

Brooklyn Community Board 9 General Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 18, 2024 - starting at 7:00 PM
Major R. Owens Wellness Center
1561 Bedford Avenue (President/Union Streets)
Brooklyn New York 11225
Livestream - CB 9 YouTube

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PUBLIC SESSION:

1. Call to Order – Announce Rules of Order for the Meeting

Fred Baptiste, Chairman of the Brooklyn Community Board 9, called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

2. Presentation.

- a) Board of Standards and Appeals Application 2022-78-BZ ☐ 1512 Union Street (Corner of Albany Avenue)

3. Application to the New York State Liquor Authority:

- a. Lefrak Center at Lakeside ☐ 171 East Drive, Brooklyn, New York 11225 (Prospect Park); Application for the renewal a Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider License.
- b. El Huasteco Authentic Mexican Restaurant Corp. ☐ 347A-347B Empire Boulevard, Brooklyn, New York 11225; Application for a new Wine, Beer, and Cider License
- c. Union Street Pub ☐ 835 Franklin Ave (Union/Eastern Pkwy), Brooklyn, New York, 11225; Application for new Beer, Cider License and Temporary Retail Permit
- d. Antojitos Del Patron Mexican Snacks ☐ 52 Lincoln Road (Ocean/Flatbush Avenues); Application for the renewal a Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider License
- e. Alladin Village, Inc. ☐ 1034 Nostrand Avenue (Sterling Street/Lefferts Avenue) Brooklyn, New York 11225; Application for a new Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider License

4. Committee Presentation

- a) Transportation Committee - Chair Ethan Norville -
“Proposed Empire Boulevard Bike Resolution

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: (30 minutes maximum)

Speakers were:

Cat B (Bodega Lounge) Alicia Boyd Paco Abraham (CB9 Transportation Committee)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: Elected Officials & NYC Agency Representatives

Eli Slavin – Congresswoman Yvette Clarke office

Bianca Stephenson – BBP Office – Community Boards Coordinator

Paurcha Edwards – State Senator Myrie’s Office

Rosa Sanchez - Councilwoman Darlene Mealy’s office District 41

Venus Scantlebury - NYC Civilian Complaint Review Board

BUSINESS SESSION:

Fred Baptiste, Chair of Brooklyn Community Board 9, called the Business Session of the meeting to order with the Roll Call.

1. Roll Call of Board Members

| | | X = Present | A=Absent | EXC= Excused | | |
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| 1 | Nicolas Almonor | X | 23 | Erin Mazursky | A | |
| 2 | Fred P. Baptiste | X | 24 | Jean Rene Mbeng Nguema | A | |
| 3 | Jenelle Bazil- Charles | A | 25 | Natoya McGhie | | |
| 4 | Rabbi Yaacov Behrman | X | 26 | Zlati Mochkin | X | |
| 5 | Alethea Best | A | 27 | Patricia Moses | A | |
| 6 | Augustine Blackwell | A | 28 | Beverly Newsome | X | |
| 7 | Celeste Chase | X | 29 | Ethan Norville | X | |
| 8 | Suwen “Suki” Cheong | X | 30 | Yankee Pearson | A | |
| 9 | Max Coen | A | 31 | Vanessa Raptopoulos | X | |
| 10 | Eve Chavi Cohen | X | 32 | Unella Rhone-Perry | X | |
| 11 | Soul Creary | A | 33 | Dexter Roberts | X | |
| 12 | Candace Edwards | A | 34 | Felice Robertson | X | |
| 13 | Bishop Sylveta Hamilton-Gonzales | X | 35 | Binyomin Rosenberger | X | |
| 14 | Rod Herbert | EXC | 36 | Dionne Saab | X | |
| 15 | Yosef Hershkop | A | 37 | Debbie Timothy | X | |

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| 16 | Ronisha LaBarrie | A | 38 | Twyla Ware | X |
| 17 | Primo Lasana | X | 39 | Linda Watson-Lorde | X |
| 18 | Mayna Legoute | X | 40 | Theresa Westerdahl | X |
| 19 | Yisroel Lehrer | A | 41 | John Woefling | X |
| 20 | Francisca Leopold | X | 42 | Lorianne Wolseley | A |
| 21 | Courtenay Loiselle | X | | | |
| 22 | Letwine Mavima | X | | | |

Totals: Present: 25 Absent: 16 Excused: 1

2. Approval of the March 2024 General Board Meeting Minutes.

With no mention of any corrections The minutes of the March 2024 Board Meeting were adopted by common consent.

3. Committee Chair Reports:

Minutes and reports of the following committees were submitted by the Committee Chairs, and distributed to the Board Members.

