

Community Board 9
890 Nostrand Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11225

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD
HELD ON **April 27, 2021**
ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING PLATFORM

AMENDED

Board Members Present

Nicolas Almonor
Stuart Balberg
Fred Baptiste
Rabbi Yaacov Behrman
Warren Berke
Alejandra Caraballo
Suwen “Suki” Cheong
Verleen Dozier
Tessa Hackett-Vieira
Bishop Hamilton-Gonzales
Shloma Zalman Hecht
Wayne King
Primo Lasana
Mayna Legoute
Nolan Levenson

Board Members Present

Melanie Lewis
Michael Liburd
Mattijs Limberger
Carmen Martinez
Patricia Moses
Beverly Newsome
Yankee Pearson
Amy Pinkerton
Melissa Severe
Rabbi Chanina Sperlin
Debbie Timothy
Linda Watson-Lorde
Eve-lyn Williams
Lorianne Wolseley

Board Members Absent

Virginia Bechtold
Augustine Blackwell
Erin Brown
Rosemarie Evinger
Bishop Hamilton-Gonzales
*Francisca Leopold
Vivia Morgan
*Riel Peerbooms
Unella Rhone-Perry
Dexter Roberts
Mary Rollerson-Blackett
Desma Ross
Rashidah Siddiqui

Elected Officials / Agency Representatives Present

U.S. Congresswoman– Yvette D. Clarke – Eli Slavin
NYS Assemblywoman Diana C. Richardson – Pastor Honeywell
NYC Councilwoman Alicka Ampry-Samuel – Naomi Hopkins
Kings County District Attorney Eric Gonzalez – Karen Crawford

Presentations

NYS State Liquor Authority Applications

- a. **M.A.'S Soul Food Plus LLC** – 140 Empire Boulevard, Brooklyn, New York 11225, for a new Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider license
- b. **Brooklyn Food & Arts LLC & Great Performances/Artists as Waitresses, Inc.** – 200 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11238, for an alteration to an existing license
- c. **Taste of The City Lounge, Inc.** – 903 Franklin Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11225, for a new Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider license

Public Comment Period

Business Session

Exec. Secretary conducted roll call attendance and confirmed quorum with 29 present, 11 absent, 2 excused.

Committee Chair Reports

Yaacov Behrman, Public Safety Committee - All SLA applications were approved in Public Safety Committee meeting.

Pat Moses, ULURP/Land Use Committee - The TRO is still in place. The presentations on 960 Franklin Avenue project that were presented at the last meeting are available for viewing by any member of the public/Board.

Nicolas Almonor, Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee - Committee drafted correspondence urging elected officials to sign on to correspondence acknowledge the potential damage to the district greenspace if the project is erected.

Dante Arnwine, District Manager's Report

- Identify short comings and fix (recordings on website)
- Updated bylaws on the website
- COVID-ready office (Decision has not been made yet)
- SYEP Worksite Application Submitted
- Budget Request Letter
- Mask Distribution Pop-ups (Starting April 30th) (Kingston)
- Community Clean w/ Repair the World on April 25 (Sunday)- eblast was sent out to board members and the community listserv.
- Office Budget Review (ongoing-suspension of MODS)- OMB is working on executive budget and have limited access to their work.
- Continuous past minutes and agendas on website calendar
- Adding additional features to CB website to make it informative.
- District Cabinet (cabinet is not a public body, it is an administrative need)
- Zoom Expansion (500 capacity)

Fred Baptiste, Chairman's Report

- Creation of the nomination committee for executive committee positions. The Nomination Committee will consist of Nicolas Almonor, Tessa Hackett-Vieira, Primo Lasana , Nolan Levenson and Melissa Severe
- Discussion about obtaining additional information as a board on the 960 Franklin Avenue project
- Board can not vote on the Parks Committee letter, as the Board has not formally formulated a position.
- Tentative amendment of by-laws to accommodate voting during remote meeting.
- June General Board meeting moved to June 23, 2021 due to Primary Day.

Voting Items

- Motion by Alejandra Caraballo, second by Nicholas Almonor to approve the modification of SLA license for Brooklyn Food & Arts LLC & Great Performances/ Artists as Waitresses, Inc. by unanimous consent. No objections; adopted unanimously. The motion carries.
- Motion by Tessa Hackett Viera, second by Alejandra Caraballo to approve the SLA Ma's Soul Food Plus LLC. Voice vote, all in favor. Beverly Newsome was the only no vote. The motion carries.
- Motion by Alejandra Caraballo, second by Debbie Timothy to approve the modification of SLA license for Taste of The City Lounge, Inc.
- Move to table by Beverly Newsome, second by Lorianne Wolseley. 26 no, 2 yes. Motion fails.
- Roll call vote, 25 yes votes, 3 no votes, 2 abstentions. The motion carries.
- Motion to move our final meeting June 22nd to June 23rd by Nicholas Almanor, second by Tessa Hackett-Vieira. Unanimous consent, the motion carries.
- Motion to send out a letter by Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee
- Motion to table as it is in violation of the TRO by Warren Berke, second by Stuart Balberg. Unanimous in favor. Abstention by Vivia Morgan, Amy Pinkerton, and Lorianne Wolseley

Motion to adjourn by Stuart Balberg, seconded by Linda Watson Lorde

Adjourned 9:41pm.