

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

General Board Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2023, at 7pm

- I. Call to Order – Announced Rules of Order for the Meeting Board Chair, Fred Baptiste** called meeting to order at 7:07p.m. at Middle School 61, Brooklyn, New York 11225
- II. Applications to the New York State Liquor Authority**
 - a. **Quincie’s Hospitality, Inc. dba The Green Room** - 408 Rogers Avenue (Lefferts Avenue/Sterling Street) Brooklyn, New York 11225; application for a new Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider License.
 - b. **Cecil & Siah, Ince. d/b/a Golden Crust Franchise** - 823-825 Franklin Avenue (Eastern Parkway/Union Street); application for new Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider License.
- III. Public Comment Period**
- IV. Acknowledgements**

Elected Officials/Agency Representatives

Bianca Stephenson – Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso
Paurcha Edwards - NYS Senator Zellnor Y. Myrie
Raul Rothblatt - NYS Assemblyman Brian Cunningham
Jamal Thompson - NYC Council Member Darlene Mealy
Ruth Gyuse and Gloria Briggs – Union Street Community Garden

BUSINESS SESSION:

V. Roll Call of Board Members

| In the box, mark (X) if PRESENT; (A) if ABSENT; and (E) if EXCUSED | | | |
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| Maria Acosta | A | Letvine Mavima | X |
| Khyrie Alleyne | E | Erin Mazursky | X |
| Nicolas Almonor | X | Jean Rene Nguema Mbeng | X |
| Fred P. Baptiste | X | Natoya McGhie | A |
| Jenelle Bazil-Charles | X | Zlati Mochkin | X |
| Rabbi Yaacov Behrman | X | Patricia Moses | X |
| Warren Berke | A | Beverly Newsome | X |
| Alethea Best | X | Ethan Norville | X |
| Augustine Blackwell | A | Paul Pascale | A |
| Celeste Chase | X | Yankee Pearson | X |
| Suwen Suki Cheong | X | Milford Prewitt | R |
| Max Coen | X | Vanessa Raptopoulos | X |
| Eve Chavi Cohen | X | Unella Rhone-Perry | E |

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| Soul Creary | A | Dexter Roberts | A |
| Jamie Eckstein | A | Felice Robertson | X |
| Candace Edwards | A | Binyomin Rosenberger | X |
| Bishop Hamilton-Gonzales | X | Doienne Saab | X |
| Rod Herbert | A | Omari Scott | A |
| Yosef Hershkop | X | Debbie Timothy | E |
| Ronisha LaBarrie | X | Twyla Ware | X |
| Primo Lasana | E | Linda Watson-Lorde | X |
| Mayna Legoute | E | Theresa Westerdahl | X |
| Yisroel Lehrer | X | John Woefling | X |
| Francisca Leopold | E | Lorianne Wolseley | X |
| Courtenay Loiselle | X | Shmuel Zfatman | A |

Totals: Present: 30 Absent: 18 Excused: 6 Resigned: 1

VI. Attendance

- a. 30 Members present; Quorum confirmed

VII. Approval of the September 2023 General Board Meeting Minutes

- a. This item was suspended until the next meeting. (November 2023)

VIII. Committee Reports:

- a. ULURP/Land Use
 - i. City of Yes Housing Subcommittee formation
- b. Transportation
 - i. Resolution on the NYC DOT Carshare
 - ii. B49 Route Change in Brooklyn Bus Redesign
- c. Parks, Recreation and Culture
 - i. Letter to MTA requesting that a 2002 promise by the MTA and Dept. of Design and Construction for the Union Street Community Garden of providing electric power (i.e., Solar Power) water supply and a pavilion con

IX. District Manager's Report

- a. Notes from the District Service Cabinet:
- b. Felony assault, rape, and grand larceny are up this year to date.
- c. Financial crimes are prevalent throughout the district. Be aware of phone calls, text, and other methods to gain access to your online account.
- d. Shooting at 1101 President – No arrest yet, but there is a known suspect.
- e. Illegal Dumping – Prospect Park station – DSNY is requesting an illegal dumping camera for the location.
- f. Burned out light on Sterling Street has been repaired.
- g. On Tuesday, October 10th, the NYC Department of Transportation set up a table outside our office to provide street and pedestrian safety materials to members of the public.
- h. On Saturday, October 28, 2023, the Veterans Action Group is hosting a Brooklyn Veterans Appreciation Parade on Eastern Parkway starting at Rogers Ave (11 – 1PM).
- i. On Saturday, November 4th, IDNYC's Mobile Unit will be at the Board Office from 10AM – 3PM for IDNYC registrations and questions.
- j. As you already heard, the Department of City Planning will be holding its virtual City of Yes – Housing Opportunity Scoping meeting next Thursday, October 26th, 2023, from 2PM – 5PM.
- k. NYC Aging Annual Plan Summary Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, October 25th from 10AM – 12PM at the Park Slope Center for Successful Aging located at 463A 7th Street. The purpose of the hearing is to solicit input from the public on the Annual Plan which outlines the agency's strategic goals, objectives, and program planning.

