

**Community Board 8  
Union United Methodist Church  
121 New York Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11216**

**December 12, 2019**

**Members Present**

Glinda Andrews  
Desmond Atkins  
Princess Benn-James  
Gail Branch-Muhammad  
Nora Daniel  
Dian Duke  
James Ellis  
Fred Frazier  
Drew Gabriel  
Nizjoni Granville  
Marva Henry  
Xeerxeema Jordan  
Elaine Mahoney  
Kwasi Mensah  
Dr. Katharine Perko  
Robert Puca  
Yahya Raji  
Adam Sachs  
Brian Saunders  
Meredith Staton  
Ethel Tyus  
Gib Veconi  
Irsa Weatherspoon  
Robert Witherwax  
Vilma Zuniga

**CB 8 Staff**

Michelle George, District Manager  
Julia Neale, Community Coordinator

**Members Absent/Excused**

Wayne Bailey  
Julia Boyd  
Hanjy Charles  
Helen Coley  
Phu Duong  
Andrea Ferris  
Tamika Gibbs  
Regina Kinsey  
Eunice Ko  
Dr. Sarah Lazur  
Robert Matthews  
Audrey Taitt-Hall  
Mark Thurton  
Greg Todd  
Sheryl Vassell  
Yves Vilus  
Sharon Wedderburn  
Deborah Young

**Elected Officials' Representatives**

Khalid Jemmott, Assemblywoman  
Diana Richardson, District Attorney  
Eric Gonzalez, Congresswoman  
Yvette Clarke, Boro President  
Eric Adams, Senator  
Zellnor Myrie, Councilwoman  
Alicka Ampry-Samuel, Assemblyman  
Walter Mosley, Councilwoman  
Laurie Cumbo, Councilwoman

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The regular meeting of Community Board 8 was called to order at 7:10 PM by Ms. Ethel Tyus, Chairperson. Ms. Tyus wished everyone a Happy holiday season, thanked Union United Methodist Church for housing the Board, and invited Reverend Jacqueline Carter to say a few words.

**Union United Methodist Church** – Reverend Jacqueline Carter

Reverend Carter welcomed everyone to Union United and offered a few words for everyone to have a happy and healthy holiday season.

Ms. Tyus thanked Reverend Carter for the warm welcome and asked Mr. Ellis to discuss basic housekeeping rules. She then asked for roll call.

In the absence of a quorum, Ms. Tyus opened the floor for announcements and public comments.

**Public Comments**

**Ms. Karen Chambers** from Kings County District Attorney Eric Gonzalez’s office wished everyone a happy and healthy holiday season and stated that the Action Unit is available for anyone with questions or comments about the legal system. Please contact her if the need arises at 718-250-4877.

**Mr. Orlando Ross** from Congresswoman Yvette Clarke’s office announced that the Congresswoman is working with Census 2020 on job sponsorship programs, and encouraged everyone to apply for Census jobs. Additionally, Congresswoman Clarke introduced a bill to recalibrate the Area Median Income, or AMI to make rents affordable in the communities where housing is being created. The key thing is the AMI number which is calibrated at the federal level. This legislation, should it pass, will make it more affordable in communities such as Central Brooklyn’s neighborhoods, where the community income is significantly less than that of the calculated AMI, which currently takes into consideration the Brooklyn neighborhoods, the surrounding New York City counties, as well as multiple surrounding counties near New York City. Adding in these additional counties like Nassau, Suffolk, Rockland, etc., tends to skew the AMI much higher than the inner city. Mr. Ross stated that Congresswoman Clarke remains a strong supporter of the presidential impeachment efforts, stating that she is appalled by the call to remove 700k SNAP recipients from the roll and cutting their benefits. Call 718.287.1142 for more information.

**Mr. Khalid Jemmott** from Assemblywoman Diana Richardson’s office informed constituents with any issues pertaining to housing services that the Assemblywoman has housing services weekly in her district office. She also has in available Labor services, Neighborhood Housing Services, CAMBA, and healthcare enrollment services. He encouraged everyone to get additional information from the CB 8 newsletter, and thanked CB 8 district office staff for including the information on a regular basis to help spread the word. Finally, he wished everyone a happy and healthy holiday season, and reminded interested parties to participate in Civic Minded meetings, which usually occur the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month. The next meeting will be on January 25, 2020. For more information, call the Assemblywoman’s office at (718) 771-3105.

**Mr. Godfrey Bayalama** from Senator Zellnor Myrie’s office wished everyone a happy holiday season, and announced two events for the holidays. He also stated that the Senator is collecting toys for the holidays in conjunction with Councilwoman Alicka Ampry-Samuel, and encouraged those with donations to call 718.248.4700 to arrange to drop toys off to the senator’s office. Additionally, health assistance services are available in the Senator’s office. Finally, Senator Myrie is giving away free rain barrels on a first come first served basis to residents in the 20<sup>th</sup> Senatorial district. Call the office for additional information and to arrange pickup of a rain barrel.

