

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

**General Board Meeting Minutes  
April 27, 2023, at 7pm**

- I. Call to Order – Announce Rules of Order for the Meeting Board Chair, Fred Baptiste** called meeting to order at 7:05p.m. The meeting was held via Zoom at the following meeting link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84858396883>
  
- II. Applications to the New York State Liquor Authority**
  - a. **Gruit, Inc.-** 252 Empire Boulevard (Corner of Rogers Avenue), Brooklyn, NY, 11225; Application for the renewal of a Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider License

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

**Elected Officials/Agency Representatives**

Eli Slavin, Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke  
Taiquan Coleman, NYC Council Member Rita Joseph  
Raul Rothblatt, NYS Assemblymember Brian Cunningham  
Jasi Reyes, NYS Assemblymember Phara Souffrant-Forrest  
Karen Crawford, Kings County District Attorney Eric Gonzalez  
Damaris Falero, NYC DOB

**Guests**

Z. Skoblo, SLA Applicant for Gruit, Inc.

**BUSINESS SESSION**

**III. Roll Call of Board Members**

<b>In the box, mark (X) if PRESENT; (A) if ABSENT; and (E) if EXCUSED</b>			
Maria Acosta	X	Letvine Mavima	X
Khyrie Alleyne	X	Erin Mazursky	X
Nicolas Almonor	X	Jean Rene Nguema Mbeng	E
Fred P. Baptiste	X	Natoya McGhie	X
Jenelle Bazil-Charles	X	Zlati Mochkin	X
Rabbi Yaacov Behrman	X	Patricia Moses	X

Warren Berke	X	Beverly Newsome	X
Alethea Best	X	Ethan Norville	X
Augustine Blackwell	X	Paul Pascale	X
Celeste Chase	X	Yankee Pearson	X
Suwen Suki Cheong	X	Milford Prewitt	X
Max Coen	X	Vanessa Raptopoulos	X
Eve Chavi Cohen	X	Unella Rhone-Perry	X
Soul Creary	A	Dexter Roberts	X
Jamie Eckstein	X	Felice Robertson	X
Candace Edwards	X	Binyomin Rosenberger	X
Bishop Hamilton-Gonzales	X	Doienne Saab	X
Rod Herbert	X	Omari Scott	X
Yosef Hershkop	X	Debbie Timothy	X
Ronisha LaBarrie		Twyla Ware	X
Primo Lasana	X	Linda Watson-Lorde	X
Mayna Legoute	X	Theresa Westerdahl	X
Yisroel Lehrer	X	John Woefling	X
Francisca Leopold	X	Lorianne Wolseley	E
Courtenay Loiselle	X	Shmuel Zfatman	A

**IV. Attendance**

- a. 42 Board Members present, quorum established

**V. Approval of March 2023 General Board Meeting Minutes**

- a. Minutes approved by common consent

**VI. District Manager’s Report**

- a. 2023 CB9 Day of Action held on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, recap.
- b. On March 30<sup>th</sup>, we held our free tax prep with the Dept of Consumer and Work Protection.
- c. RBC Brooklyn Half on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00am - Traffic Advisory was sent out yesterday to all Board and Resident Members and will be in our weekly e-blast. App Waze and Tom Tom have been notified.
- d. Notifications from NG and Con Edison
- e. DOT followed through on our request to have an additional DO NOT ENTER sign posted at the intersection of Lincoln Road, Washington, and Flatbush Avenues.
- f. In partnership with HRA, we will be at the Crown Heights Library the last Friday of each month (starting in May) to provide SNAP and Cash Assistance assistance to constituents.
- g. In partnership with HPD, we will be holding a popup on Bedford Ave next to Ebbets Field on April 26<sup>th</sup> from 2-4PM

- h.** In partnership with DOF, they will be providing SCRIE/ DRIE (Rent Freeze) services at our Board Office every last Thursday of the month starting in May.
- i.** Fires at 77 Sullivan Place and 1760 Union Street – both were fatal. 1760 - Partial vacate order on property. The owner is required to hire an engineer to assess the damage by April 10th and repair work must be completed in May. Partial vacate order will remain until corrected.
- j.** The Office for the Prevention of Hate Crimes (OPHC) and the City Commission on Human Rights (CCHR) are excited to announce the launch of our Community Project Grants to Prevent and Address Bias and Hate! Individuals, groups, non-profit organizations, academic institutions, and other entities located in New York City can apply for grants up to \$5,000 to implement creative projects that promote community respect, prevent hate violence, and seek to address hate crimes, bias-motivated incidents, and discrimination through pathways outside of law enforcement
- k.** Emergency HEAP is still available to apply until Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- l.** DCLA will be providing an update on the Shirley Chisholm Monument. Meeting information will go out once received.

## **VII. Chairman's Report**

- a.** Interim Secretary - elections to be held on Tues 4/25
- b.** Election cycle begins in April: Nominations committee will be appointed to conduct Board canvass and identify candidates
- c.** Community Fair - tentatively scheduled for 6/3/2023; District Office will coordinate and report to the Board
- d.** Committees: Chairs are be instructed to begin winding down committees and finalize any actions or recommendations for the Board
- e.** Street closures: The Chair and the DM are engaging in conversations with agencies and applicants to ensure better communications and discuss ways of minimizing impacts to residents
- f.** Nominations Committee
  - i.** Members – Jenelle Basil-Charles; Primo Lasana; Felice Robertson; Omari Scott; John Woefling,

## **VIII. Voting Items**

- a.** Election of Mayna Legoute as Interim Treasurer
  - i.** Motion to approve moved by Linda Watson-Lorde and seconded by N. Almonor
    - 1.** 33 votes of yes; 4 abstentions
- b.** Health and Social Services Committee Mental Health Forum, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm
  - i.** Motion to approve moved by N. Almonor, seconded by F. Robertson
    - 1.** Approved by common consent
- c.** Application for the renewal of a Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider License for Gruit, Inc.
  - i.** Motion to approve moved by, seconded by
    - 1.** Approved by common consent
- d.** Temporary 45-day moratorium be placed on all planning, construction, and deployment of all 5G infrastructure

i. 24 yes, 7 no, 3 abstentions

1. Matter is referred by to the Environmental Protection Committee

**IX.** Adjournment

a. Motion to adjourn by F. Leopold and seconded by F. Robertson

i. Meeting adjourned at 10:40pm