

**Community Board 9
890 Nostrand Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11225**

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
HELD ON NOVEMBER 28, 2017
AUDITORIUM, MIDDLE SCHOOL 61
400 EMPIRE BOULEVARD, BROOKLYN, NY 11225**

Board Members Present	Board Members Present	Board Members Absent	Board Members Absent
Patricia Baker	Mattijs Limberger	*Taunglea Ambroise	Aishah Smith
Stuart Balberg	Scott Novelli-Matthews	Rev. Douglas Banks	*Joyce Stewart
Rabbi Yaacov Berman	Musa Moore	Fred Baptiste	* Excused
Warren Berke	Vivia Morgan	*Simone Bennett	
Augustine Blackwell	Beverly Newsome	Rev. Phyllis Brown	
William H. Boone, III	Riel Peerbooms	Greg Darby	
Rabbi Nochum Gross	Pia Raymond	*Ben Edwards	
Tessa Vieira- Hackett	Unella Rhone-Perry	Rosemarie Evering	
Bishop S. Hamilton Gonzales	Rashidah Siddiqui	Henry Greenidge	
Aron Hershkop	Rabbi Chanina Sperlin	Olushegun Holder	
Daniel Ingvoldstad	Rabbi Joseph Spielman	Louis Johnson	
Linda Beth Lawson	Ada Terry	*Carmen Martinez	
Francisca Leopold	Debbie Timothy	Patricia Moses	
Michael Liburd	Eve-lyn Williams	Rabbi Menachem Shagalov	

Elected Officials / Agency Representatives Present

Gagan Kaur – Mayor Bill de Blasio
Ryan Lynch – Borough President Eric Adams
Karen Chambers – Acting Brooklyn DA Eric Gonzalez
Reuven Lipkind – Senator Jesse E. Hamilton, III
Nefertiti Macaulay – Assembly Member Diana C. Richardson
Joshua Board – Assembly Member Walter T. Mosley
Matthew Pitt – Council Member Laurie Cumbo

PUBLIC SESSION

Call to Order

Chairman Musa Moore called the meeting to order at 7:10pm, welcomed attendees and read the Community Board 9 Rules of Conduct into record.

The Board held a moment of silence in remembrance of Community Board 9 Member and Member-at-Large Jacqueline Welch.

ULURP / Land Use Application Presentations

Congregation Chabad-In-Reach-Aliya

Board Introduction: Application for a BZ Variance.

Applicant Statement: There will be additions to a building to increase space for teaching, mentoring and overall engagement with local youth.

Audience Questions & Comments

Member of the public supported it because it addresses needs of the local youth.

All My Children Daycare ULURP Application

No representative of the applicant was present to speak.

Applications for NYSLA Licenses

Tropiks Bar & Grill; 422 Utica Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11213

Applicant Statement: New liquor, wine, beer and cider license application. Will mostly serve finger food and host karaoke. The license was suspended, and then the application had to be resubmitted. Has been in business since 2005. There have been no complaints with NYPD.

Audience Questions & Comments

Audience: Why was your license suspended?

Applicant: It was suspended in 2013 for operating a cabaret. There will not be dancing at the moment.

Mama Louisa Hero Shop; 609 New York Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11203

Applicant Statement: Renewal beer and cider license. 7AM – 5PM and closed Sundays. The establishment has been in operation for 3 years.

Edie Joe's LLC; 626 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11225

Board Introduction: There were some questions about the hours of operations (7AM-4PM), but there is overwhelming community support, which assuages these issues.

Applicant Statement: Breakfast, lunch and dinner. Hours of operation will be until 7AM-4PM. There will be outdoor seating, which is on private property. Outdoor seating will be available until 11PM. There will be café / American fare. More of a restaurant atmosphere than a bar, with only background music available. Will attempt for 2/3 staff from the Community.

Audience Questions & Comments

Audience: In support of establishment on behalf of Fenimore Block Association, ownership has lived in the area and should represent the community well.

Audience: A representative of the upstairs day care spoke in support of the application, stating that many staff and administrators look forward to the establishment being a neighbor.

Audience: Hopefully the establishment considers the interests of Christian people who attend church on Sundays and do not want to be around intoxication.

