

**ATTENDANCE**

Rosamond Alvaranga  
Sallie Bennett  
Barbara Bieber  
Henry Bolus  
Ernest Borno  
Sharon Borno  
James Buchanan  
Terri Cadet-Donald  
Donald Cranston  
Salvatore Calise  
Lucina Clarke  
Paul Curiale

Malynda Jordan-Dandridge  
Amar Dyal  
Reeves Eisen  
Maria Garrett  
Ian Gaynor  
Denise Gourdine  
Stuart Heier  
Tomas Hernandez Jr.  
Michael Ien  
Jean Joseph  
Sharon Nedd  
Saul Needle

Judy Newton  
Yolaine Ridore  
Viole Roberty  
Jeff Rodus  
Marcia Schiff  
Michelle Sealey  
Nancy Walby  
Sylvia Whiteside  
Bishop Nathan Williams  
Valerie Woodford  
Grace Zwillenberg

**GUESTS:**

Kate Richard  
Dash Henley  
Gerard Brewster  
Jamaal Carryl  
Latia Spencer  
Harold Jones  
Camile Barham  
Mariama Bah  
Nikki Nurse  
Jibreel Jalloh  
Reeves Eisen  
Venessa Harry  
Linda Steinmuller  
Norine Medas  
Nadine Letts  
Anita Okorie  
Sergey Chuprik  
Ernest Timmons  
D.I. Genevieve Isom  
P.O. Ronette Benjamin  
Capt. Khandakar Abdullah  
P.O. Samuel Maria  
Dorcas Stowe  
Roxanne Nedd-Ervin  
Marie Francois  
Dolange Donacien  
Elba Melendez  
Dee Washington  
Denise Mason  
Dorcas Bolarinwa  
Patrick Agard

NYC Department of City Planning  
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Utica 2 Flatbush  
Area Resident  
Area Resident  
Canarsie Community Development Inc. (CCDI)  
Area Resident  
Area Resident  
Area Resident  
Representing, Brooklyn Borough Advocate Jumaane D. Williams  
Representing Senator Andrew Gounardes  
Area Resident  
Canarsie Courier  
Area Resident  
Area Resident  
Area Resident  
Representing NYC Comptrollers Scott M. Stringer  
Area Resident  
Commanding Officer, 63<sup>rd</sup> Precinct  
63<sup>rd</sup> Precinct  
Commanding Officer, 69<sup>th</sup> Precinct  
69<sup>th</sup> Precinct  
Area Resident  
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S&N Topaze Restaurant Inc.

Jennifer Bedeau	Area Resident
Martine Jean-Charles	Area Resident
Chidi Duke	Area Resident
Khadene Delvois	Area Resident
Glenda Elie	Area Resident
Guerda Victor	Area Resident
Karen Wharton	Area Resident
Arlene Perkins	Area Resident
Denise Gordon	Area Resident
Mitchell Partnow	Area Resident
Diana Soriano	NYC Department of Transportation
Margot Perron	NYC Department of Parks & Recreation
Noreen Bhola	Area Resident
Kate Richard	Area Resident
Patrick Jayson Reyes	Area Resident
Arlene Perkins	Area Resident
Isis McIntosh Green	Area Resident
Zahid Shah	Brooklyn Public Library
Hon. Helene Weinstein	Assembly Member, 41 <sup>st</sup> A.D.
Khadene Delvois	Area Resident
Roopesh Ramjit	Representing Kings County District Attorney Eric Gonzalez
Ian Girshek	Representing Assembly Member Jaime Williams
Michael Benjamin	Michael Benjamin Representing Senator Roxanne Persaud
Nadine Sylvester	Area Resident
Mariama Bah	Area Resident
Dorcas Stowe	Area Resident
Joyetta Gordon	Area Resident
May Smith	Area Resident
Joan Gilbert	Flatlands Civic Association
Harriet Wieber	Area Resident
Paul Jackson	Area Resident
Nebert Jackson	Area Resident
Richard Harper	Area Resident
Mark Partnow	Area Resident
Johnnt Arcentales	Area Resident
Arthur Benjamin	Area Resident
Kwame Mack	Representing Blueprint 265 Management LLC, C'Zen
Guerline Morency	Area Resident
Tanisha Willard	

**7:35 P.M.**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Board Member Jim Buchanan led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairperson Michael Ien opened the Public Hearing portion of the Community Board #18 Meeting at 7:22 P.M.

Chairperson Michael Ien asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes of the Community Board's Meeting held on June 16, 2021. There being none, Board Member Terri Cadet-Donald made a Motion that the Minutes be accepted as written. Board Member Sal Calise

seconded the Motion and the Motion passed unanimously with 28 Yes Votes.

