

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

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD
HELD ON **September 30, 2021**
ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING PLATFORM**

AMENDED

Board Members Present

Nicolas Almonor
Fred Baptiste
Naomy Baptiste
Rabbi Yaacov Behrman
Warren Berke
Augustine Blackwell
Suwen “Suki” Cheong
Rosemarie Evering
Tessa Hackett-Vieira
Bishop Hamilton-Gonzales
Shloma Zalman Hecht
Primo Lasana
Francisca Leopold
Melanie Lewis
Christian Loubeau
Menachem Margolin

Board Members Present

Carmen Martinez
Vivia Morgan
Patricia Moses
Beverly Newsome
Yankee Pearson
Amy Pinkerton
Unella Rhone-Perry
Dexter Roberts
Felice Robertson
Melissa Severe
Rashidah Siddiqui
Chanina Sperlin
Debbie Timothy
Linda Watson-Lorde
Eve-lyn Williams
Cheryl Wright

Board Members Absent

Khyrie Alleyne
Stuart Balberg
John Beckles, Jr.
Verleen Dozier
Mayna Legoute
Mattijs Limberger
Riel Peerbooms
*Mary Rollerson-Blackett
Rashida Sykes
Lorianne Wolseley

*Excused

Elected Officials / Agency Representatives Present

Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams – Ricardo Newball
Kings County District Attorney Eric Gonzalez – Karen Crawford
Frank Fontana, NYC Department of Buildings
Isis, McIntosh-Green - New York State Independent Redistricting Commission

CB9 Chairman Fred Baptiste called to order at 7:14pm and provided open remarks.

NYS State Liquor Authority Application

- Application submitted by **Agi’s Café LLC** – 818 Franklin Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11225, for a new Wine, Beer & Cider license
- Application submitted by **And Sons NYC LLC** – 447 Rogers Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11225, for the renewal of a Wine, Beer & Cider license
- 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
- 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

- Application submitted by **Sweet Catch Brooklyn LLC** – 1222 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11225, for a new Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider license

Presentations

- Independent Redistricting Commission, Isis McIntosh-Green

Public Session

Public Comment

Business Session

Roll call attendance was conducted and confirmed quorum with 30 members present.

Motion to adopt June 2021 General Board Meeting minutes approved with the modification of: ***The listing of Eve-lyn Williams as a candidate section for Member-at-Large; So moved by Board Member Roberts and seconded by Board Member Rhone-Perry.***

Voice vote; Motion passed unanimously

Dante B. Arnwine, District Manager’s Report

- District Office is open, by appointment only. You can schedule an appointment by emailing or calling the office.
- District Service Cabinet is back in session.
- 30 trash receptacles that were purchased by the Board were delivered and are in use the district.
- New website (block party/ street activity, FOIL request, liquor license info and process)
- 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 can be held until Jan 15.
- We have changed the format of our weekly email to Constant Contact
- We are looking for interns. Anyone who is interested can call or email the Board Office.
- 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.
- LAST THING: 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

SLA Applications

- a. Application submitted by **Agi's Café LLC** – 818 Franklin Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11225, for a new Wine, Beer & Cider license
 - i. Motion to approve the application; Moved by Member Lasana and Seconded by Blackwell
 1. Voice Vote – Majority in the affirmative; 1 abstention (Member Williams)
- b. Application submitted by **And Sons NYC LLC** – 447 Rogers Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11225, for the renewal of a Wine, Beer & Cider license
 - i. Motion to approve the application; Moved by Member Hackett-Vieira and Seconded by Member Berke
 1. Voice Vote – Majority in the affirmative; 1 abstention (Member E. Williams)
- 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
 - i. Motion to approve the application; Moved by Member Leopold and Seconded by Member Evering
 1. Voice Vote – Majority in the affirmative; 1 abstention (Member E. Williams)
- d. Application submitted by **Nunez Ramirez Corp** – 679 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11225, for a new Wine, Beer & Cider license
 - i. Motion to approve the application; Moved by Member Blackwell and Seconded by Member Moses
 1. Voice Vote – Motion passed unanimously
 - 2.
- e. Application submitted by **Sweet Catch Brooklyn LLC** – 1222 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11225, for a new Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider license
 - i. Motion to return the application to the Committee ; Moved by Member Cheong and Seconded by Member Williams
 1. Votes - 13 No, 12 yes and 4 Abstentions
 - ii. Motion to approve the application as long as it is following the 200/500-foot rule; Moved by Member Rhone-Perry, Seconded by **Member Blackwell**
 1. **Votes – 23 Yes, 2 No and 1 Abstention**

Meeting Adjourned 10:27pm