



**CITY OF NEW YORK**      **COMMUNITY BOARD 3**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2023**  
**COMMUNITY BOARD VIRTUAL MEETING**  
**VIA WEBEX**

**In Attendance:**

**Members Present:** Ricardo Agcauli, Emad Ansari, Monique Antoine, Anthony Buissereth, Michael Catlyn, Evelyn Collier, Yvonne Cummings, Ernest Deeb, Keith Forest, Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Shia Greenfeld, Oma Holloway, Everett Hughes, Jada John-Ali, Edna Johnson, Azania Maitland, Dovie Matthews, Kenneth Mbonu, Ellen Miller, Jerome Nathaniel, Santana Payton, C. Doris Pinn, Simone Pratt, Shneaquia Purvis, Karen Rhau, Annalee Reid, Miari Roberts, Wendy Robinson, Suzette Sheppard, Dr. Adesola Tella, Alicia Walton, Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman, Douglas Williams, TJ Wilson

**Members Absent/Excused:** Dr. Kim Best, Carroll “Rusty” Fields, Victor Iroh, Mary Jemison-Head, Dr. Kerliene Johnson, Frank LaChapelle, Christine Parker, Joel Polatsek, Robert Providence, Carolyn Richburg, Abitzel Robinson-Hobson, Jamella Swift

**Elected Official/Reps:** Maron Alemu – Hon. Hakeem Jeffries, Sen. Jabari Brisport, Robert Moore – Assemblymember Latrice Walker, Assemblymember Stefani Zinerman, Carol-Ann Church – Hon. Antonio Reynoso, Councilmember Chi Osse, Councilmember Lincoln Restler, Councilmember Crystal Hudson, Shelton Jones – District Attorney Office, District Leader Henry Butler, Henry Morgan – Mayor’s Office/NYC Services

**Agencies/CBOs:** Nicole Bryan – Macon Branch Library, Inspector Timothy Skretch – 79<sup>th</sup> Precinct, Det. Conrad Narcisse – 81<sup>st</sup> Precinct, Judge Betty Staton – Brooklyn Legal Services, Sharonnie Perry – OBH, Gregory Anderson – Bridge Street Development Corp.,

The meeting was called to order by the Chair Anthony Buissereth. He read the agenda into the record and gave his remarks. He reminded everyone that the real work of the Board is done at the committee level and invited residents to join a committee.

An Informational presentation was given by Dr. Adeniyi Olabumuyi and Dr. Elizabeth Jalkut, Woodhull Hospital on stroke prevention and care. Dr. Olabumuyi stated that stroke is the leading cause of death in the United States. There are 750,000 strokes per year and one stroke every 45 seconds. Factors that increase the risk include high blood pressure, diabetes, high cholesterol, and excessive drinking. There are ways to help reduce the risk by reducing alcohol intake, maintaining a healthy weight by exercising, controlling blood pressure, diabetes, and cholesterol. Ideally a person pressure should be 128/80.

A public hearing was held on the proposed street co-naming of Halsey Street between Bedford and Nostrand Avenues to Nelson M. Stoute Way. Veronica Lewis, the mother of Nelson Stoute presented a brief history on all the advocacy he did in the community up until his death in 2017. She stated that he was instrumental in getting the Nostrand Avenue Reconstruction, the Utica Avenue Elevator, and the newly designed District 3 sanitation garage.

There were no questions since everyone were familiar with the work that Nelson Stoute did in the community.

The second public hearing was held by Guy Fouyalle, owner of Brooklyn Taste Bar LLC who requested a letter of support for a State Liquor Authority License at 1803 Atlantic Avenue between Buffalo and Rochester Avenues. He stated that he previously owned Brown Chocolate Café for ten years and Jelani Lounge both on Fulton Street. He owns Tina's Place. He added that he works for New York Presbyterian Hospital where he in charge of catering.

Mr. Fouyalle stated that the establishment on Atlantic Avenue will provide a space for chefs and bakers to showcase their talent and build their brand. He will provide two tastings on weekends and will be open from Wednesday to Sunday between the hours of 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. The capacity is for 25 to 30 people.

The Awkward Scone (d/b/a Ursula) also requested a letter of support for a State Liquor Authority License at 387A Nostrand Avenue between Madison Street and Putnam Avenue. The owner Eric See gave the presentation. He stated that Ursula is named after his grandmother. It will be a full-service restaurant.

He currently have a staff of nine (9) at 724 Sterling Place where he has been since September 2020. He hopes to increase to 15. The hours of operation will be 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m., 7 days a week. He will also utilize the backyard with seven (7) tables and fourteen (14) seats. The capacity of the restaurant is 24 with 10 seats at an open kitchen counter and 7 seats the bar.

Community announcements were made by the following people:

- Eddie Gajadar announced the grand opening of the African Art Museum at 1360 Fulton Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor featuring Eric Edwards collections more than 3000 artifacts. It is tentatively scheduled for February 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Gregory Anderson informed that Bridge Street Development Corp. will host an Information Session on January 18<sup>th</sup>, to discuss the Open Street application for Tompkins Avenue. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. at Restoration Plaza.

#### **Roll Call:**

There were 34 members present and 12 absent.

#### **Chair's Report:**

- Emergency Order was extended by Mayor Adams until January 20, 2023. All meetings will remain remote until that time.
- The office will be close for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Community Board applications deadline is February 14<sup>th</sup> for new members and re-appointments.
- Community District3 will receive 35 Smart Compost Bins
- MTA Public meeting on the proposed Redesign will be held on January 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom
- Atlantic Avenue Mixed Use Planning kickoff meeting will be held on January 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

#### **District Manager's Report**

- Community District 3 will receive 35 compost bins throughout the district. The Dept. of Sanitation started placing them on Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

- The MTA Bus Redesign meeting for Brooklyn Community District 3 will be held on Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. virtually
- Community Board 3 is part of the interview process for the new NYPD Commander at the 81<sup>st</sup> Precinct

**The action taken on the public hearings are as follows:**

TJ Wilson stated that the committee voted in support of providing a letter for the co-naming of Halsey Street between Nostrand and Bedford Avenues for Nelson M. Stoute as Nelson M. Stoute Way.

A motion was seconded by Douglas Williams.

**VOTE: 34 – In favor; 0 Against; 0 – Abstention**

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Keith Forest stated that the committee voted in favor of supporting the Alcohol Beverage Control License application from Brooklyn Taste Bar LLC.

**VOTE: 29 – In Favor; 3 – Against; 2 – Abstention**

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Keith Forest stated that the committee voted in favor of supporting the Alcohol Beverage Control License application from The Awkward Scone's (d/b/a Ursula)

**VOTE: 25 – In Favor; 4 – Against; 4 – Abstention**

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Committee announcements were made by the following:

- Keith Forest announced the Economic Development Committee will host 15 for \$15 at Brooklyn Residency on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, at 2:00 p.m.
- Monique Antoine gave an update on the interview for the Commanding Officer of the 81<sup>st</sup> Precinct.

Miari Roberts read the resolution in objection to the Brooklyn Bus Network Redesign Draft Plan for Routes with Community District 3. It was noted that the merchants on Tompkins Avenue also does not support the resolution. A motion was made and seconded by Evelyn Collier.

**VOTE: 33 – In Favor; 0 – against; 0 – Abstention**

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A motion to accept the December minutes was made by Edna Johnson and seconded by Douglas Williams.

Chair Buissereth announced the next meeting will be held on Monday, February 6, 2023.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Beryl Nyack  
January, 24, 2023