Chairperson Michael Ien introduced Katherine Richards, Representing the NYC Department of City Planning who provided a brief presentation on N 210434 ZRY - Open Restaurants / Sidewalk Cafes – The New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) and Department of City Planning (DCP) are proposing a citywide zoning text amendment that will allow the DOT to administer the Permanent Open Restaurant program (POR). The proposal will remove sidewalk café regulations from the Zoning Resolution to increase geography eligibility as sidewalk cafes will become part of a unified sidewalk and roadway outdoor dining program administered at DOT. Katherine Richards, Representing the NYC Department of City Planning informed the board that the Permanent Open Restaurant is a New program under DOT to include both sidewalk and roadway cafes. The Program that balances all needs of the street and sidewalk and use what has worked under Sidewalk Café Program and Emergency Open Restaurant Program to develop guidelines for the Permanent Program. Pre-COVID Street and Sidewalk Cafés the city had 1,022 Sidewalk Cafes, 100 Small Sidewalk Cafes, 102 Enclosed Cafés, and 25 Street Seats. Creation of the Emergency Open Restaurants Program during the summer of 2020, New York City revisited its rules, and in many cases suspended them to allow restaurants to serve diners outdoors due to restrictions on indoor dining. The emergency program helped save almost 11,000 restaurants and an estimated 100,000 jobs by allowing establishments to continue serving outdoors, on the roadway, sidewalk, or both. This program is a lifeline, not a goldmine. It did not require a participation fee and eliminated lengthy design review process. What they've learned in the Emergency Program is that All areas of the city eligible. The program is easy to access, encouraging participation, with the addition of roadway seating, more options for restaurants. The challenges are clarity, consistency, and communication of rules, maintaining emergency vehicle access and ensuring signage not being blocked, balancing enforcement with recovery and the long-term interests of all sidewalk and street users. To give us some background she stated that after thousands of restaurants self-certified to join the program, the Mayor announced in September 2020 that Open Restaurants would be permanent in October 2020. The City Council voted to establish a permanent outdoor dining program. A permanent program requires a series of different legal changes, including a text amendment to allow more areas of the city to be eligible for roadway and sidewalk seating. The permanent program will retain the elements of the emergency program that worked and modifying the ones that didn't. The vision for the permanent program is that both Sidewalk & Roadway seating will be administered by DOT, interagency coordination on enforcement issues, DOT will enforce barriers, clear paths, ADA compliance, NYPD will continue to enforce noise, and DSNY will continue to be responsible for garbage removal and a stricter sidewalk clear path & roadway siting criteria. Components of Sidewalk Café Seating are that all restaurants with ground floor space are eligible to apply for year-round access and must be ADA compliant. Subject to clear path and siting criteria/distance from obstructions, based on pedestrian levels and sidewalk widths, removable tables, chairs, and barriers, seating against building wall, and only in restaurant's frontage. Components of Roadway Café Seating are that setups allowed citywide in parking lanes except in prohibited zones. They must maintain public safety (visibility of traffic safety signs, access to hydrants, etc.) Clear guidance and enforcement on sound, ADA compliance, no fully enclosed structures with a fee structure being proposed. The seasonal component would allow other city operational needs to continue such as snow cleanup of streets and sidewalks, and safety considerations like outdoor heaters needed in colder seasons. Some options are being explored for waivers that allows for winter months. As for the application process a unified DOT Office will be overseeing sidewalk and roadway café programs. There will be a more detailed, upfront design guidance package with detailed visuals, with a streamlined application process with online filing.