Alenbi Kitchen; 887 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11213

Applicant Statement: New wine, beer and cider license application. Establishment just opened. Modern Israeli kosher cuisine. Hours will be 5:30PM-11:30PM, closed on Friday and Saturdays. Many of the employees live in the community. Did not want a liquor license because of proximity of the establishment to schools.

Presentation by American Red Cross on Fire Safety

Presenter (Garfield Richards): It is important that everyone has a plan to be safely away from their building within 2 minutes of hearing of a fire. Fire alarms should be tested monthly. The American Red Cross is willing to install fire alarms for free. Fire alarms should be in each room in a home.

Those interested can register after the meeting or contact the American Red Cross. Alarms will also be available at the Community Board 9 Office.

Public Comment Period

Elected Official & Government Agency Comments¹

Chairperson Moore recognized the elected officials, agency officials and representatives present at the meeting.

Gagan Kaur, representative of Mayor Bill DeBlasio (Community Affairs Unit)

- ThriveNYC: Mental health initiative to create more treatment options. Efforts are focused on confidential screenings for services, counselors in over 100 languages and mental health first aid training. There are mental health first aid training opportunities for organizations where over 20 people will attend, as well as trainings for individuals.
- Karen Chambers, representative of the Kings County District Attorney's Office
- High school students may apply to internships for the winter and springs sessions. Students may apply by December 22, 2017.

Joshua Board, representative of Walter Mosley, 57th New York State Assembly District

- January 26, there will be a youth job fair for youth up to the age of 24. It will take place at 55 Hanson Place, 9th floor. 10AM to 3PM. You can contact the office at 718-596-0100.

Nefertiti Macauley, representative of Diana Richardson, 43rd New York State Assembly District

- There are open hours most Mondays for the Assemblyperson where she meets with the public.
- Coordinating with MetroPlus to assist with insurance needs; reach out to the office for scheduling a meeting.

Matthew Pitt, representative of Laurie Cumbo, NYC Councilmember, 35th District

- The Land Use Committee and related subcommittee approved the Bedford Union Armory development project, now that there are concessions to increase affordability and homeless accessibility as compared to the original proposal. This is considered a success.

Public Comments

Bridgette Thomas, Big Brothers and Big Sisters: There is a need for adults to be mentors to youth 7-17 years old. Mentors should engage with youth 4 hours per visit, with 2 visits per month.

¹ Elected Official & Government Agency comments are only included in the minutes when speakers discuss matters involving the agenda, specific issues in the community or events taking place following the passage of these Minutes at following month's meeting.

Alicia Glembotski: There is excessive construction noise after hours near Eastern Parkway and Classon Avenue. There have been too many construction-hour variances issued by the Department of Buildings in the area.

Joseph Goldstein: Happy that the Board initiated a District Manager search after the court resolution.

Katherine Hernandez: Works on a publication (“Feet in Two Worlds”) about immigration communities. Would like to speak to people about Caribbean rum cake.

Camryn Hellwarth, Sprouts Cooking Club: Organization teaching cooking to children through cooperation with local restaurants. It has been successful in the Bay Area and expanding to New York City this December. Children and adults are encouraged to participate.

Warren Burke: Visit www.wellnewyorkcity.com or call 1-800-WELLNEWYORKCITY for more information on mental health access in New York.

Eve-lyn Williams: Disappointed that there has not been more support for Carmen Martinez, who has volunteered at the Community Board Office for some time. She has sacrificed for a great deal and needs appreciation. Spoke in memory of Jacqueline Welch, who was dedicated to her community work for a long time.

BUSINESS SESSION

Roll Call

Roll was duly taken, with 28 Board Members present, comprising a quorum.

October 24, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Motion to *approve the October 24, 2017 Community Board 9 meeting minutes* was duly made, seconded and unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Economic Development Committee – Riel Peerbooms, Chairperson

- It’s the 4th Annual CB9 Shop Local season! The kickoff occurred last weekend, but the CB9 engagement will begin December 14. See the CB9 Facebook page for more information and use the hashtag #ShopLocalCB9.

Environmental Protection Committee – Rabbi Yaacov Behrman, Chairperson

- The Committee meeting was published on Facebook and had 500 views, which is encouraging.

