

Community Board 9
890 Nostrand Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11225

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2019
MIDDLE SCHOOL 61
AUDITORIUM
400 EMPIRE BOULEVARD, BROOKLYN, NY 11225

Board Members Present

Stuart Balberg
Fred Baptiste
Virginia Bechtold
Rabbi Yaacov Behrman
Warren Berke
Augustine Blackwell
Alejandra Caraballo
Rosemarie Evering
Henry Greenidge
Shloma Zalman Hecht
Francisca Leopold
Nolan Levenson
Michael Liburd
Menachem Margolin

Board Members Present

Carmen Martinez
Robert Mitchell
Vivia Morgan
Patricia Moses
Beverly Newsome
Yankee Pearson
Amy Pinkerton
Unella Rhone-Perry
Mary Rollerson-Blackett
Desma Ross
Rashidah Siddiqui
Rabbi Chanina Sperlin
Debbie Timothy
Eve-lyn Williams

Board Members Absent

Patricia Baker
Mary-Ann Batts
Simone Bennett
Tessa Hackett-Vieira
*Bishop Hamilton-Gonzales
Louis Johnson
Mattijs Limberger
Musa Moore
Pia Raymond
Anthony Taylor
*Lorianne Wolseley

*Excused

Elected Officials / Agency Representatives Present

Borough President Eric L. Adams – Ryan Lynch, Ricardo Newball
Kings County District Attorney Eric Gonzalez – Karen Crawford
NYS Senator Zellnor Y. Myrie – Paurcha Edwards
NYS Assemblywoman Diana C. Richardson
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NYS Assemblyman Walter T. Mosley – Lucien Allen
NYC Council Majority Leader Laurie A. Cumbo – Lauren Dorvil
NYC Councilman Mathieu Eugene – Ramona Cabreja/Soumia Chiraibi
NYC Councilwoman Alicka Ampry-Samuel
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Public Session

Chair Baptiste called the meeting to order at 7:05pm and read the Rules of Order into record.

Chair Baptiste called Public Safety Committee Chair, Rabbi Yaacov Behrman forth to introduce the representative for the following applicant:

- Slow Loris Corp., 556 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11225 for a new Wine, Beer and Cider license

As the applicant representative was not yet present, Public Safety Committee Chair Behrman moved forth to advise that the Committee was additionally seeking an amended letter of support for the following applicant:

- 4Campbell, d/b/a Toast, 1130 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11225 for a New Liquor, Wine Beer and Cider license.

This applicant had previously appeared before the previous Public Safety Committee and was approved at the Committee level and at the subsequent Board meeting. An error was found in the letter of support to the State Liquor Authority, that stated the Board was supporting a renewal application. The current Public Safety Committee is currently seeking an amended letter for the applicant after verifying that there have been no significant changes to the business and no incidents cited by the NYPD and FDNY.

Public Safety Committee Chair Behrman advised that he would to bring forth the representative for Slow Loris, Corp. upon their arrival.

Presentation

Karen Wharton, Ranked Choice Vote - Advised that Ranked Choice Voting will be on the back of the ballot on Election day. As it currently stands you can only choose one candidate on your ballot. If Ranked Choice Voting was implemented, you would be able to choose up to five candidates and rank them according to your personal preference. A candidate would have to obtain the majority vote plus one in order to win the election. The person with least vote would be eliminated and votes would be redistributed amongst the candidates until a single candidate obtains the majority.

Chair Baptiste asked Committee Chair Behrman to return to present the representative for Slow Loris, Corp. Public Safety Chair Behrman advised that most questions can be answered by reading the committee minutes and that additional inquires be limited to items that can not be found within the minutes.

Ann, representative for Slow Loris, Corp. - The business has been open since June 2018 and have been under construction since then. The hours of operation are from 12pm-10pm, Tuesdays to Sundays. Seating capacity is for 33. Japanese and Korean cuisine will be served.

Public Comment Session

Chair Baptiste opened the floor for public comment

Business Session

Roll call attendance was taken by 1st Vice Chair, Warren Berke, who verified 28 Board Members present and confirmed quorum.

Chair Baptiste motioned for the acceptance of the June 2019 General Board Meeting Minutes; *motion passed via majority vote*

Chair Baptiste motioned for the acceptance of the July 2019 Special Meeting Minutes; *motion passed via majority vote*

Additionally, Chair Baptiste advised that committees are still being formulated, as the Board is in the midst of compiling and processing Community Resident applications. Chair Baptiste called for all appointed Committee Chair to stand be introduced to meeting attendees.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Timothy advised that a full reporting will done be quarterly as of October 2019. She additionally acknowledged the \$44,000 allotment from City Council.

Chairman's Report

Chair Baptiste provided his endeavors as a Board Chair and a Board. Reaffirming the Board's position as a true monitoring body for the delivery of municipal services by reinstating the District Service Cabinet Meetings. Also moving the Board forward digitally, by assessing the Board's tech needs and servicing the Community in a digital capacity , i.e. digital Community Resident Committee applications. Evaluating the staffing needs of the Board office, including moving forth to the eventual hiring of a district manager. Further seeking to reestablishing and strengthening community partnerships. Chair Baptiste noted that he would like the Board to move forward in Board being vigorously engaged in Census 2020 awareness and engagement.

Chair Baptiste motioned for the approval of the following SLA applicant:

- Slow Loris Corp., 556 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11225 for a new Wine, Beer and Cider license

motion passed via majority vote, 1 opposed

Chair Baptiste thanked attendees for their participation and attendance and motioned for an adjournment.

Meeting adjourned 9:48p.m.

