

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

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2023
Meeting ID: 845 0087 2370

Attendance

Board Members: Primo Lasana, Committee Chair; Jenelle Bazil-Charles; Felice Robertson

Community Resident Members: None

Board Members (Absent): Khyrie Alleyne; Rabbi Yaacov Behrman

Community Resident Members (Absent): Ronald Banks

Guests: Officer J. Connors, NYPD; Tessa Hackett-Vieira; Rod Herbert, CB9; Avi Leches; Matt Leone; Rosemary Nunez; Frank Palillo; Elaina Patton; Melissa Severe; Nicole Thompson; Theresa Westerdahl, CB9; Analise Whiston; Francis Yalley

CB9 Staff: Mia N. Hilton, Asst. District Manager

I. Call to Order

- a. Committee Chair, Primo Lasana called the meeting to order at 7:06pm

II. Officer Connors, 71st Precinct Community Affairs Unit

- a. Decrease in the following crimes in the district versus 2022.
 - i. Car Theft; Burglary; Felony assault; Murder; Rape; Robbery; Shootings
 - ii. Decrease of 11.38%
- b. Increase of grand larceny; 153 reports to date for 2023
 - i. Directly tied to mailbox fishing and package theft
 1. Would recommend placing mail inside the post office vs. street boxes
 2. Routing packages to local authorized drop-off locations
- c. 265 moving violations issued in the district
 - i. Attempted to address illegal e-bike behaviors through a combination of education and when called for, confiscation.
- d. Flatbush Avenue jewelry store robbery
 - i. Active investigation with FBI involvement; Will update CB9 with any new developments
- e. Gaia Nomaya, 510 Flatbush Avenue
 - i. Ongoing engagement by NCO's to address ongoing noise complaints
- f. 311 complaints
 - i. There will be dedicated officers to address 311 complaints in the district

- III. Gruit by Abe's – 252 Rogers Avenue (Corner of Empire Blvd)**
- a. Change is ownership; New license will allow for smooth transfer of operations
 - b. Kosher restaurant; Operating Sunday-Thursday 5pm-11:30pm; Closed Fri. & Sat.
 - c. Indoor 14 tables with 55 seats; Enclosed outdoor space on the side of the building has 6 tables and 15 seats
 - d. Recorded music, no live music or DJ's Est
 - e. Abe currently owns another bar/restaurant at 674 Rogers Avenue
- IV. GRBD Inc. 429 Rogers Avenue (Corner of Lefferts Avenue)**
- a. Former Gold Room Bar/Restaurant space
 - b. Seeking full license with operating hours until 4am
 - i. Committee Chair Lasana advised the Gold Room operated until 2am and a later closing time may draw concern from Board Members; Recommended similar operating hours
 - c. Ownership teams has over 20 years' experience in the industry
 - d. Menu that would shy away from food waste
 - e. Wants to hire local and will provide the district office hiring solicitation to share with the community when they are ready to hire
- V. La Nueva Estrella del Castillo- 948 Nostrand Avenue (Crown/Montgomery Streets)**
- a. Renewal of Wine, Beer & Cider license
 - b. Serves Dominican cuisine
 - c. Operates 8am – 10:30pm Monday- Thursday; 8am -1am Friday-Saturday; 8am-11pm on Sunday
 - d. No live music
- VI. Flatbush Exotic – 544 Flatbush Avenue (Lincoln Road/Maple Street)**
- a. Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) applicant for dispensary license
 - b. Proposed menu will have buds, vape cartridges, live resin, pre-rolls and CBD edibles
 - c. Already has a retail basic/distributor hemp license from OCM
 - d. Has security onsite
 - e. Additional clarity has to be provided by applicant on how the operation of the business will adhere to the guidelines established by OCM
 - f. CB will further develop questionnaire to address any prospective questions/concerns
 - g. Applicant to attend June Public Safety Committee meeting with representative to field committee/public inquiries
- VII. Voting**
- a. No quorum: Committee Chair will present applications to the Executive Committee for General Board agenda consideration
- VIII. Adjournment**
- a. Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm