

**Community Board 9**  
**890 Nostrand Avenue**  
**Brooklyn, New York 11225**  
**November 14, 2019**  
**Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Committee Members Present:**

Yaacov Behrman, Chairperson  
Yankee Pearson, CB9  
Shlomo Hecht, CB9  
Asim Muhammad, Community Member  
Rebecca Kurland, Community Member

**Committee Members Absent:**

Patricia Baker, CB9  
Rashidah Siddiqui, CB9  
Henry Greenidge, CB9

**Guests:**

Anderson Charles/AMBC LLC

**Community Board Staff:** Mia N. Hilton

7PM: Yaacov Behrman welcomed everyone to the Public Safety Committee.

The committee discussed the New York State bail reform laws that are supposed to go into effect in January and community concerns that the new reforms will make the streets more dangerous. Judges will no longer have discretion to set monetary bail for those charged with most misdemeanors and nonviolent felonies. It also significantly narrows the window of time for prosecutors to hand over pre-trial evidence.

Yankee Pearson and Shlomo Hecht suggested we ask Det. Vincent Martinos to update the community on local crime statistics at a full board meeting.

**Votes:**

**1. AMBC LLC**

The establishment is located at 539 Flatbush Ave.

**Maximum occupancy:** 18 people

**employees:** 3

**Hours of operation:** 11am to 10pm

The Public Safety committee voted to support the new beer wine and cider application. There is no known community opposition, and the applicant provided the required number of signatures of support. NYPD and FDNY reported no incidents at the location in the last 36 months.

## **2. KuddelMuddel Corp/1184 Nostrand Avenue**

The Public Safety will not modify their letter of support unless the establishment appears before the board again.

The establishment appeared before the board in March and April of 2019. The board voted in April 2019 to support their wine beer and cider license. The establishment contacted the board office to advise the board that they updated their original "30-Day Advance" (dated March 05, 2019) to disclose an outdoor area. The original CB9 "liquor license stipulations" document (March 19th) disclosed the outside area but not the 30-Day Advanced document. We do not know what was disclosed to the board in April of 2019 since there are no minutes of the public safety meeting, and the video of the full board meeting does not show any discussion regarding the outdoor area.

## **3. Caribbean Spotlight Inc. d/b/a Empire 103, 103 Empire Boulevard, Brooklyn, NY 11225 Acquisition of License Renewal Outside of Brooklyn Community Board 9 Revision Protocol**

The committee voted to contact local officials to begin discussions regarding revising the licensing process to encourage more community involvement and input for liquor license applications. An establishment applying for renewal should be required to appear before the board before being approved.

**Background:** CB9 was notified by the applicants of their intent to apply for a renewal of a Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider license to sell alcohol and/or alcoholic beverages. The board office contacted the 71<sup>st</sup> Precinct and the Fire Department of the City of New York, and requested information regarding the application and the premises. Based upon the information provided by these agencies: The Public Safety Committee attempted to coordinate with representatives of Caribbean Spotlight Inc. per their license renewal.

In response: an attorney representative of Caribbean Spotlight Inc. informed the board office in September 2019 that the establishment would be closing within the month; with no further need to review their liquor license renewal application.

In November 2019, our office was notified by the NYPD 71<sup>st</sup> Precinct that the establishment was still open and had their license renewed without the knowledge of the Community Board.

Yaacov Behrman contacted the representative of the Caribbean Spotlight Inc to discuss the issue. The attorney said his client will be having one more event and closing the establishment the following week due to plans to demolish the property. The committee will report back in Dec about whether the establishment closed.

The following activity has been reported in/About 103 Empire boulevard YTD

### **Criminal Court Summonses:**

- 11/03/2019 - Fail to display food vendor permit
- 11/02/2019 - Fail to maintain a roster for security guards
- 07/06/2019 - Operating without vigilant video surveillance
- 07/01/2019 - Operating with unlicensed security guards
- 07/01/2019 - Possession of found property that was not delivered to Police

07/01/2019 - Operating without a verified roster for security guards  
06/08/2019 - Disorderly Conduct  
06/03/2019 - Disorderly Conduct  
01/06/2019 - Disorderly Conduct

**OATH Summonses:**

10/19/2019 - Public Urination  
09/15/2019 - Public Urination  
07/01/2019 - Unlicensed Vendor  
07/01/2019 - Obstruction of Sidewalk  
07/01/2019 - Operating without digital video surveillance  
03/27/2019 - Obstruction of Sidewalk

**Arrest YTD:**

09/20/2019 - CPW (Firearm) in veh (Front of location)  
09/14/2019 - Resisting Arrest (Front of location)  
08/18/2019 - 511/UPM (Front of location)  
06/08/2019 - Assault (Front of location)  
05/05/2019 - Menacing - Simulating firearm (Front of location)  
01/06/2019 - Criminal Mischief (Front of location)  
01/06/2019 - CPW - Brass knuckles (Front of location)  
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**Complaints:**

06/29/2019 - Robbery (Inside of location)  
07/01/2019 - Assault F (Inside of location)  
06/22/2019 - Assault M (Front of location)  
04/07/2019 - Petit Larceny (Inside of location)

Respectfully submitted

Yaacov Behrman

