

Economic Development Corporation

Every community is measured by its economic development and growth. Community District 3 is no different. There are portions of this community that are severely underserved and we would like to rectify that problem. As Brooklyn becomes more diverse, denser and prosperous, Bedford-Stuyvesant is determined to be counted in that number. It is critical that the impact of any proposed changes address the current conditions and needs of that community.

Our brownstone houses have become a much sought after commodity and as we stretch to accommodate our growth, the entire catchments area of Bedford-Stuyvesant must be included. In the south eastern quadrant of Bedford-Stuyvesant, there are needs that must be met. The area is without decent commercial amenities such as a supermarket, bank, recreational area for youth, sit-down eateries, card shops and the list goes on.

There is a parcel of land is on Atlantic Avenue which is Block 1557, lot #s 3, 4, 23, 26, 28 & 31-37 totaling 25, 616 sq ft.

Granted, this parcel is not particularly large however, it is perfect for a residential community to benefit from. If utilized appropriately, this parcel can provide affordable housing, much needed commercial and recreational space, not to mention employment opportunities.

Community District 3 is asking:

CAPITAL ITEMS:

What are your plans for this property?

As representatives of this community, Community Board 3 would like to be included in the process of selecting an entity that will fulfill the needs of the area. In addition, we would like to have a direct contact person to keep us abreast of the status of whatever project will occupy that space.

Have you surveyed the community to assess the needs?

If so, what were your findings and if not when will the needs assessment actually be completed?

Department of Environmental Protection

The Nostrand Avenue HWK1129 project, (the reconstruction of Nostrand Avenue from Flushing to Atlantic Avenues) has been in the budget of Community District 3 since 1989. Nostrand Avenue is a much used thoroughfare that runs from one end of our district to the other, north to south. It is truly in deplorable condition. It has previously been moved from budget to budget. Most recently, this Community Board has petitioned to keep this project in the current 2011 budget. We would like to see the project begin without additional delays.

Additionally, this area is blighted with street and basement flooding during heavy rain. When residents call the plumber, they are informed that there is nothing wrong with their plumbing. When DEP is called, the residents are told to call the plumber. The only time this street and basement flooding occurs is when it rains heavily, an inch of rain or better in an hour.

Obviously, our storm drains cannot handle the volume of water at such a fast pace. The damage however, is devastating to homeowners.

We are aware that storm and sewer drain cleaning and maintenance is complaint driven, however, it may be cost efficient to have the storm and sewers cleaned on a consistent basis during the rainy season.

Community District 3 is asking:

CAPITAL ITEM:

What is the status and start-up date on HWK1129?

Have you received any stimulus money for Capital Projects? If so, how much of that money has been designated for Community Board 3 and which projects will actually be funded?

EXPENSE ITEM:

Can a schedule be set to have drains cleaned during the rainy season?

Housing Preservation and Development

There are several parcels of land in the south eastern quadrant particularly on Fulton Street and we know that there has been discussion regarding those pieces. It is the understanding of Community Board 3 that the parcels on Fulton Street are under your purview. All three of them are on Fulton Street: Block 1548, lot #s 26-30 totaling 10,000 sq. ft., Block 1549, lot #s 4-7 totaling 8000 sq. ft., and Block 1549, lot #s 19-34 totaling 26,000 sq. ft. We see this as a marvelous opportunity for economic development.

With a needs assessment in place that has community input, these parcels can be maximized to their fullest potential. With the Mayor's push for affordable housing, we can utilize these parcels of land as affordable housing with commercial/public space below. It would be in line with the zoning along the rest of Fulton Street and keep the street as a major commercial strip in Bedford Stuyvesant throughout its entirety. Multi-use building with perhaps a mid-size supermarket or bank on the ground level would be perfect. Bedford Stuyvesant is part of the pilot for economic development.

EXPENSE ITEM:

What is the status of the Neighborhood Entrepreneurial Program?

What is the status of all vacant land in Community District 3? Please bring an updated list of all vacant land in CB3

What relationship does HPD have to HUD funded projects in our area, i.e., Risley Dent, Hunterfly Homes, Jackie Robinson, Medgar Evers and Smith Woodward?

New York Police Department

The NYPD works tirelessly to keep our community safe. Each time an area becomes blighted with crime, the precincts flood the areas with officers and equipment when available. The problem is that the availability can really only concentrate on one area at a time. If there is an impact unit in the Fulton/Nostrand corridor, then the crime is committed further in the eastern sections of Bedford Stuyvesant, etc. Whatever the area of police concentration is the criminal element moves to another area. For the residents of this community, it seems that the criminal element can manipulate the department to suit their particular needs for a particular time. We continue to strive for a crime free community, yet there are more and more shootings. Guns continue to pour into this community. School children are being accosted as they leave their schools. Even in light of the fact that there have been efforts for police/community relations, they must continue in order to foster trust and collaboration. With additional sector cars, mobile command posts and at least one more skywatch the department might be able to get a better handle on the hot pockets that keep cropping up. The residents of neighborhood need to feel there are safe corridors to and from the homes. As citizens, they really deserve that much.

CAPITAL ITEMS:

Community District 3 is requesting:

We would like to see our precinct funded for additional sector cars. Why shouldn't each precinct have the needed cars for their sectors?

Can funding for additional mobile command posts be set in place?

EXPENSE ITEMS:

Can funding for additional officers be set in place?

Is it possible to have a system of safe passage programs for school districts 13 and 16 developed and implemented?

What is the extent of the illegal fire arms initiative?

What are the initiatives being developed to combat problem in CB3, especially in NYCHA?

Department of Transportation

As with DEP, the Nostrand Avenue HWK1129 project, (the reconstruction of Nostrand Avenue from Flushing to Atlantic Avenues) has been in the budget of Community District 3 since 1989. Nostrand Avenue is a much used thoroughfare that runs from one end of our district to the other, north to south. It is truly in deplorable condition. It has previously been moved from budget to budget. Most recently, this Community Board has petitioned to keep this project in the current 2011 budget. We would like to see the project begin without additional delays.

Lately there have been changes in traffic patterns, parking regulations, etc. We understand that because of our Gateway BID and or Streetscape projects along Fulton some changes will be made, but there seem to be changes on other streets as well.

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EXPENSE ITEMS:

What changes in traffic pattern and parking regulations have been and are planned for CB#?

What initiatives are being taken to include more minorities in construction projects?

What is the status of the Transportation Study?

Are any decisions being made based on that study?