Shorter than pre-Covid review periods, while retaining required public reviews and a 4-year license windows with periodic compliance checks & ability to fine or remove bad actors. Three main actions are needed to facilitate the future program. Such as removal of Locational Prohibitions via zoning text amendment, and changes to the Sidewalk Café Program and Creation of a Roadway Café program via Local Law & CAPA. Multiple legal steps will be needed to enact the full permanent program. The emergency program is expected to remain in effect and allow restaurants to maintain their spaces uninterrupted through at least winter 2022. The Permanent Open Restaurants Text Amendment zoning proposal will be deleting ZR, Article1,Chapter4 in its entirety and effectively removing all zoning locations restrictions on sidewalk cafes, any language that prevents sidewalk cafes in Special Districts, rules around enclosures, operable windows, sidewalk widenings, that would preclude or limit outdoor dining under the Open Restaurants program. How this will affect Sidewalk Cafes is by allowing any restaurant anywhere in the city can potentially apply to DOT for a sidewalk café based on its sidewalk conditions. Pre-COVID eligible Sidewalk Café Locations such as Unenclosed Sidewalk Cafes, Small Unenclosed Cafes, and Enclosed Sidewalk Cafes. Citywide Use of Open Restaurants key states show that 11,500 Restaurants participated, including 5,920 Restaurants outside Manhattan, and 10,000 Restaurants used the sidewalk. Sidewalk Cafes are limited by zoning. In 2020, over 2,500 restaurants participated in outdoor dining that would not have been eligible or limited in some way. Current restrictions on sidewalk cafes: Specifically, prohibited certain special districts, under elevated rail lines, commercial mid-block, and other high traffic areas. Limited by small café designation and Restaurants in residential districts. The proposed text amendment would allow for sidewalk cafes in these areas if they can meet the sidewalk conditions. Other Zoning Text Technical Cleanup would remove text that precludes operable windows that service outdoor restaurants, remove enclosure provisions in certain text, and clarifying sidewalk widening text to ensure no conflict with Open Restaurants. CD 18 Context Existing Zoning: Large areas of residential zoning districts, and cafes permitted on streets with commercial overlays or commercial zoning districts. As of 2019, two sidewalk cafes in CD 18 with 1 enclosed and 1 unenclosed. CD 18 Context: Open Restaurants in DC 18 22 sidewalk, 3 Roadway, 12 Both with a total of 37. Multiple legal steps will be needed to enact the full permanent program with the emergency program remaining in effect and allowing restaurants to maintain their spaces uninterrupted through at least winter 2022.

Chairperson Michael Ien asked if anyone had any questions or comments on the presentation.

Dash Henley, Representing the NYC Department of City Planning informed the board that sidewalk cafes outdoor portions would only be open until midnight Sunday through Thursday and then Friday and Saturday it would only be open until 1AM. So, they're looking to do both of those things which is limit the hours and prohibits the sound inflex. Board Member Denise Gourdine asked if there would be a pilot program to do maybe a dry run to see how this will work in the community because things typically look great on paper. Sometimes things look good on paper and when you do it, it doesn't fit the needs of the community. Dash Henley, Representing the NYC Department of City Planning stated that they really think that the program that they're in now the temporary Covid one is their dry run of it and they've definitely learned a lot of lessons from that positive and negative that they're trying to incorporate into that as well as gathering feedback from nights like this. The permanent program that they're really looking if a place has it, they're continued participation in the program will depend on them following the rules of that program. So, there will be opportunities to remove bad actors and locations not doing the right thing.

Vanessa Harry, Area Resident stated that this Open Restaurants / Sidewalk Cafes citywide

text amendment should be voted against and that this is a bad idea.

Katherine Richards, Representing the NYC Department of City Planning asked if the board had any further questions or comments to please get in touch with her and shed be happy to answer any other questions that come up. Katherine Richards and Dash Henley thanked the board for having them.

**7:58 P.M.**

**REGULAR MEETING**

Chairperson Michael Ien opened the Regular Meeting at 7:42 P.M.

Chairperson Ien stated that it was good to see everyone back and that it's a blessing. He also stated that within the last 18 months he personally lost loved ones to Covid and hopes everyone continue to take care of themselves and do what you have to do to stay safe and healthy.

Chairperson Michael Ien introduced Captain Khandakar Abdullah the New Commanding Officer of the 69th Precinct who greeted everyone.

**DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT** – Sue Ann Partnow

Sue Ann Partnow provided the following information:

District Manager Sue Ann Partnow welcomed everyone back to the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of Community Board 18 which is being conducted both virtually and in person and we're trying to do that as well as we can. This is a little difficult tonight but hopefully everyone will be able to bear with us.

She stated that the month of September turned out to be a challenging one for many people that were affected by Hurricane Ida. If you need disaster relief assistance you can call 1-800-621-3362 or go online to [www.disasterassistance.gov/](http://www.disasterassistance.gov/).

If you or anyone that you know is a restaurant owner there is a funded support model called Club Feast inspired by the pandemic to help restaurants with delivery and utilization of their kitchens, You can contact Jannice Donald at 1-347-864-2974 or email her at [Jannice.Donald@clubfeast.com](mailto:Jannice.Donald@clubfeast.com).

The MTA sent an email informing the board that they are hiring full time bus operators. Apply through job postings #99929 on MTA Career website [www.new.mta.info/career](http://www.new.mta.info/career). Applications are being accepted through November 30, 2021.

The DSNY has notified the board they have secured a small lot at 1149 Rockaway Avenue and Avenue D to be used to host an Educational Community Compost site. The site will be operated by the Lower East Side Ecology Center, engaging with fellow community gardens, composters, and farmers in the neighborhood. They are temporarily relocating out of East River Park in Manhattan for the duration of the East Side Coastal Resiliency Construction Project.