**Mr. Gabriel Torres** from Assemblyman Walter Mosely’s office announced that the Assemblyman donated 250 turkeys for Thanksgiving. Additionally, the Assemblyman has uploaded information on his assembly

page about legislation that is pertinent to the last legislative session. In this area, constituents can obtain a plethora of information on what is going on in Albany as well as upcoming legislative efforts. For more information, call the Assemblyman's office at (718) 596-0100.

**Mr. Eddie Amadour** from Councilman Robert Cornegy's office announced the holiday tree lighting this coming Sunday at Brower Park. Additionally, on December 20<sup>th</sup>, Councilman Cornegy is hosting a holiday party in conjunction with Assemblywoman Tremaine Wright at Restoration Plaza. For more information, contact the Councilman's office at 718-919-0740.

**Ms. Damaris Falero** introduced herself as the new liaison at the Dept. of Buildings for CB 8. She announced that Buildings has "Homeowners Night" every Tuesday from 4-8 PM where homeowners and tenants can obtain information. The informational sessions take place at DOB's offices at 210 Joralemon Street on the 8<sup>th</sup> Floor.

**Ms. Kim Robinson** from Councilwoman Alicka Ampry-Samuel's office wished everyone a happy holiday season, and announced that the Councilwoman has Immigration services available at the office. Please call 718-953-3097 for more information.

**Ms. Arna Lipkind** from Majority Leader Laurie Cumbo's office announced the Councilwoman's Holiday Party on December 20<sup>th</sup> at Ingersoll Community Center. Call 718.260.9191 for more information.

**Ms. Gail Branch-Muhammad** announced that the upcoming Crown Heights North holiday meeting will be on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 PM at St. Gregory's RC Church on the corner of St. John's Place and Brooklyn Avenue. The Crown heights North Association is hosting its annual Holiday House Lighting Contest. Homeowners of Crown heights North (from Eastern Pkwy to Pacific Street, Franklin Avenue to Albany Avenue) are invited to compete in the competition. Applications are due by December 20<sup>th</sup> and only one application per address is accepted. 1st Prize is \$150; 2nd Prize is \$75; 3rd Place winner gets a bottle of Champagne.

Additionally, merchants along the Nostrand Avenue corridor from Atlantic Avenue to Eastern Pkwy are invited to compete in a holiday storefront lighting competition. Prizes are available for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Mail completed applications to Crown Heights North Association, c/o Ms. Gail Muhammad, 1236 Dean Street, Brooklyn, NY 11216.

Judging for both homes and merchants will be completed on Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup> from 7-10 PM. The date in the event of inclement weather is December 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Mr. James Ellis** announced the North Flatbush Avenue BIDs Flatfoot Flatbush Event for the winter solstice on December 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 3PM. After a gathering, there will be a mini parade down Flatbush Avenue to visit restaurants and bring holiday cheer to the corridor. There will be dancing, face painting, food, etc.

**Ms. Elaine Mahoney** announced that is a volunteer with the St. John's Family Center, a shelter that houses 100 families with about 270 residents. The organization is doing a holiday gift drive to adopt a family to purchase the gifts on kids' Christmas lists. There are a few more families lacking sponsors, and she asked those present to please speak to her after the meeting if they would like to sponsor a family.

**Mr. Ian Hanson** of NYC Census 2020, the City's Census outreach team, announced that the Census is an important opportunity that the City of New York cannot afford to pass up. The stakes cannot be higher as

there are billions of dollars in funds and political seats that could be gained or lost depending on how people participate. The City is organizing at community level, so you can volunteer to become a member of your local Neighborhood Organizing Census Committee (NOCC). Your Neighborhood Organizing Census Committee is a group of volunteers based in a specific neighborhood working to ensure everyone in the community is counted! As a volunteer, you will help NYC Census 2020 with direct local outreach to raise awareness and community organizing to ensure that everybody in your neighborhood gets counted.

Volunteers will organize teach-ins, phone-banks, and text-banks to get out the count. Each volunteer will choose which team they want to work with and how much responsibility they wish to take on. To find out the next information session or to sign up, visit <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/census/whats-a-nocc/whats-a-nocc.page>. If you are interested, please call him at 347-320-4066.

Ms. Tyus thanked everyone for the information shared and encouraged those present to take advantage of the services offered. Also, she stated that it is very important that every eligible voter gets out to vote, especially in light of the Census to get the attention we as a community need. Furthermore, Mr. Atkins encouraged everyone to obtain voter registration forms for the young people in their lives that will be turning 17 this November or later in an effort to better train young people in their civic duties, to get them into the habit of securing their franchise.

