

Brooklyn Community Board 9
890 Nostrand Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11225
Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2023
Meeting ID: 883 0260 9650

Attendance (Board Members): Primo Lasana, Committee Chair; Khyrie Alleyne; Felice Robertson; Rashidah Siddiqui

Attendance (Community Resident Members): Victor Sanchez-Lloveras

Absent (Board Members): Rabbi Yaacov Behrman (Excused); Tessa Hackett-Vieira

Absent (Community Resident Members): Ronald Banks; Jenelle Bazil-Charles

Guests: Anglene Alberga, Dustin Etheridge, Julie Fissinger, Nitzan Gabai, Venus Scantlebury, CCRB

CB9 Staff: Khalid J. Jemmott, Community Associate

I. Call to Order

- a. Chair, Primo Lasana called the committee meeting to order at 7:05 PM

II. Applications to the NYS Liquor Authority Renewal

- a. Gruit, Inc. – 252 Empire Boulevard
 - i. Open for the last 4 years
 - ii. Modern American Jewish menu
 - iii. Liquor license would amplify business and boost revenue
 - iv. 22 tables, 52 seats
 - v. Outdoor space was closed due to inclement weather
 - vi. Slowing removing former co-owner

III. Community Safety Concerns

- a. Gaia NoMaya – 510 Flatbush Avenue (Lefferts Ave/Lincoln Road)
- b. 510 Flatbush Avenue resident issues
 - i. Noise complaints
 - ii. Bass of the music is causing quality-of-life issues (vibration issues) soundproofing needs to be improved in building
 - iii. Promotional conflict of interest
 - iv. Community residents don't want the business to be shut down but nightlife events to curb down

- v. traffic flow issues after events
 - vi. Building security has had to tell eventgoers to stop soliciting
 - vii. Community residents have had numerous meetings with the owner but no improvements have been made on quality-of-life issues
 - c. Committee chair is going to contact the board office to talk about the next steps regarding Gaia NoMaya
- IV. Marijuana licensing**
 - a. Application for Cannabis licenses
 - i. Kings County can now accept cannabis licenses
 - ii. Development of CB9 Cannabis License Stipulation
 - b. Cannabis questionnaire
 - i. CB3 questionnaire
 - ii. CB9 create a separate questionnaire
 - iii. Translate the questionnaire into Google Docs (sheets)
 - iv. Cannabis licensing guidance
- V. Committee Updates**
 - a. Civilian Complaint Review Board May Board Meeting
 - i. Wednesday, May 10th, 2023/ 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
 - ii. The Restoration Plaza Community Room (1368 Fulton St, Brooklyn, NY 11216)
 - iii. Community residents need an update on the jeweler who was attacked at the jewelry store
- VI. Voting**
 - a. Move NYS Liquor Authority Renewal applicant to the general board meeting to be officially voted on
 - i. Rashidah Siddiqui makes the motion to forward Gruit, Inc application
 - ii. Primo Lasana seconds motion
 - iii. Victor Sanchez-Lloveras – y
 - iv. Khyrie Alleyne – y
 - v. Felice Robertson – abstain
 - vi. Primo Lasana votes yes
- VII. Adjournment**
 - a. Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm

Submitted by Khalid J. Jemmott
April 7, 2023