Linda Dalton, District 22 Family Support Coordinator asks that if you have children or grandchildren in the public-school system to please visit [schools.nyc.gov/messagesforfamilies](https://schools.nyc.gov/messagesforfamilies) for updates on Covid-19 testing and quarantine protocols.

In preparation for the FY'23 Capital and Expense Budget submissions, Board Members, local Civic Associations, and the community-at-large are invited to submit budget requests for consideration by the Board for inclusion in the Board's Budget submissions for FY'23. Our completed Capital and Expense Budget requests, no more than a total of forty (40) Capital and twenty-five (25) Expense Requests, will be voted on and submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for their review and for the Agency Responses to our requests on or before the October 20<sup>th</sup> Monthly Board Meeting. You can email, mail, fax or call in your requests so that the Board may have them evaluated for consideration.

District Manager Sue Ann Partnow stated that the Board will be implementing a New Structure for our Committees. When an issue arises that requires a vote by a Committee, the board will open the Community Board Office one week prior to the Community Board Meeting in order for the Committee Chair and its Members to meet and discuss the issue, and then bringing back a decision to the Full Board for an informed vote.

Let's put Community back into Community Board by getting involved and serving our community. Next month is Breast Cancer Awareness Month so we will be adding a Breast Health Speaker from Brookdale Hospital as one of our Guest Speakers. Make no mistake, this illness knows no gender. The presentation is for everyone.

This November Community Board 18 is proud to join Assembly Member Jaime Williams in honoring our local veterans with a parade and ceremony. The date, location and time will be announced at the October Meeting.

Just a reminder, that she has an open-door policy. Should there be anything happening in the community that you would like to bring to my attention, please do not hesitate to call her at the office at 718-241-0422 (She will have a work cellphone shortly) or email her at [spartnow@cb.nyc.gov](mailto:spartnow@cb.nyc.gov) or stop by the Community Board Office and see her. She's here to work for the Community.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **PARKS COMMITTEE** – Nancy Walby, Chairperson

Chairperson Walby reported the following:

The Parks Department will be making some service changes due to Covid-19. They're ongoing and city-wide changes therefore she won't mention all the changes. If anyone wants specific information about some events or activities taking place in the park or search for a specific park, they can call 311 or visit the Parks Department website at [nyc.gov/parks](http://nyc.gov/parks). Some facilities are closed, and some are open. Activities may have been rescheduled or cancelled and the safety protocols might be in place so you might want to check those out. The Community Board office sent an email out to the Board with a list of those changes. It's updated continually so anyone can go online to [nyc.gov/parks](http://nyc.gov/parks) for more information.

Capital Projects taking place in Community Board 18 are as follows: Street Tree Plantings will continue in Brooklyn through August 2024 (projected completion date), Canarsie Park Comfort Station Construction is in the procurement phase, Marine Park projects are in various phases, The Salt Marsh Nature Center is currently closed for at least a year for reconstruction, The Golf Course

Path Reconstruction is in the procurement phase, The Forest Restoration project, the Oval Reconstruction project, and the PS 278 Playground Reconstruction project are all in the design phase, McGuire Fields projects are in various phases, The Belt Parkway Tree Planting and Ecological Restoration is in the procurement phase, The John Malone Community Center Mechanical Systems Reconstruction (Hurricane Sandy) is in the design phase, Paerdegat Basin Park - The Athletic Center Boiler Reconstruction is in the procurement phase. There are four Pickleball courts in the Marine Park Tennis court area.

### **GUEST PRESENTATION**

Chairperson Ien introduced Isis McIntosh Green from the NYS Independent Redistricting Commission (NYS IRC) who provided a brief presentation on changes that should be made to the Congressional, State Senate, and State Assembly district lines and the importance to make every attempt to ensure every community has access to this information and that they know what to expect once draft maps are released in the coming days and the part that they all need everyone to play in order for this process to actually work. Back in 2014 New Yorkers voted on ballot proposal 1 which created an Independent Redistricting Commission taking the initial drafting portion of the legislative and congressional maps out of the hands of the legislature and into the hands of a ten-commission body. Back in 2020 the New York State legislature decided and passed legislation to make another constitutional amendment which is what you will see on the ballot this November. So, she's just bringing to your attention one about the ballot measure that's going to be on the ballot as some other changes that's happening with locking the number of state senators at 63 and making sure that in future redistribute total population is the basis of the redistricting process. Their Commissioner Chair is David Imamura and their Vice Chair is Jack Martins. All the information is on their website and that's <https://www.nyirc.gov/>. You can also find all the maps on their website under their data tab and will also be able to see when the next public hearings are coming up. So, they just released the map and the public hearing schedule last Wednesday. They've only been out for just 7 days, but you can go in and download the information. They also have a new feature called go live on their website where you're actually able to layer assembly district versus senate districts, or assembly districts verses the 2<sup>nd</sup> set of assembly district. Right now, they did release two sets of maps on all levels. So, Congressional, state, senate, and state assembly and really the process now is to hear from everyone on what works and what doesn't and what borders need to be improved, what communities need to be kept whole, what communities of interest do you like and would like to see duplicated. Their hearing for the Brooklyn area is going to be on Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM and its going to take place at Medgar Evers College with everything going on with Covid they will similar to you all have a hybrid meeting where they'll be able to have some in person as well as a virtual component as well. But to make sure you have all the up to date information. Please visit their website at <https://www.nyirc.gov/> and sign up. You don't have to sign up to testify when you sign up, but you'll be signing up to get their emails when they're sending out the information. She thanked everyone for this time to speak and if anyone has any questions shall be happy to try to answer them to the best of her ability.

