

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

**General Board Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2023, at 7pm**

- I. Call to Order – Announce Rules of Order for the Meeting Board Chair, Fred Baptiste** called meeting to order at 7:07p.m. The meeting was held via Zoom at the following meeting link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84858396883>

- II. Application to New York City Taxi & Limousine Commission**
 - a. Renewal of Base License for **Union Limo & Car Service**
311 Kingston Avenue (Corner of Union Street), Brooklyn, NY 11213

- III. Applications to the New York State Liquor Authority**
 - a. **Irie Vybz Café, Inc. d/b/a Passa Passa Juice Bar** – 404 Rogers Avenue (Corner of Sterling Street), Brooklyn, NY, 11225; Application for a New Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider License and Temporary Retail Permit
 - b. **Brooklyn Flea DC, LLC (Smorgasburg)**– 153 East Drive (Prospect Park), Brooklyn, New York 11225; Application for the renewal Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider License

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Elected Officials/Agency Representatives

Eli Slavin, Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke
Camille Barbin, NYS Senator Zellnor Myrie
Deme Brown, NYC Council Member Crystal Hudson
Karen Narefsky, NYS Assemblywoman Phara Souffrant-Forrest
Taiquan Coleman, NYC Council Member Rita Joseph
Karen Crawford, Kings County District Attorney Eric Gonzalez
Theresa Cunningham, DSNY

Guests

Jonathan Butler, Brooklyn Flea DC LLC
Michael Campbell, Irie Vybz Café d/b/a Pasa Pasa Juice Bar
Shelly Carvalho, Irie Vybz Café d/b/a Pasa Pasa Juice Bar
Shalva Kital, Union Limo & Car Service

BUSINESS SESSION

IV. Roll Call of Board Members

In the box, mark (X) if PRESENT; (A) if ABSENT; and (E) if EXCUSED			
Khyrie Alleyne	X	Mattijs Limberger	A
Nicolas Almonor	X	Courtenay Loiselle	X
Stuart Balberg	A	Mavima Letwine	X
Fred P. Baptiste	X	Christian Loubeau	X
Naomy Baptiste	A	Mavima Letwine	X
John Beckles Jr.	X	Erin Mazursky	E
Rabbi Yaacov Behrman	X	Patricia Moses	X
Warren Berke	X	Beverly Newsome	X
Augustine Blackwell	X	Yankee Pearson	X
Celeste Chase	X	Ted Pilkati	A
Suwen Suki Cheong	X	Milford Prewitt	X
Soul N. Creary	X	Unella Rhone-Perry	X
Jamie Eckstein	X	Dexter Roberts	A
Tessa Hackett -Vieira	A	Felice Robertson	X
Bishop Sylveta Hamilton-Gonzales	X	Rashidah Siddiqui	X
Abena Hutchful	A	Debbie Timothy	X
Primo Lasana	X	Linda Watson-Lorde	X
Mayna Legoute	X	Theresa Westerdahl	X
Francisca Leopold	A	Lorianne Wolseley	X
Michael Liburd	A		

V. Attendance

- a. 27 Members present; Quorum established

VI. Agenda Amendment

- a. Add Treasurer's Report
- b. TLC base license renewal for Union Car & Limo
- c. Move Youth Services item from voting (b) to (a)
 - i. Amendments adopted by common consent

VII. Approval of January 2023 General Board Meeting Minutes

- a. Minutes approved by common consent

VIII. Committee Reports

- a. Pat Moses, ULURP/Land Use – Hudson Company representing 975 Nostrand Avenue (former Associated Supermarket) will appear at the March committee meeting
- b. Beverly Newsome, Housing – The Kingboro site Walk-Through has been rescheduled to March 20th
- c. Primo Lasana, Public Safety - The office of Cannabis Management will be presenting at the next committee meeting to discuss the licensing process, scheduled for March 9th. Any interested parties should attend
- d. Fred Baptiste, Transportation – Transportation Townhall was successful, and received great feedback from the community. Continued discussion on the MTA Brooklyn Bus Redesign, follow-up on concerns raised at the Town Hall with respect to the B41

IX. Dante Arnwine, District Manager's Report

- a. District Service Cabinet will be held next Tuesday.
- b. Fire yesterday in district at 1760 Union Street. Cause has yet to be determined. Fire safety education will be provided in the immediate impact area. Update once report is generated.
- c. NYC's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) provides free virtual naloxone trainings. On completion, participants can request a free kit by mail. See more information on the NYC Health Naloxone webpage.
- d. Department for the Aging Asks New Yorkers to "Join Us" in Older Adult Center PSA Campaign
- e. Update on the weather coming in tonight (2/27 to 2/28). - No significant outages or severe weather incidents occurred
- f. Sign up for NotifyNYC
- g. Reconstruction of Empire Boulevard
 - i. Completion date is still June 2023
 - ii. Still replacing sewer in front of McDonalds
 - iii. Embargo on work from March 10 -17th. Contractor has submitted a waiver to work up to March 17th due to Go Hard or Go Home Half Marathon
- h. A second Emergency HEAP grant has opened today, 2/27/23. Please call 718-557-1399, to apply (if you qualify).
- i. You may be eligible for bill credit from Con Edison. Eligible customers will be automatically credited in 2023. A credit has been approved by the New York State Public Service Commission in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Residential and certain small business customers with a past-due balance on bills for service through May 1, 2022, will be getting the one-time bill credit.
 - i. Residential customers will be credited up to \$4,750.
 - ii. Small business customers will be credited up to \$11,000.
 - iii. Only customers who did not receive a bill-relief credit in 2022 are eligible for this bill-relief credit in 2023. Get more eligibility details. All customers are responsible for the balances not covered by the bill credit

and the entirety of bills for service after May 1, 2022. If you are having trouble managing costs, we can help. Learn about payment assistance options.

