

**Community Board 9
890 Nostrand Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11225**

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD
HELD ON **June 24, 2020**
ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING PLATFORM**

Board Members Present

Nicolas Almonor
Stuart Balberg
Fred P. Baptiste
Virginia Bechtold
Yaacov Berhman
Warren Berke
Augustine Blackwell
Erin Brown
Alejandra Caraballo
Suwen (Suki) Cheong
Michelle Caldwell-Derosier
Verleen Dozier
Rosemarie Evering
Tessa Hackett-Vieira
Bishop Hamilton-Gonzales
Shloma Zalman Hecht
Wayne King
Primo Lasana
Mayna Legoute
Francisca Leopold
Nolan Levenson

Board Members Present

Michael Liburd
Mattijs Limberger
Menachem Margolin
Robert Mitchell
Carmen Martinez
Vivia Morgan
Patricia Moses
Beverly Newsome
Yankee Pearson
Riel Peerbooms
Amy Pinkerton
Unella Rhone-Perry
Dexter Roberts
Mary Rollerson-Blackett
Desma Ross
Melissa Severe
Rashidah Siddiqui
Chanina Sperlin
Debbie Timothy
Eve-lyn Williams
Lorianne Wolseley

Board Members Absent

Melanie Lewis
Lorraine Watson-Lorde

Elected Officials / Agency Representatives Present

Borough President Eric L. Adams – Ricardo Newball
Kings County District Attorney Eric Gonzalez – Karen Chambers
Majority Leader Laurie A. Cumbo – Arna Lipknd

Public Session

Chair Baptiste called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

Yaacov Behrman, Public Safety Committee Chair -Application submitted by 882 *Nostrand Avenue, LLC, d/b/a Should Nothing Happen*, 882 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11225, for a new Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider license

Chair Baptiste opened up the floor for public comment

Business Session

First Vice Chair Berke conducted Roll Call attendance; Confirmed 40 Board Members present and quorum. Additionally, requested that any members experiencing technical difficulties to identify themselves in the chat.

Yaacov Behrman, Public Safety Committee – Spoke briefly about based on expanded participation by the public based on streaming of YouTube.

Patricia Moses, ULURP/Land Use Committee – All ULURP/Land Use matters have been suspended due to the Governors Executive Order.

Alejandra Caraballo Housing Committee – Housing court will be reopening soon but the eviction moratorium remains in place. There are plans for a tenant rights training in the future.

Francisca Leopold – Health and Social Services Committee – Seeking to organize and distribute masks to the community in the upcoming weeks.

Carmen L. Martinez – Transportation Committee – Presented all outstanding DOT issues to the agency for review. Additionally, Open Street requests were discussed to determine what the criteria would entail with regard to community input.

Debbie Timothy – Economic Development Committee - NYC SBS representative attended committee meeting and provided a host of resources available to small business that are struggling due to COVID-29

Amy Pinkerton – Environmental Protection Committee – Additional advocacy of an Environmental Protection Town Hall based on continued development in the district

Mattijs Limberger – Youth Services Committee – Youth forum cancelled due to COVID-19. Resources disseminated to the CB9 youth list-serv and on social media.

Mia N. Hilton, Assistant District Manager – Provided an update on office purchases and delays due COVID-19.

Fred P. Baptiste, CB9 Chair – Provided an overview of current/future Board operation due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Nolan Levenson – Nomination Committee – The voting for Executive Officers will take place via survey monkey. The measure will be deployed by office staff. Members with tech accessibility issues, they will be contacted by phone.

Executive Committee candidates provided a brief background on themselves and their rationale for running for office.

Nomination Committee was sent to a breakout room to conduct computation.

Voting items

- 1) **Salary increase for CB9 Community Assistant Khalid Nixon based on the following resolution:**

Whereas, one of the functions of the Community Board is the establishment of a District Office for the receipt and processing of service complaints, meeting with agency representatives in the District Service Cabinet, and other functions as mandated by the Charter.

Whereas, professionalism and dedication are required for the effective and efficient operation of the CB9 District Office.

Whereas, Mr. Khalid Nixon was hired by Community Board 9 as a Community Assistant in January 2017. Whereas, Mr. Nixon has been instrumental in the proper operation and function of the district office. Whereas, Mr. Nixon has provided conscientious and quality service to the residents of the community. Whereas, Mr. Nixon is a respected and highly regarded employee of Community Board 9.

Whereas, tasks and standards have been developed to better define the expectations of the Community Assistant title in the CB9 District Office. Whereas, there currently are sufficient funds in the Personal Services budget for salary adjustments for District Office Staff. Therefore, be it RESOLVED that the members of Community Board 9 authorize a salary increase to \$40,000 per annum for Mr. Khalid Nixon. This increase should be retroactive to September 1, 2019 and it will be enacted pursuant to the satisfaction of all administrative requirements of the Office of the Brooklyn Borough President, the Office of Management and Budget, the Department of Citywide Administrative Services, and any other relevant agencies.

Resolution approved with a vote :35 in favor

- 2) *Application submitted by 882 Nostrand Avenue, LLC, d/b/a Should Nothing Happen, 882 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11225, for a new Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider license*

Resolution approved with a vote :26 in favor

- 3) *Motion presented by Public Safety Committee Chair, Yaacov Behrman to request police officers combat fireworks.*

Resolution failed to pass with a vote of 29 in opposition

Election results:

Fred Baptiste - 38 votes /39 Ballots received
Warren Berke – 35 votes/39 Ballots received
Francisca Leopold – 32 votes/39 Ballots received
Robert Mitchell – 5 Votes/39 Ballots received
Alejandra Caraballo – 26 votes/39 Ballots received
Stuart Balberg – 12 votes/39 Ballots received
Debbie Timothy – 37 votes/39 Ballots received
Eve-lyn Williams – 30 votes/39 Ballots received
Vivia Morgan – 34 votes/39 Ballots received

Motion moved and seconded; motion carried

Meeting Adjourned 10:36p.m.