Board Member Maria Garrett asked if she could put all her information in the chat box.

Board Member Barbara Bieber asked if the information from the presentation by the NYS Independent Redistricting Commission (NYS IRC) can be emailed to the board. Isis McIntosh Green from the NYS Independent Redistricting Commission (NYS IRC) stated that all the information that was just shared is on their website which is what she's referring everyone to and



that's the copies of the map and the hearing schedule etc.

Chairperson Ien introduced D.I. Genevieve Isom, Commanding Officer, 63<sup>rd</sup> Precinct who greeted everyone.

**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE** – Sal Calise, Chairperson

1. N 210434 ZRY - Open Restaurants / Sidewalk Cafes – Vote

Chairperson Sal Calise made a Motion that Community Board #18 table the application for N 210434 ZRY - Open Restaurants / Sidewalk Cafes till next month's board meeting. Board Member Terri Cadet-Donald seconded the Motion and the Motion passed with 27 Yes Votes and 1 Abstention.

2. State Liquor Authority Application Received – Vote

**NEW APPLICATION FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR LIQUOR, WINE, BEER & CIDER:**

- Prime623 LLC, Prime623, 1566 Ralph Avenue – 11234

**NEW APPLICATION FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR WINE, BEER & CIDER:**

- Gerardo Camarda, Gustosa LLC/Franks Pizza and Restaurant, 2134 Flatbush Avenue – 11234
- B'Ueno Deli & Foods, Inc., B'Ueno Deli & Foods, 10013 Foster Avenue – 11234

**RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR LIQUOR, WINE, BEER & CIDER:**

- China Tokyo Inc., China Tokyo Restaurant, 5908 Avenue N – 11234
- S&N Topaze Restaurant Inc., Topaze, 1875 Utica Avenue – 11234
- NY Tracks Café Inc., NY Tracks Café, 1556 Ralph Avenue – 11234
- Blueprint 265 Management LLC, C'Zen, 4410 Avenue H – 11234
- Halsey Bar & Grill LLC, Halsey Bar & Grill, 4404 Avenue H – 11234

**RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR WINE, BEER & CIDER:**

- Sosaku Japanese Restaurant Inc., Sosaku Japanese Restaurant Inc., 6328 Avenue N – 11234

**RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR BEER & CIDER:**

- New Stanley's Grocery Inc., New Stanley's Grocery Inc., 2377 Nostrand Avenue – 11210

Chairperson Sal Calise stated that the Community Board notified the Board Members, the local civic associations and the 63<sup>rd</sup> Police Precinct about the SLA Applications received. Objections and concerns were received for the Renewal Applications received for Blueprint 265 Management LLC, C'Zen, 4410 Avenue H 11234, Halsey Bar & Grill LLC, Halsey Bar & Grill, 4404 Avenue H 11234 from the residents of East 45<sup>th</sup> Street between Avenues H and I, Troy Avenue between Avenues H and I, and the Flatlands Flatbush Civic Group relating to garbage, double and triple parking on Avenue H, blocking of driveways on Troy Avenue and East 45<sup>th</sup> Street, and patrons parking at the No Standing zones.