Health & Social Services Committee – Francisca Leopold, Chairperson

- There will be a senior symposium on March 8, 2018. The venue is pending. Topics will include safety, transportation, scam protection and access to general services.
- Accepting donations for toiletries for 267 Rogers residents. The Committee would like to work with local organizations to get more volume.
- There will be senior health fair, focused on seniors.
- The Committee would like to engage with schools regarding suicide prevention, with support of Assemblyperson Richardson.

Housing Committee – Beverly Newsome, Chairperson (See minutes from [DATE] Committee meeting)

- The Committee visited 267 Rogers, which is a transitional shelter (with a permanent housing component pending). Relations have been good and leadership (led by Ms. Briggs, Director) encourages a dialog. There will be a community advisory board to engage with the community as well as possible opportunities to engage with the Board.

Public Safety Committee – Patricia Morgan, Chairperson

- Will continue to work with American Red Cross on fire safety.
- The Public Safety Forum is coming up, with the first on January 25th focused on senior citizen safety, focusing on home safety. There have been increases in fire and robberies that merit this support.

Transportation Committee – Warren Burke (in place of Debbie Timothy)

- The Executive Board will consider the Board request to move the NY Road Runners running events from Washington Avenue to another location.

ULURP Committee – Michael Liburd, Chairperson

- The Committee unanimously supported the two applications under consideration. Regarding the BZ variance, neighbors were contacted but did not respond. This was sufficient diligence before voting in favor of the variance.
- Regarding the Bedford Union Armory, it is disappointing that no stakeholders listened to the Board and Committee input after the years of work.

Voting on Agenda Items

ULURP / Land Use Application Presentation

At this time, 26 Board Members were present for voting.

Motion that *the Board support Congregation Chabad-In-Reach-Aliya's BZ variance application* was duly made, seconded and unanimously approved. Motion passed.

ULURP Committee Chair Liburd requested that the Board revote on the above motion to include the application number and that all future ULURP applications contain the numbers.

Motion that *the Board support Congregation Chabad-In-Reach-Aliya's BZ variance application (BSA Cal. No. 2017-261-BZ(029K))* was duly made, seconded and unanimously approved by a voice-vote. Motion passed.

Motion that *the Board support All My Children Daycare's ULURP application (#150223PQK)* was duly made, seconded and approved by a vote of 25 in favor and 1 opposed. Motion passed.

Applications for NYSLA Licenses

Motion that *the Board support Tropik Bar & Grill's application to the New York State Liquor Authority* was duly made, seconded and unanimously approved by a vote of 25 in favor and 1 opposed. Motion passed.

Motion that *the Board support Mama Louisa Hero Shop's application to the New York State Liquor Authority* was duly made, seconded and unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Motion that *the Board support Edie Jo's application to the New York State Liquor Authority* was duly made, seconded and approved by a vote of 24 in favor and 2 opposed. Motion passed.

Motion that *the Board support Alenbi Kitchen's application to the New York State Liquor Authority* was duly made, seconded and [failed/approved/unanimously approved] by a vote of 25 in favor and 1 opposed. Motion passed.

Chairman's Report

A District Manager Search Committee will be put in place to review resumes and interview candidates.

Search Committee:

Tessa Hackett-Vieira

Ben Edwards

Augustine Blackwell

Rachidah Siddiqui

Unella Rhone-Perry (Chair)

Rabbi Chanina Sperlin

Rabbi Malcolm Gross

The new date for the December Board Meeting will be December 21, 2017 at the Crown Heights Community Room, which will also be a holiday party. The Board meeting will be abbreviated.

Chair Moore said that a Nominating Committee must be in place within 2 meetings of a vacancy occurring (February). Due to Member-at-Large Welch's passing, a Nominating Committee will need to be in place.

Ada Terry will cease Youth Committee chair duties. Mattijs Limberger will become the new chair. The Board thanked Ms. Terry for her duties.

The Board will form a faith-based committee, which will address faith-based matters within the Community.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to *adjourn the Board Meeting* duly made, seconded and unanimously approved. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:44.

Respectfully submitted (as revised),
Scott Mathews-Novelli
Executive Secretary
December 25, 2017