- l. Medicare open enrollment opened October 15, 2023. During this period, you can sign up for or switch your Medicare Prescription Drug Plan or Medicare Advantage Plan. Deadline for this open enrollment period is December 7th, 2023. More information can be found on the NYC Aging website.
- m. Street Activity Permit Office for providing an opportunity to comment on proposed rules for the Open Culture Program, and about Open Street Events and street fairs. Hearing will take place on November 20th at 9AM virtually.
- n. The nonpartisan, nonprofit, independent Citizens Budget Commission (CBC) is conducting a resident survey that asks New Yorkers to rate their satisfaction with City services and the quality of life in their neighborhood. The CBC Survey is currently active.
- o. MTA Alternative Q Service work is continuing into November. Notice will be included in our e-blast.
- p. The project at Lloyd George Sealy triangle (Washington, Lincoln, Flatbush) is not completely finished, but is in the finishing stage. Expected to be back on the location in late fall 2023, weather permitting to install some plantings. The railings and other materials will be removed after we complete the plantings.
- q. The 2023-2024 Regular HEAP benefit is scheduled to open on November 1, 2023. The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) can help eligible New Yorkers heat and cool their homes. If you are eligible, you may receive one regular HEAP benefit per program year and could also be eligible for emergency HEAP benefits if you are in danger of running out of fuel or having your utility service shut off.
- r. The NYS adult-use cannabis license application opened for all on October 4th for cultivator, processor, distributor, microbusiness, and retail dispensary license types. Deadline is December 4, 2023. Created a flyer for the e-blast to the community.
- s. DOT has approved a utility job is scheduled to begin approximately on 10/25 at Hawthorne St and Nostrand Ave and the work should be completed in 4 weeks.
- t. Final Scope of Work (“FSOW”) for the Proposed Project has been published for the Kingsboro Psychiatric. Information and links were sent to Board and resident members on 10/12.

X. Treasurer’s Report

- a. Report deferred to November 2023

XI. Chairman’s Report

- a. The Chair highlight on the following items:
- b. The Board’s role in the complaints on Vital Brooklyn is limited, as the project is a state project.
- c. Encouraged the community to share any complaint with the CB9 office when they have submitted their complaints to 311
- d. The dumping in the community is a NYC Sanitation issue
- e. The CB9 don't have a budget to accommodate printed communications for public distribution
- f. Board members were encouraged to be vigilant of their attendance at board and committee meetings as well as to take note of the new dates coming in November/December.
- g. There will be a motion for another sub-committee from the City of Yes in the voting items later in the meeting.

XII. Voting Items

- a. NYC DOT Carshare Resolution - Resolution was passed/accepted on a vote of Common Consent
- b. B49 Bus Route Resolution - Resolution was passed /accepted on a vote of common Consent
- c. Union Street Garden Resolution - Resolution was passed/accepted on a vote of Common Consent
- d. SLA Applications –
 - a. *Quincie’s Hospitality, Inc. dba The Green Room -*
 - i. *Vote: Yes/For 26 - No/Against 1 - Abstained 3*

- b. *Celia Siah - Vote: Yes/For 20; No/Against 1; Abstain 6.*
- e. City of Yes Housing Subcommittee Formation - Resolution was passed
 - a. Accepted on a vote of common Consent
- f. The following motion was submitted and moved by Board Member Theresa
 - a. Westerdahl – Motion for Community Board 9 to send a letter to both the NYC Dept. of City Planning and NYS HCR Fair and Equitable Housing Office, requesting an expedited residential beds analysis and counting of all homeless shelter, safe haven, nursing home, group home, residential care facility, drug rehab facility and other supportive housing social service beds, which should include pending Vital Brooklyn projects, categorized by community district and also census tract area, in light of the looming 120 days period to file an Article 78 lawsuit regarding the October’23 Environmental Impact Statement for the Vital Kingsboro Psychiatric Mixed-use development project
 - i. Seconded by Yosef Hershkop
 - 1. Motion to table to B. Newsome and seconded by N. Almonor
 - a. Motion passed unanimously by common consent

XIII. Other business

- a. None

XIV. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm

Submitted by
Linda Watson-Lorde
Executive Secretary CB 9 November 16,
2023