Chairperson Calise asked if any of the applicants were present. Kwame Mack, Representing Blueprint 265 Management LLC, C'Zen was present. Board Member Violine Roberty stated that she had a chance to speak to the owner of Blueprint 265 Management LLC, C'Zen before the meeting and it's not about stopping the business from operating but more about trying to coexist and not



destroy the quality of life of the community. She also stated that the surrounding area and a house directly next door to the establishment are now getting rats in there because of the garbage that's being left by these establishments. The Avenue H and I Block Association, the Flatlands Flatbush Civic Group and herself as the President of the East 48<sup>th</sup> Street Block Association are concerned and believe that the residents should not have to deal with a rat problem in their backyards. Board Member Roberty also stated that she has spoken with one of the owners of Blueprint 265 Management LLC, C'Zen and that's something that they must work on. They talked about it and was told that they would work on it and try to improve the situation. She's not exactly sure what the plan is but it's something that needs to be worked on immediately because the community can't continue like this. She stated that the parties must respect each other so that we can coexist. The NY State Liquor Authority is not going to listen to the community and makes their own decisions. So, the point is that since the NY State Liquor Authority is going to do what they want the community and the establishments must figure out solutions. This is a health issue as the President of the Troy Avenue Block Association just mentioned, which is another block association in the area that's affected. She believes they even have pictures of the situation. The second issue that they're having is the double and triple parking. The presentation that was made before about the Open Restaurant Sidewalk Cafes before is one of the things that we should've talked about because the sheds that are being built on the street that's also adding to the double and triple parking on the street. She believes the 63<sup>rd</sup> Police Precinct had to be called one time so that the B6 could come down Avenue H because of the double and triple parking on this block. The third issue is a safety issue and believes that someone will get hurt if something isn't done about it. When making the left turn on East 45<sup>th</sup> Street onto Avenue H there's a "No Standing Anytime" sign where vehicles, ubereats drivers and patrons park for hours at a time. They've reached out to Community Board 18 and tried to talk to NYC DOT to try to combat this issue. If this problem is not fixed making a left turn onto Avenue H from East 45<sup>th</sup> Street is extremely dangerous, and someone will get seriously hurt. Residents have complained the local civics about not being able to turn onto Avenue H from East 45<sup>th</sup> Street. She's not exactly sure what these establishments can do about the patrons parking at the "No Standing Anytime" sign but maybe the board and the community that is here tonight can provide some solutions or know anything that's been done before. She reached out to the NYC DOT about possibly putting zebra lines on the street where the "No Standing Anytime" sign is but was informed that they would not be able to do it. So, maybe there is another solution if anyone can come up with something because someone is going to get hurt because of the parking at the "No Standing Anytime" sign. Sometimes people have to come to your aide or provide direction just to help you turn onto Avenue H from East 45<sup>th</sup> Street because you can't see. So, again these are all the issues that they're having and its about coming up with solutions to solve the problems and she believes that Troy Avenue is having the safety issues as well. There's a small church on the corner near Halsey Bar & Grill where you can't even come out of Troy Avenue because the cars are sitting there and waiting to pick up food. Maybe it's some of the people picking up the food, or the patrons they don't know but the bottom line is these issues are real and we need to come up with solutions. We can sit here and vote no but if the NY State Liquor Authority votes yes then we're in the same situation so let's try and work on what Blueprint 265 Management LLC, C'Zen and Halsey Bar & Grill LLC, Halsey Bar & Grill's owner will do to make the situation better for the community. Johnny Arcenteles, President of the Troy Avenue Block Association stated that he concurs with the statements made by Board Member Violine Roberty and to make it short he would not like to see the renewal of these establishments. He also stated that the license issued to this establishment was predicated on certain things to take place and they have not taken place. They have gotten worse. The 63<sup>rd</sup> Police Precinct have been called numerous times to those locations to get them access in and out of their street on East 45<sup>th</sup> Street and Troy Avenue. These establishments have no concern for the neighborhood and would respectfully say please deny their application. Kwame

