

**COMMUNITY BOARD 9
890 NOSTRAND AVENUE
BROOKLYN, NY 11225**

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
HELD ON MAY 26, 2015
ST. FRANCIS DESALES SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF
260 EASTERN PARKWAY, BROOKLYN, 11225**

Board Members Present

Patricia Baker
Fred Baptiste
Simone Bennett
Warren Berke
Shelia Foster-Golding
Rabbi Nochum Gross
Sylveta Hamilton-Gonzales
Louis Johnson
Avi Leshes
Mattijs Limberger
Maria Molina
Patricia Moses
Pia Raymond
Mary Rollerson-Blackett
Kenya Sollas
Rabbi Joseph Spielman
Timothy Thomas
Evelyn Williams

Board Members Present

Stuart Balberg
Yaacov Behrman
Ben Edwards
Augustine Blackwell
Rabbi Jacob Goldstein
Tessa Hackett-Vieira
Daniel Ingvaldstad
Demetrius Lawrence
Michael Liburd
Denise Mann
Musa Moore
Beverly Newsome
Unella Rhone-Perry
Roosevelt Rose
Chanina Sperlin
Ada Terry
Jacqueline Welch

Board Members Absent

Rev. Douglas Banks
Rev. Phyllis Brown – sick
Veta May Clarke
Milton Ellis
Dr. Zorina Frederick
Kyra-Lee Harris
Aron Hershkop
Francisca Leopold
Carmen Martinez
Riel Peerbooms
Hector Robertson
Lorraine Thomas
Nevon Watson

Elected Officials/Agency Representatives Present

Brian McLaurin – Hon Letitia James
J. Crawford – Hon. Kenneth Thompson
Joseph Yanis – Hon. Walter Mosley
Hon. Laurie Cumbo
Hon. Geoffery Davis
Matthew Pitt – Hon. Laurie Cumbo
Arna Lipkind – Hon. Darlene Mealy

Dale DeGale – Hon. Yvette Clarke
Jacob Eisdorfer – Hon. Jesse Hamilton
Edu Hermelyn – Hon. Diana Richardson
Hon. Olanike Alabi
William Boone – Medgar Evers College
Hon. Anthony Jones

May 2015 minutes 7:30 PM (Chair read Rules of Order)

Award to Rabbi Jacob Goldstein by the State Senate, State Assembly, the City Council, CB9, and the Mayor for his service as Chair and to our Country. (Hon. Laurie Cumbo, Hon. Mathieu Eugene, Hon. Darlene Mealy, Hon. Jesse Hamilton's representative, and Hon. Walter Mosely spoke). Rabbi Goldstein asked all those who wore the US uniform to stand and be recognized.

Permit Item

DCA Sidewalk café permit for 2122 Beekman Place. Owner stated that he came into the neighborhood in 2014.

Q) Did the Public Safety Committee look into the request and did they consider that the request for a bar is within 100' of a Day Care center? A) Yes

Q) What was the Committee's recommendation? A) In favor

Q) Did you notify the nearby apartment buildings? A) Yes.

Q) Why does it need a sidewalk permit?

A) Because we need 15" for the 7 tables.

Chair, Public Safety Committee: We made no recommendation and left it to the Board to decide.

Permit Item

Expand Buffalo Beef with additional 32 seats and expand the kitchen size. (address) Bedford Ave. betw. Montgomery and Carroll Streets.

Q) Again, did you go to the Public Safety Committee with the request and what was their recommendation?

Q Do you think a liquor license will bring in more revenue and that's why you applied?

A) Customers requested that I get a liquor license. This is a family type restaurant.

Hon. Laurie Cumbo spoke.

Rep. of Crown Heights Tenants Union spoke on rent laws. They advocate for laws and assist tenants.

Person called on Sen. Hamilton to reject Section 421-a incentives.

Representative of Sen. Hamilton stated that he is against Sec. 421-a.

Alicia Boyd demanded the floor, claiming it was part of the public session, and was ruled out of order.

The chair called the roll. A quorum was present (31 members). Chair asked for extended the public session to allow additional speakers. Adapted by voice vote.

PUBLIC SESSION COMMENTS

-Why did no one know about the study commissioned by CB9? It was a conspiracy between DCP and the Board to add development.

-CB9 has a pattern of preventing the public from speaking by pushing off the public sessions.

-There is demolition going on and the Board kept the information from the public. There is corruption on the Board.

-ULURP committee constituents are unlawful. They excluded the public. Racial discrimination in membership. No quorums and no open voting process.

-We want contextual zoning, not skyscrapers and overdevelopment. Disrupters prevent progress.

-Follow the laws, follow up the public's wishes, allow full debate time at ULURP meetings.

-I support the proposed bar as a place for social meetings.

-This is a neighborhood of racial transition, to all white or another color. We want a multiracial neighborhood.

-We need contextual zoning and the board study will not protect you because half of the bldgs. On Flatbush Ave. will be demolished in the interest of upzoning unless we ask for downzoning. Other neighborhoods want independent planning, not the City's planners.

-Illegal vote after illegal vote, continually, as the board ignores the community. We oppose the study. No elected official wants to protect us.

-Oppose the study as too vague and non-professional. We say the same thing every meeting and the specs have been left out. I am afraid of 20-story buildings coming up.

-I want a kinder, gentler meeting, transparency (no vote until decision by the community, and let the community decide), and a public forum.

-Our politicians are latecomers and should take care of us.

-(Alicia Boyd) We want our voices heard and they're not heard. The resolution is illegal and driven by greed and economics. They don't care about displacing us. They don't do this on the other side of the park (skyscrapers), but they do that to us.

BUSINESS SESSION

Roll call. 34 present (a quorum). Elected officials acknowledged:

March minutes were tabled.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

No MTOPP court date scheduled, OMB preparing for budget consultation and Board has the dates; space for ULURP meeting secured. City Planning letter prepared at committee meeting and Boyd snatched documents and was arrested. I was harassed and assaulted. I will take legal action. We received 15 Demolition notices.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety- there was no quorum. We recommend approval of the 2 applications, as there was no adverse information.

ULURP- We met and approved a letter to DCP. (Letter read). (Enclose text)

We ask the Board to approve this letter. A motion to table was made. Moved and seconded. (ULURP chairman): The committee had a legitimate vote.

Roll call vote: motion to table DEFEATED, 13 yes, 20 no, 2 abstain.

Motion to adopt the letter: Moved and seconded.

Roll call vote: Motion PASSED, 26 yes, 6 no.

Beekman Place sidewalk café approval: vote: Moved and seconded:

Roll call vote: Motion PASSED, 30 yes, 3 no.

Buffalo beef approval vote: Moved and seconded;

Roll call vote: Motion PASSED, ___yes, _____no

Vote to appoint Demetrius Lawrence as Chair and Stuart Balberg, Secretary.

1 Vote cast for each. They were elected.

Adjourned 10 PM