Ms. Tyus asked Ms. Shelly Worrell to say a few words on the Census.

#### **Census 2020** – Ms. Shelly Worrell

Shelley Worrell, US census stated that all Census forms are issued by the United States Dept. of Commerce, and will be distributed in March 2020. Kings County, or rather, Brooklyn, is the most undercounted county in the state and also one of the top most undercounted counties in the nation, with children and black men between the ages of 18 and 29 the most undercounted populations. The census is extremely important because it determines how much money for housing, infrastructure, Medicaid, Medicare, schools, and others is given to each state. Unfortunately, Brooklyn is only being counted on average of about 60%, which translates to tens of millions of dollars every year in federal funds for each of these services. It is important that people get counted in the right place; as such, Census 2020 is hiring 20k people in Brooklyn. If you are interested in working for Census 2020, it is very important to start the application process early due to the need for background checks. Positions start at \$25/hour with flexible hours.

Ms. Worrell informed the Board that **the citizenship question is not on the form**. Furthermore, every federal government employee has taken an oath of privacy and cannot share personal information. No one should have any fear about completing the form and worrying about whether or not they will be in danger of deportation.

A resident inquired how shelters will be counted for the Census. They were informed that large population centers such as shelters, hospitals, and prisons are counted by a special department with Census 2020. Ms. Worrell stated that wherever a person is on April 1<sup>st</sup>, that is the county that they will count towards the population.

Ms. Tyus thanked Ms. Worrell for the information and urged everyone to help partner with Census groups to ensure that we are adequately and properly counted to get the resources we need. She then asked for a report from the following committees:

**Land Use** – Ms. Ethel Tyus, Chairperson

The Land Use Committee met on Thursday, December 5, 2019 at Downtown Brooklyn Rehabilitation Center located at 727 Classon Avenue. Present were: Princess Benn-James, Janet Collins, Nora Daniel, James Ellis, Fred Frazier, Peter Krashes, Sarah Lazur, Katharine Perko, Robert Puca, Meredith Staton, Ethel Tyus, Gib Veconi, Irsa Weatherspoon, Deborah Young, Rick Azar, Fialka Semenuik, Andrea Wong, Joseph Betesh, Nicole Laemmle, Jack Robinson, Makeda Marshall-NeSmith, Lin Zeng, Jonathan Marable, and Ben Verde.

The committee discussed the following applications:

**1. LPC application for 631 Vanderbilt Avenue (Prospect Heights Historic District)**

Rick Azar, R.A., presented a proposal on behalf of the building’s developer-owner, Joseph Betesh, for the alteration of an existing one-story building into a four-story building, the plans for which are drawn from the 1940 tax photo of the lot and details of surrounding historic buildings. Mr. Azar explained that the existing one-story building would remain where it is and that the new floors would be built on top of it. The finished building would be about 20” taller than the four-story building that occupied the lot in 1940, due to the inclusion of a 42” high parapet needed for hiding the requisite bulkhead and for making the rooftop accessible to tenants. The ground floor will have separate entrances for commercial and tenant uses; the residential floors will comprise 2 3-bedroom market-rate rental duplexes. Mr. Azar and Mr. Betesh have met with PHNDC. Neighbor Shira Entes, of 633 Vanderbilt Ave., asked about the anticipated timeline for construction, and Mr. Azar estimated a start time during summer 2020 with 18 months for construction, though Mr. Betesh hopes for a shorter duration.

On condition that the applicant continue to work with LPC to ensure that the historical style they are attempting to replicate is appropriate, a motion was made and seconded to recommend support for this application. The motion passed with a vote of 10 in favor, 2 abstentions, and 0 against. The committee hopes the full Board will support its recommendation.

Mr. Ellis made a motion to support the committee’s recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Veconi and carried with a final tally of 24 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions.

**2. DCP application for Weeksville at Prospect Place, 1559-1563 Prospect Place**

Representatives from the NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development team, along with representatives from project sponsors Settlement Housing Fund and the Beechwood Organization, presented a plan for the project sponsors to purchase vacant city land and construct an as-of-right, eight-story building comprising 45 units of affordable housing for seniors (age 55+), families and individuals, and formerly homeless families or individuals. The property in question is an 8,342 sq. ft. city-owned site, zoned R6, on Block 1363, Lots 90, 91, and 92 (currently vacant lots), in the Weeksville neighborhood.