Mack, Representing Blueprint 265 Management LLC, C'Zen responded to Johnny Arcenteles, President of the Troy Avenue Block Association about his request for the denial of their application by stating that he thinks that they're being grouped with a lot of things. So, he just wants to be clear and understand what your concerns are with regards to which restaurant he was referring to. He stated that they've been a restaurant for two years now and serve excellent food, brunch and dinner and believes that they are a great addition to the neighborhood. Regarding the garbage they have pick ups several times a week from their private carting company. He stated that they have his contact information and that he is more than willing to work with the local civic and community and to come up with solutions. They always pick up their garbage and they sweep from the corner up and clean up the whole neighborhood every single night and that's their standard. They always want to be in addition to the community and they've always tried to keep up with their end of the bargain. Board Member Terri Cadet-Donald asked how they can help with getting the patrons that are coming to his establishment and double and triple parking in front and making the situation there safer. Kwame Mack, Representing Blueprint 265 Management LLC, C'Zen responded and said that they can have their manager make sure that they tell whether it be the patrons, Uber eats drivers or those who pick up their food to please clean up and to please not double park. They make that a clear instance for their patrons. They have a fair understanding for the most part on what they can do for that. They can handle that and stay on top of it. They're going to try their best to make sure that patrons don't double park, or they won't get their food unless they move out the way which they have done several times. Johnny Arcenteles, President of the Troy Avenue Block Association asked if they have a structure on the street. Kwame Mack, Representing Blueprint 265 Management LLC, C'Zen stated that their structure is in the street. Board Member Paul Curiale asked if they need the structure in the street and if maybe they can use the back of the building. Kwame Mack, Representing Blueprint 265 Management LLC, C'Zen stated that people can come to the back and sit down and that they are complying by the rules. Board Member Paul Curiale asked if and will they need the structure in the street forever. Kwame Mack, Representing Blueprint 265 Management LLC, C'Zen stated yes and that's an option for them. Board Member Barbara Bieber and Sallie Bennett also voiced their concerns regarding the establishments on Avenue H's garbage pickup schedule and double-parked vehicles. Gerard Brewster stated that he does not live on East 45<sup>th</sup>, Avenue H but does live in the neighborhood and he would not be happy with garbage and rats either. He also stated that it sounds like Board Member Violine Roberty and Sallie Bennett are ready to work on that as well with them and he gets it and they need to have that eradicated but when it comes to the traffic, the triple parking and people sitting in the "No Standing Anytime" zone he's not really sure that we can say that it's a result of the restaurant but is it really fair to put that on them. His job is not to police the traffic in that area. There are agencies that are responsible to make sure that you don't stand in a "No Standing Anytime" area and to not double and triple park on a two-way street. So it's a bit unfair to then take that and out that on these two businesses and say that if you can't fix something that's really out of their control that you're going to vote no against them. That just doesn't seem fair. District Manager Sue Ann Partnow stated that the suggestion made by Board Member Violine Roberty is that the Flatlands Civic Group meet with you and come up with some sort of an agreement on how to solve these issues. Jamaal Carryl and Gerard Brewster shared the same sentiments concerning the agencies responsibility to enforce the double and triple parking and the unfairness to put that on the establishments when that's a common issue surrounding commercial establishments. Tanisha Willard, Representing Prime623 LLC, Prime623, 1566 Ralph Avenue, 11234 introduced herself and asked if anyone had any questions or concerns regarding her application. D.I. Genevieve Isom Commanding Officer, 63<sup>rd</sup> Precinct asked what type of establishment it will be and what will be there hours of operation. Tanisha Willard stated that is a Caribbean American Restaurant and their hours of operation are from 12 PM to 12 AM every day and have recorded music. Board Member Paul Curiale asked if she is a member of the community

and if it's her first time opening a business. Tanisha Willard replied yes and stated that she's from the community and lives on Kings Highway and East 54<sup>th</sup> Street. She stated that they do not have dining on the sidewalk or a sidewalk structure, however they have a parking lot. Board Member Malynda Jordan Dandridge asked if they have handicapped parking. Tanisha Willard stated no but is willing to put some if necessary. Her attorney stated that the reason that Ms. Willard decided to open this business is because she believes that the community would benefit from seeing a young African American entrepreneur running a business in the neighborhood and bringing healthy good home cooked food instead of another fast food establishment and be able to provide jobs to people in the neighborhood. Board Member Judy Newtown congratulated Tanisha Willard on opening her business and asked her how many people from the area does she plan on hiring from the area. Tanisha Willard stated that they haven't started the hiring process yet because they are currently still under construction, but the restaurant will probably hold about 10 staff members if even that. So, whoever applies will go through the application process and if they qualify, they're more likely to be hired.

Chairperson Calise thanked the applicant for attending. Chairperson Calise made a Motion that Community Board #18 recommends approval of the New and Renewal Applications from Prime623 LLC, Prime623, 1566 Ralph Avenue – 11234, Gerardo Camarda, Gustosa LLC/Franks Pizza and Restaurant, 2134 Flatbush Avenue – 11234, B'Ueno Deli & Foods, Inc., B'Ueno Deli & Foods, 10013 Foster Avenue – 11234, China Tokyo Inc., China Tokyo Restaurant, 5908 Avenue N – 11234, S&N Topaze Restaurant Inc., Topaze, 1875 Utica Avenue – 11234, NY Tracks Café Inc., NY Tracks Café, 1556 Ralph Avenue – 11234, Blueprint 265 Management LLC, C'Zen, 4410 Avenue H – 11234, Sosaku Japanese Restaurant Inc., Sosaku Japanese Restaurant Inc., 6328 Avenue N – 11234, New Stanley's Grocery Inc., New Stanley's Grocery Inc., 2377 Nostrand Avenue – 11210. Board Member Maria Garrett seconded the Motion and the Motion passed with 30 Yes Votes. Chairperson Calise made a Motion that Community Board #18 table the Renewal Application from Halsey Bar & Grill LLC, Halsey Bar & Grill, 4404 Avenue H, 11234 until next month's board meeting. Board Member Maria Garrett seconded the Motion and the Motion passed with 30 Yes Votes.