- j.** The March calendar has been uploaded to CB9. Please direct people to the site for meeting info, agenda, etc.
- k.** SYEP applications are now live. Individuals 14-24 are eligible to participate in the summer youth employment. Encourage to sign up as a worksite for organizations. Summer programming for youth in our community. Deadline to sign up is March 31st, 2023.
- l.** Community Board applications are closed.
- m.** District-Level Summary of Brooklyn Bus Network
- n.** Redesign was sent to all Board and Resident Committee Members. Also uploaded to our website.
- o.** FDNY has reported there was a fatal fire this morning at 431 Fenimore Street. Already working with FDNY to hold a fire prevention event.
- p.** If you know of someone who needs information, have them sign up for our e-blast, call, email, or visit the Board Office for assistance.
- q.** Follow up on the Hon. Shirley Chisholm Monument to be erected at Ocean and Parkside Avenues. The announcement was back in late-2018.
- r.** CB9 Board Office will be holding bi-monthly popups with HPD Mobile Unit starting in April 2023. Dates and location to follow.
- s.** Free Tax Prep with DCWP – March 30th
- t.** Citi Bike Feedback Survey – Is open online on the DOT website.

X. Christian Loubeau, Treasurer’s Report

- a.** Finances are in order
- b.** No large expenses projected for the next 30 days
- c.** Financial literacy workshop was a success
- d.** Friends of CB9 jumpstarted
- e.** Resigning from the Board to accommodate a new professional opportunity
- f.** Will continue to be a resource and community partner to the Board

XI. Fred Baptiste, Chairman’s Report

a. Board Membership

- i.** The District Office has been in the process of communicating with Board and Resident members regarding attendance. Removal letters have been sent to members with substantial non-attendance.
- ii.** “Learn About Your Community Board” public Session was held on February 1st to provide background on CB9 and answer questions from prospective applicants
- iii.** Application membership deadline was extended to February 23

b. Flatbush Avenue Corridor Town Hall

- i.** Will be held on Thurs 2/23 to get ideas and commentary regarding reconfiguring the corridor to include bus lanes
- ii.** Transportation Committee will consider feedback received and necessary next steps

- c. Brooklyn Bus Network Redesign**
 - i.** District level presentation held on Tues 2/7
 - ii.** Significant changes proposed to the B49 route, addition of new route on Empire Blvd, and other route modifications
 - iii.** District-level document with proposed changes forwarded to the Board
 - iv.** Transportation Committee will discuss and additional outreach at March meeting
- d. Shelter on 205 Parkside Avenue**
 - i.** DHS has been requested to present to the Health & Social Services Committee
- e. Citibike / Lyft**
 - i.** Deployments started this month in the
 - ii.** District Office will receive and forward complaints to DOT
- f. Bylaws Amendments**
 - i.** Will continue consideration of amendments at the board meeting
 - ii.** Will recommend instituting time limits at the meeting with consideration of the agenda
- g. Potential ULURPs**
 - i.** 962-972 Franklin Avenue
 - ii.** 975 Nostrand for FRESH
 - iii.** “City of Yes” Text Amendments
- h. Community Fair**
 - i.** Will be coordinated through the District Office
 - ii.** Committees are requested to send event plans and budget request forms to the District Manager and Treasurer for review (after committee vote)
 - iii.** Board will approve final plans and event budget
- i. SUNY Downstate / Maimonides Partnership**
 - i.** Launched new partnership to expand access to cancer care on Thurs 2/2
- j. Treasurer Vacancy**
 - i.** Board will initiate the process for filling the upcoming vacancy in the position of Treasurer in March

XII. Voting Session

- a. Roll Call**
 - i.** 26 members present
- b. Motion to adopt recommendation to approve the Youth Job & Internship Fair depending on budget availability**
 - i.** Moved by W. Berke, seconded by N. Almonor
 - 1.** Adopted by common consent
- c. Motion to adopt approve both SLA applications**
 - i.** Moved by S. Creary, Seconded by M. Prewitt
 - 1.** Adopted by common consent
- d. Motion to approve letter of support for Vale Restoration in Prospect Park**
 - i.** Moved by N. Almonor, seconded by S. Creary
 - 1.** 18 yes; 2 no; 3 abstentions
 - a.** Motion carries

- e. Motion to approve the base license renewal application for Union Car & Limo
 - i. Moved by M. Prewitt, Seconded by P. Moses
 - 1. Adopted by common consent
- XIII. Unfinished Business**
- a. Motion to table Bylaw amendments
 - i. Moved by W. Berke, seconded by Unella Rhone-Perry
 - 1. Adopted by common consent
- XIV. Adjournment**
- a. Motion to adjourn
 - i. Moved by A. Blackwell, seconded by F. Robertson
 - 1. Meeting adjourned 10:02pm

Submitted by: Mia Hilton

March 1, 2023