 9 – Entrance activity and break out session
Parent Engagement: May 11

● NEXT STEPS

1. Next meeting June 19, 6-8 pm at el Puente: To refine recommendations, show new data from additional public engagement
2. Community Garden Open House on June 17 organized by Celeste: May inform community garden recommendations

TRANSPORTATION + INFRASTRUCTURE

SUBCOMMITTEE CONTACT: Amy Pivak (DCP) APivak@planning.nyc.gov

● MEMBER ATTENDANCE + PARTICIPATION

A core group of sub-committee members continues to be involved, though we would like to see additional community representation.

The sub-committee met on April 24th to debrief the summit and discuss next steps.

● RECOMMENDATION REVIEW + DRAFTING

Sub-committee members have divided up the recommendations and are in the process of refining and editing them based on input from the summit. We plan to have these prepared to discuss at the next sub-committee meeting, which has yet to be scheduled.

● PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT
The sub-committee, along with the Open Space sub-committee, held a public summit on Saturday, April 8th. The sub-committee has gathered and summarized the public input, and is working on integrating this input into the issues-strategies matrix.

- **NEXT STEPS**

  The sub-committee continues to refine the issues-strategies matrix and recommendations. We expect to hear recommended next steps from DOT shortly, at which point the next sub-committee meeting will be scheduled.

- **OTHER NOTES**

  - While DOT continues to remain engaged, engagement with MTA has proven challenging.
  - The sub-committee continues to welcome and encourage new members.