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE** – Michael Ien, Pro-Tem Chairperson

1. Taxi & Limousine Commission For-Hire Base Station License Application received and Vote for the following:

**OWNERSHIP CHANGE APPLICATION FOR TAXI & LIMOUSINE COMMISSION LICENSE FOR LIVERY BASE STATION:**

- Transit Private Car Service, Inc., of 1407 Rockaway Parkway, Brooklyn, New York 11236 is requesting an Ownership Change and is selling the base from one entity to another.

Chairperson Ien made a Motion that Community Board #18 recommends approval of the Ownership Change Application received from Transit Private Car Service, Inc., of 1407 Rockaway Parkway, Brooklyn, New York 11236. Board Member Sal Calise seconded the Motion and the Motion passed with 28 Yes 1 No and 1 Abstention Votes.

**OPEN DISCUSSION VIA IN-PERSON & WEBEX . . .**

Reeves Eisen, Representing State Senator Andrew Gounardes, Jibreel Jalloh, Representing Brooklyn Borough Advocate Jumaane Williams, Sergey Chuprik, Representing New York City

Comptroller Scott Stringer, Michael Benjamin, Representing State Senator Roxanne Persaud all greeted everyone and provided a brief update and information on events.

Martine Jean Charles provided a brief update on East 59<sup>th</sup> Street. She stated that things have been good and the garbage that was piling up is not as bad, so things have gotten a little bit better. However, there is still a problem with trucks parking overnight on her block. This problem makes it difficult for residents who live on the block to try and find parking. So, if it's possible if they can have the 63<sup>rd</sup> Police Precinct check out this problem because it's not fair to the residents who live on this block. She also stated that her parents live on Troy Avenue near the SLA establishments that were discussed earlier and there is a problem on Avenue H with the double parked cars and the blocking of parts Troy Avenue which is a danger when you're trying to make a right or left turn along with the speeding cars coming down that block as well.

Ernest Timmons mentioned that since the Coronavirus pandemic there is trash everywhere. HE lives in Mill Basin and there's trash near Kings Plaza. Earlier people were talking about restaurants contributing to the rats and mice but there's garbage everywhere in Mill Basin. By the 7-Eleven on Flatbush Avenue and Avenue U there's mice over there as well so what is going to be done for the overall neighborhood in general as far as cleanups because people were talking about restaurant's but he doesn't think that's just the restaurants it's everywhere now. He was just at Walgreens and there's a bunch of food piled up and its everywhere. Earlier someone mentioned parking and he has a neighbor who uses the street as his parking lot for all of his cars so that's just not a one sided issue but he's more concerned about the trash and the clean up and what's going to be done. Since the pandemic he started walking around the neighborhood and there was just garbage everywhere. He made a complaint because on East 54<sup>th</sup> Street someone left three bags of trash on the curb and it's just still sitting there. Chairperson Michael Ien and District Manager Sue Ann Partnow suggested that he call the board office in the morning and provide more specifics and they will be glad to contact DSNY and see what they can do. District Manager Sue Ann Partnow also stated that she spoke with D.I. Genevieve Isom Commanding Officer, 63<sup>rd</sup> Precinct earlier that day because we received a lot of complaints about the illegally parked trailers with cars on top on Avenue U between East 58<sup>th</sup> and East 59<sup>th</sup> Streets. D.I. Genevieve Isom informed us that she would send someone and also go by herself and check it out and let them know that they are parked the illegally and if they need be they're going to get the large tow trucks and have them towed. So, hopefully they'll be able to take care of that.

Board Member Lucina Clarke raised a concern about a neighbor on her block who refuses to clean in front of his house. The house looks like a forest and some of the neighbors on the block have even cleaned in front of his house. There are now rats and rodents running round. They've contacted 311 but nothing is being done. She understands that its private property but it's also bringing down the value of their homes and doesn't know what else to do next. District Manager Sue Ann Partnow asked that she send us an email in the morning with the specifics and we will contact DSNY and see what they can do.

Chairperson Ien thanked District Manager Sue Ann Partnow, Assistant District Manager Dorothy Paul, Board Member Barbara Bieber and Paul Curiale for everything this past year. There being no further business or discussion, Chairperson Ien made a motion to adjourn the meeting of Community Board #18 and Board Member Terri Cadet-Donald seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 P.M. The Motion passed unanimously with 30 Yes Votes.

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