Public Safety

Housing

Economic Development

Youth and Education

ULURP Land Use

Transportation

4. District Office/ Administrative Report

- Update on the Washington Avenue Improvement Project (DOT presented before the Board in Nov. 2021) DDC has commenced the preliminary design for the Plaza and will complete the project design by Summer 2025.
- CB9 in partnership Grandma’s Hands will be providing services for older adults and seniors at the Board Office on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. To schedule an appointment please call 917-410-1193 to schedule an appointment.
- The Conflicts of Interest Board is proposing to amend its rule concerning the definition of “substantial policy discretion” as used in City Charter. The Conflicts of Interest Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed rule. The public hearing will take place at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 2024. The hearing will be at Spector Hall, 22 Reade Street, New York, New York 10007.
- DOB is proposing to amend its rule regarding the tax abatements a property owner can receive for the installation of solar electric generation system and electric storage equipment. DOB will hold the online public hearing on April 22, 2024, starting at 11AM online (comment now)
- The New York City Department of Transportation is proposing to authorize the Mayor’s Office of Citywide Event Coordination and Management (CECM) to establish requirements and issue permits for events and activities held on open

streets. – Comment are due by date: April 22, 2024 and can be emailed to rules@dot.nyc.gov

- Amendment of Rules Relating to Property Tax Abatement for Installation of Solar Electric Generating System or Electric Energy Storage Equipment – April 22, 2024, from 11:00am - 12:00pm online (comment now)
- Newsstand Licenses – The Department of Consumer and Worker Protection is proposing to add rules to implement Local Law 128 of 2021 allowing businesses to hold newsstand licenses. April 29, 2024 from 11:00am - 12:00pm online Rulecomments@dcwp.nyc.gov (comment now)
- Please be advised that the New York City Council Committee on Small Business will hold a hearing on Wednesday, April 17, at 10:00AM in the Committee Room at New York City Hall and via Zoom web-conference, on the following oversight topic: Vital Corridors: Storefront Vacancy Rates and Trends
- OCM website – sign up for updates from OCM – when locations are approved, the agency will send out the locations.

5. Chair's Report

The Chair highlighted the following:

- The soon to be appointed board members for CBP – new comings, old goings- asking members to stay on their committees until further information is shared.
- SLA/OSMs applications and protocol: A sub-committee could be created as necessary on what is needed.
- Land use: two issues are slated for the summer. Be aware that June may be a busy month for board members, co-operation will be paramount.
- Election: The Nomination Committee selected for the election of the Executive Committee for the year 2024-2025; Debbie Timothy; Bishop Sylveta Hamilton-Gonzales; Twyla Ware and Nicholas Almonor.

6. Voting Items

a) BSA Application

1.Board of Standards and Appeals Application 2022-78-BZ ☐ 1512 Union Street (Corner of Albany Avenue). Previously approved by the Land Use Committee, it was accepted on a vote of Common Consent by all.

b) Applications to the New York State Liquor Authority:

- I. Lefrak Center at Lakeside ☐ 171 East Drive, Brooklyn, New York 11225 (Prospect Park); Application for the renewal a Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider License. ***This item was approved by common consent with no objections.***

- II. El Huasteco Authentic Mexican Restaurant Corp. 7 347A-347B Empire Boulevard, Brooklyn, New York 11225; Application for a new Wine, Beer, and Cider License. *This item failed on a vote of three (8) against, twelve (12) abstentions and five (5) For.*
- III. Union Street Pub 7 835 Franklin Ave (Union/Eastern Pkwy), Brooklyn, New York, 11225; Application for new Beer, Cider License and Temporary Retail Permit. *Application was passes on a vote of All in Favor.*
- IV. Antojitos Del Patron Mexican Snacks 7 52 Lincoln Road (Ocean/Flatbush Avenues); Application for the renewal a Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider License. *With a vote of one (1) against and all others in favor this application was accepted.*
- V. Aladdin Village, Inc. 7 1034 Nostrand Avenue (Sterling Street/Lefferts Avenue) Brooklyn, New York 11225; Application for a new Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider License. On an amendment of timing as submitted on the application the board votes as follows: *With one voter against, this application was accepted.*

c) Economic Development Committee Breakfast: *This event was ratified by common consent by all, with no votes against.*

d) Empire Boulevard Bike Lane Resolution: *This resolution was passed by a vote of twenty (22) For - two (2) No - three (3) Abstentions.*

e) Community Fair Budget: *The Budget was accepted on a vote by common consent with no objections.*

Because of the time limit for the use of meeting space the below items were not able to be votes on.

f) Nomination Committee:

g) CB9 Cannabis Sub-Committee

7. Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business from this meeting.

8. Adjournment.

Fred Baptiste, Chair of Brooklyn Community Board 9, adjourned at approximately 9:58 p.m.

Linda Watson-Lorde
Executive Secretary CB 9
April 2024