

Civics

Action Step 1

Incorporate the findings and recommendations of the Imagine Flatbush participants into Community Board 14's agenda and priorities for the coming year. Community Board 14, which covers Flatbush and Midwood, plays an important advisory role in decisions made about the neighborhood's quality of life: land use; service delivery; and share of the city's budget, among other things.

Immediate opportunity

Present to the board's committees (such as Land Use and Public Safety, for example), and request a motion from each committee that all relevant items from the Imagine Flatbush list of sustainability goals be included into Community Board 14's annual District Needs Statement, thereby becoming part of the document that serves as the community board's guide in dealings with the city and private developers.

Ways to measure progress toward this goal

Track number of items included in the Community Board 14 District Needs Statement.

This is a short-term action step.

Action Step 2

Create a network of the groups involved in the Imagine Flatbush 2030 effort. Continue to meet as a group, under the leadership of a consortium of local organizations, with the goal of providing the information from the process to city agencies, elected officials, schools, and other community groups.

This is a mid- to long-term action step.

Immediate opportunity

Present findings to local elected officials for use as they conduct their own reviews of land use actions.

Ways to measure progress toward this goal

Track whether local elected officials use the Imagine Flatbush land use recommendations to inform and guide their own reviews of projects.

Action Step 3

Form an Advisory Task Force to work with Community Board 14 on the creation of a board website that includes information referenced in Imagine Flatbush and serves as a centralized source of information about all things related to Flatbush.

This is a mid- to long-term action step.

Immediate opportunity

The Mayor's Community Assistance Unit, in conjunction with the Department of Information Telecommunications and Technology, offers free website creation assistance and website hosting to community boards.

Ways to measure progress toward this goal

Secure agreement of Community Board 14 to form website task force.

Action Step 4

Incorporate the findings and recommendations of the Imagine Flatbush participants into a long-term planning process for Community District 14 with the goal of producing a district-wide 197-a plan grounded in local ideas about sustainability. A 197-a plan (197-a refers to a section of the New York City Charter) is a community-generated plan that is meant to guide future development, growth, and improvement decisions in the neighborhood.

This is a long-term action step.

Immediate opportunity

Recommend to Community Board 14’s Executive Committee that the board assess its capacity to undertake a 197-a planning process.

Ways to measure progress toward this goal

Secure agreement from Community Board 14 to put the capacity assessment item on its Executive Committee agenda for consideration.

