

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

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2024
7:00 p.m.

Attendance (Board Members): Fred Baptiste, Committee Chair; Eve Chavi Cohen; Shaunya Hartley; Lorianne Wolseley

Attendance (Community Resident Members): Ronald Banks; Malka Levanna Butler; Shirley Dor; Zlati Mochkin

Absent (Community Resident Members): Joanna Carr

Guests: Kawana Jefferson; Richard Raphael; Jeremy Stratton; Kamchana “Amy” Vogsawat

1. Call to Order

- a. Committee Chair, Fred Baptiste called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

2. NYPD Update

- a. Unable to have a Representative attend this Meeting (10/10/24). An open invitation was extended for a Representative to attend each monthly meeting.

3. FDNY Update

- a. National Fire Prevention Week is October 6, 2024, to October 12, 2024
 - i. Smoke Detectors/Candles/Space Heaters are targeted topics
- b. FDNY Open House 2024 (October 19, 2024 & October 20, 2024)
 - i. Session Hours: 11 AM to 1 PM & 1 PM to 3 PM
 - ii. View Demonstrations
 - iii. Tour of Fire Trucks/Engines
 - iv. Learn fire and life safety tips
 - v. CPR Training
 - vi. Explore FDNY careers

4. NYS Liquor Authority Application Review

- a. 1285 Coffee and Cocktails, Representative: Richard Raphael
 - i. Westbury Inn is the first location opened by owners over 12 years ago.
 - ii. This location is an attempt at a new identity and new menu
 - iii. This location will be open for lunch
 - iv. Security guard on Fridays
 - v. Motion to forward to full Board; 1st - Hartley, 2nd – Butler; **APPROVED BY COMMON CONSENT**
- b. Amy’s Thai Bistro, Representative: Kamchana “Amy” Vogsawat
 - i. Currently business demographic: 15% Eat-In Diners; 85% Take Out
 - ii. Hours: Midday (Noon) to 10 PM
 - iii. There is no Full-Time Bartender – Specialty Drinks are made by any Staff Member
 - iv. The correct address is 545 Flatbush Avenue
 - v. Most Committee Members are familiar with Restaurants (patronage)
 - vi. Motion to forward to full Board; 1st - Dor, 2nd – Huntley; **APPROVED BY COMMON CONSENT**
- c. Bar Bayeux, Representative: Jeremy Stratton
 - i. Father and 2 Sons business
 - ii. Operational for six years
 - iii. Received KEDA Funding (Jazz Music)

- iv. Hours/Days of Operation: Five nights a week; Hours: Close at 11 PM on Mondays and Midnight the other days
- v. Only complaints were made during the COVID-19 Pandemic, since musicians performed outside in the backyard (Live Music)
- vi. Soundproof ceiling/velvet curtains (sound dampener)
- vii. Mondays – No music
- viii. Live Jazz – 5 days a week
- ix. Comedy Sundays
 - x. Schedule information found on the Website (except Comedy Sundays)
- xi. Motion to forward to full Board; 1st - Banks, 2nd - Huntley; APPROVED BY COMMON CONSENT**

d. Sweet Catch, Representative: Kawana Jefferson

- i. Has been in business for approximately 2 years
- ii. Menu is Soul Food
 - 1. Saturday/Sunday Brunch
 - 2. Lunch and Dinner
 - 3. DJs for Brunch (currently no DJ until an increase in Customers)
- iii. No music on the back patio
- iv. Restaurant appeared on Fox5NY
- v. Currently open 6 days a week
- vi. Currently DJ is only for certain events
 - 1. No Dancing
- vii. Hired a new Chef, so a more consistent menu
- viii. Still open to new ideas, trying best to keep doors open. Added soundproofing recently, due to complaints from the upstairs tenant
- ix. Constant communication with tenants to avoid any further issues
- x. Motion to forward to Full Board ; 1st - Wolseley, 2nd – Huntley; APPROVED BY COMMON CONSENT**

e. Trove Brooklyn, LLC

- i. Request to adjourn review of application to November 2024

5. Vice Chair selection

- a. Must be a current Community Board 9 Member (Cohen, Hartley, Mochkin, and Wolseley)
- b. Eve Chavi Cohen agreed to serve as Vice-Chair of the Committee

6. NYPD-related concerns/Next steps

- a. Issue with Stolen Packages (upcoming Holiday shopping season)
- b. Residents walking home at night
- c. The District Manager is to reach out to the 71st Precinct Council to obtain information concerning activities of the 71st Precinct, which are discussed at their monthly meetings.
- d. Chair Baptiste has a pending meeting with the Commanding Officer of 71st Precinct
- e. Thoughts about a relationship with 71 Precinct Council
- f. Possible attendance at the Sector Meetings

7. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 8 pm

Submitted by Committee Resident Member Shirley Dor