RECENT EVENTS

Economic Development and Community Health and Resources Summit on Tues. 6/13 @ Wyckoff Heights Medical Center

Two sessions were held on the 13th: one in the morning and one in the evening. Each session began with a short presentation and then participants broke out onto groups and discussed economic development or community health and resources (including health, food access, youth, and seniors). Some small business owners and street vendors were in attendance. There were around 50 participants, including business owners, residents, and members of local organizations. The subcommittees are currently reviewing the feedback and will incorporate it into their recommendations.

Steering Committee Meeting on 6/6 @ Hope Gardens

At the last Steering Committee meeting, voting procedure was reviewed in advance of the first recommendations to be voted on (Housing Subcommittee). Steering Committee members will be sent ballots before the meeting (paper or online) so that SC members have plenty of time to review the recommendations and vote in advance: Approve, Disapprove, or Need More Information. Executive Committee member, Scott Short from Ridgewood Bushwick gave a short presentation about the BCP process. Executive Committee member, Jose Lopez from Make the Road then presented an overview of the Housing recommendations, to give SC members a sense of the recommendations before they vote on them in July. Sarit Platkin from DCP then presented the Draft Zoning Framework that they have been working on with the Zoning and Land Use Subcommittee. Several public meetings will be happening throughout the summer to focus on different elements of the zoning framework (see subcommittee updates for more information on these). For full notes from SC meeting, please contact Gabo at Hester Street, Gabriel@hesterstreet.org

DRAFT TIMELINE: THE NEXT FEW MONTHS

JULY
- Present Housing recommendations to SC for a vote
- Vote

AUGUST
- Present Open Space recommendations to SC for a vote
- Vote

SEPTEMBER
- Present Community Health + resources and Transportation + Infrastructure recommendations to SC for a vote
- Vote

OCTOBER
- Present Economic Development recommendations to SC for a vote
- Vote

SUBCOMMITTEES + COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
- STEERING COMMITTEE (SC)
SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

LAND USE + ZONING

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● MEMBER ATTENDANCE + PARTICIPATION

Around 10 land use, housing, and economic development members attended our Industrial Working session on 5/31 and 20 attended the transit corridor meeting on 6/29, including some new members. We are aiming to get better turnout at the July and August working sessions.

Active members: Jose Lopez, Alex Fennell, Edwin Delgado, Anne Guiney, Kevin Worthington, Brigette Blood, Jackie Reyes, Kelly Carroll

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

● RECOMMENDATION REVIEW + DRAFTING

RECOMMENDATION REVIEW + DRAFTING

At the Industrial Working Session on 5/31, the economic development sub-committee shared their draft priorities for the western Bushwick industrial areas and we discussed how different zoning options could apply to specific sites and sub-areas. We will have a follow-up working session on 7/6 to move towards an industrial areas framework and take a closer look at eastern Bushwick.

At the transit corridor working session on 6/29 we discussed the zoning options for each of the transit corridors and held small group discussions to delve into the trade-offs relate to affordable housing, density, urban design tools, and commercial uses for Myrtle and Broadway. We did not have time to discuss Wyckoff in detail, so there needs to be a follow-up session that covers that corridor.

● PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

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

● NEXT STEPS

Our working sessions will include:

1. Industrial Areas (7/6)
2. Historic Preservation with LPC (7/10)
3. Neighborhood + Mixed Use Corridors (7/17)
4. Midblock and Historic Preservation Corridors (8/14)
5. Transit Corridor Follow-up (TBD)
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

The Housing Subcommittee is finalizing recommendations, to be distributed to the Steering Committee for a vote in advance of the July 11 meeting. The recommendations are organized into seven objectives:

1) Create new affordable housing
2) Create deeply affordable housing
3) Prevent displacement
4) Protect tenants
5) Improve housing quality
6) Increase access to affordable housing for Bushwick residents
7) Plan for an equitable neighborhood.

● PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Housing + Land Use Summit, Feb 2017, 200+ attendees. Suggestions from public have been incorporated into draft recommendations.

Tenant Resource Fair March 29 – connecting people with housing issues to City and community resources.

Info session April 3 for new members.

● NEXT STEPS

1. Vote on recommendations to take place at July 11 Steering Committee meeting
2. Ongoing participation by committee members in the Zoning Workshops
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:

Support new and existing locally owned small businesses

Support the creation and cultivation of businesses that meet the needs of Bushwick

Help facilitate the growth of jobs for Bushwick residents

The subcommittee brought draft recommendations to the June 13th summit, and will be working to incorporate feedback gathered at the summit. Tentatively, the sub-committee plans to present recommendations to the Steering Committee in September.

● PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

The Economic Development + Community Health & Resources Summit was held on Tuesday June 13th with both morning and evening sessions. There were around 50 participants, including business owners, residents, and members of local organizations.

● NEXT STEPS

There will be a meeting on July 6th to follow up on the Industrial Areas conversation and focus on the industrial areas in eastern Bushwick.

The next sub-committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 19th.

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 Economic Development + Community Health & Resources Summit was held on Tuesday June 13th with both morning and evening sessions. There were around 50 participants, including business owners, residents, and members of local organizations.

The subcommittee also 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.

● **NEXT STEPS**

Meeting on Tuesday, July 18th 2-3:30pm to incorporate feedback from summit into the recommendations.

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**OPEN SPACE**

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

● **MEMBER ATTENDANCE + PARTICIPATION**

The subcommittee usually has about 10-12 consistent members in attendance typically including residents, CB4 members, and representatives from NYC Parks. The main points of contact about the committee are Gabo Halili, Hester Street, and Celeste Leon, CB4 District Manager.

● **RECOMMENDATION REVIEW + DRAFTING**

The subcommittee is reviewing the Open Space Objectives and Recommendations to present (but not vote yet) to the Steering Committee this July. The team will make further edits to have them ready by the August Steering Committee meeting when the SC members will vote on this topic.

● **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

We have used the activities from the April 8th Open Space Summit at the May 9th Youth Summit and with a focus group of Bushwick parents. Additionally there is an effort to organize Bushwick community gardeners as an offshoot of the subcommittee to inform recommendations specifically around community gardens.

● **NEXT STEPS**

The subcommittee will present the draft Open Space recommendations in the upcoming July 11th Steering Committee Meeting. Once we schedule our next meeting, we will update the calendar.
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.

- 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.

Additionally, DOT has reviewed the draft recommendations and provided some initial input which will be discussed at the next sub-committee meeting.

- 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.