

**Community Board 9
890 Nostrand Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11225**

**Executive Committee Minutes
September 21, 2021**

Attendance

Fred Baptiste - CB9 Chairman	Jeremy Salamon, - Agi's Café, LLC
Warren Berke - 1 st Vice Chair	Anthony Caraballo - And Sons NYC,LLC
Francisca Leopold – 2 nd Vice Chair	Phoebe Damrosch - Don't Give Up The Ship, LLC
Nicolas Almonor - Member-at-Large	Ramon Nunez - Nunez Ramirez Corp.
Evelyn Williams – Member-at-Large	Aaron Pierce, Sweet Catch Brooklyn, LLC
Dante B. Arnwine – CB9 District Manager	Kawanna Jefferson - Sweet Catch Brooklyn, LLC
Naomi Baptiste, CB9 Board Member	Tholonikus Dupree, Pearl Lee's Washtub, LLC
Suki Cheong, CB9 Board Member	Maxine Barnes, Community Resident
Christian Loubeau, CB9 Board Member	Tara Fireball, Community Resident
Felice Robertson - CB9 Board Member	

Absent

Dexter Roberts, Treasurer

Fred Baptiste, CB9 Chair convened the meeting at 7:10p.m and opened the floor for public comment.

Chair Baptiste reported that due to numerous religious holidays which limited meeting times, the standing Committees will begin meeting in October 2021.

CB9 received six SLA applications that required timely action of the Board. Since the Public Safety Committee did not meet, the Executive Board considered these applications as to move forward to the full board for a vote at the September General Board meeting or to send back to committee if additional review is required.

The Executive Committee voted to move the following applications forward to the September 2021 General Board meeting.

- a. Application submitted by **Agi's Café LLC** – 818 Franklin Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11225, for a new Wine, Beer & Cider license
- b. Application submitted by **And Sons NYC LLC** – 447 Rogers Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11225, for the renewal of a Wine, Beer & Cider license
- c. Application submitted by **Don't Give Up The Ship LLC** – 505 Rogers Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11225, for a new Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider license

- d. Application submitted by **Nunez Ramirez Corp** – 679 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11225, for a new Wine, Beer & Cider license
- e. Application submitted by **Sweet Catch Brooklyn LLC** – 1222 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11225, for a new Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider license

The Executive committee has voted to send the following application to the October 2021 Public Safety Committee meeting for review:

- a. Application submitted by **Pearl Lee's Washtub LLC** – 314 Rogers Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11225, for a new Wine, Beer & Cider license

****Member-at-Large, Eve-lyn Williams abstained from all SLA applicant votes***

Dante B. Arnwine, District Manager's Report

- a. District Office is open by appointment only. You can schedule an appointment by emailing or calling the office.
- b. District Service Cabinet is back in session.
- c. 30 trash receptacles that were purchased by the Board were delivered and are in use the district.
- d. New website (block party/ street activity, FOIL request, liquor license info and process)
- e. On September 2nd, Governor Hochul signed Assembly Bill: 40001, extending virtual access to public meetings under New York State's Open Meetings Law, which allows New Yorkers to virtually participate in local government meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic. Virtual meetings are able to be held until Jan 15.
- f. We have changed the format of our weekly email to Constant Contact
- g. We are looking for interns. Anyone who is interested can call or email the Board Office.
- h. Budget: Important to note the large expenditures from last year will not be possible moving forward due to the office finally having a DM on payroll. As of today, 9/21/2021, we currently have \$18,194.50 uncommitted in our operating budget. In late October, I will be sending a budget request letter to the Chairs of the committees.
- i. Please, before committing to anything involving the Board office or the staff. Please send me an email to discuss.

Fred P. Baptiste, Chairman's Report

960 Franklin Avenue

The Chair appeared and testified on behalf of the Board at the Brooklyn Borough President's hearing on June 29, 2021 and at the City Planning Commission hearing on July 29, 2021. The CPC unanimously disapproved the application on September 22, 2021.

Community Board 9 Resolution - "Brooklyn Community Board 9 held a public hearing on this application (C 200184 ZMK) and the related actions for a zoning text amendment (N 200185 ZRK) and special permits (C 200186 ZSK, C 200187 ZSK) on June 21, 2021, and on June 23, by a vote of 22 in favor, two in opposition, and nine abstaining, adopted a resolution recommending disapproval of the application, noting that any proposed modifications to the application after certification should not be considered as part of this ULURP review as the Board had not been provided sufficient documentation to substantiate or refute any claims made in revised presentations."

Brooklyn Borough President's Hearing Testimony – "The Chair of Community Board 9 reiterated the Board's recommendation to disapprove the application with no modifications. He explained that the project's harms would greatly outweigh the benefits and that any alternatives or modifications to the proposal, shown after certification, should not be considered because the Board had not been provided sufficient documentation. He elaborated further that an alternative proposal was first presented in late February of 2021 without any notice, which deprived the Board of the opportunity to conduct any substantive review."

CPC Consideration - "...The Commission further notes that such a substantial change to the proposal this late in the process, especially with only limited information provided by the applicant team, makes a mockery of the public review process and the engagement by local residents and other stakeholders, the Community Board, and the Borough President to review a proposed change. At this late point in the public review process, if the applicant seeks to pursue a different proposal, the Commission advises that a new application be submitted that will benefit from a complete and thorough public review."

Associated Supermarket

Associated Supermarket closed at the end of July. In August 2021 the property was sold by Midwood Investment & Development to Hudson Companies. Understanding that it is not possible to completely offset the loss of the supermarket. Community Board 9 is exploring options for trying to mitigate the impact including farm stands for access to fresh produce, shuttle service to other local options, and expanded food delivery services. The Board will also be working with elected officials, agencies, and other organizations to discuss and address the larger issues of food insecurity in the District.

Medgar Evers College

Dr. Patricia Ramsey was appointed as Medgar Evers College in March 2021. The college is launching several exciting initiatives and CB9 looks forward to working in partnership with MEC.

Vacancy for Board Secretary

The Chair will establish a nominations committee which will conduct the process for electing a new Executive Secretary per the CB9 By-Laws.

District Needs

Text Amendments:

- Health & Fitness Centers
- Sidewalk Cafes
- FRESH Program Expansion

Objectives for 2021-2022

- Increased engagement and enhancing communications
- Continued building of Board infrastructure
- Creating and strengthening partnerships
- Increased advocacy for the community district

September 2021 General Board Meeting Agenda

Public Session

1. Call to Order
2. Presentation – Independent
3. Applications to the New York State Liquor Authority

Public Comment (30 minutes)

Acknowledgements

Business Session

- a) Roll call
- b) Approval of June 2021 Board Meeting Minutes
- c) District Office Report
- d) Chairman's Report
- e) Voting Items

- f) Old Business
- g) New Business
- h) Adjournment

Motion to adopt agenda Francisca Leopold, seconded by Eve-lyn Williams

All in favor, motion adopted unanimously

Motion to adjourn Eve-lyn Williams, seconded by Nicolas Almonor

Motion adopted unanimously.

Adjourned at 9:35 pm

Minutes submitted by:
Warren Berke
First Vice Chair
September 23, 2021