Of the 45 total units in the building, 26 will be reserved for seniors, and 19 will be for non-seniors (families or individuals). Six (6) of the senior units and two (2) of the non-senior units will be reserved for formerly homeless people (families or individuals) selected through the Department of Homeless Services. Residents for the other 37 units will be selected through the Housing Connect system, with the standard preference percentages for CD8 residents. The building will have a community room, a landscaped rear yard, laundry room, bike storage, a recreation area, and a rooftop terrace accessible to all residents. The sponsors of this

project have met with the CB 8 Housing Committee and taken up some of their suggestions regarding the details of the building's streetscape and façade, which incorporates visual details from neighboring buildings.

Due to its unique status as a UDAAP (Urban Development Action Area)-designated site, the sale of the property to the project sponsors comes with a restriction on the property that requires its use continue in perpetuity and makes it prohibitive to pay off the mortgage associated with the building, ensuring that housing in this building remains affordable over time. This project has a hearing at the Brooklyn Borough President's office on December 10, 2019.

A motion was made and seconded to support the application as presented, and passed with a vote of 13 in favor, 0 abstentions, and 0 against. The committee hopes the full Board will support its recommendation.

Mr. Staton asked if the homeless housing portion going to be for the homeless in the community. He was informed that 50% of the units will have CB8 preference, but the units reserved for homeless individuals will be taken from the citywide population.

Mr. Atkins made a motion to support the committee's recommendation. The motion as seconded by Mr. Ellis and carried with a final tally of 32 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, with 1 recusal.

Additionally, the committee received an update on the MCROWN proposal by Gib Veconi on the progress of drafting the binding agreement for the developers of 527 Grand Avenue that was voted on by the full board at the November 2019 meeting. Mr. Veconi explained that that he was researching an interlocking restrictive declaration, coupled with an agreement that would have the 501c3 Friends of Community Board 8 as monitor of the agreement. Chairwoman Tyus asked for a show of support to have this secondary agreement drafted and shared with the CB8 Executive Committee, and 9 committee members raised their hands in support.

The next meeting of the Land Use committee will be January 2, 2020 at 6:30 PM at the Downtown Brooklyn Rehabilitation Center. All are invited to attend.

**SLA and Sidewalk Café Review Committee** – Mr. James Ellis, Chair; Mr. Robert Witherwax, Vice-Chair

The SLAC Committee met on Monday, December 2, 2019 at Downtown Brooklyn Rehabilitation Center located at 727 Classon Avenue. Present were: Wayne Bailey, Gail Branch-Muhammad, Dian Duke, Fred Frazier, Robert Puca, Mark Thurton, Gib Veconi, Irsa Weatherspoon, Robert Witherwax, Kate O'Connor, John Verlander, Diana Mora, Cathy Iselin, Peter Krashes, W. Volley, Max Katzenberg, Randall Lee, Yuan Yao Dug, PO Vidal. The committee discussed the following applications:

**1. Renewals**

- Friends and Lovers, 641 Classon Avenue – Full License (rear yard, DJ, recorded music, karaoke, live music, patron dancing, 3rd party promoters, security personnel)  
Establishment type: Bar/tavern  
(Also seeking extended hours for New Year's Eve to stay open until 4 AM from their standard 2 AM weekday closing)
- Weatherup & Co., 589 Vanderbilt Avenue – Full License (recorded music, no outdoor space)  
Establishment type: Bar/tavern

- Rio, 619 St. John's Place – Full License (recorded music, sidewalk café)

Establishment type: Restaurant

- Lowerline, 794 Washington Avenue – Wine/beer/cider License (recorded music, no outdoor space)

Establishment type: Restaurant

The committee voted unanimously to renew all licenses in hopes that the full Board supports its recommendation.

Mr. Witherwax made a motion to support the committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Veconi and carried with a final tally of 23 in favor, 0 opposed, with 2 abstentions.

## **2. Method of Operations Changes Applications**

### **A. Kinanm Lounge: 856 Atlantic Avenue (Vanderbilt & Underhill Ave) w/backyard – Full License**

(Lounge in operation in 7 yrs with 6 service employees and 3 security personnel. 3 speakers. Security curtain installed. 6 tables / 24 seats, 1 bar - 10 seats. Hours of operation: Sun: 5pm - 11pm, Closed Mon, Tues - Sat: 6pm - 1am. Backyard: Sun: 5pm - 11pm, Closed Mon, Tues - Sat: 6pm - 1am.)

Business is seeking expanded hours to 2 AM Sunday thru Thursday and 4 AM Friday and Saturday with backyard hours to reflect indoor hours.

As per the officer from the 77th Precinct, this establishment has had 15 complaints lodged from June 2019 to present. In November, experienced a M.A.R.C.H. (Multi Agency Response To Community Hotspots). In that visit the business received 3 citations for:

- Failure to maintain records
- Having an unlicensed security guard
- Employing an unlicensed security guard

In June, it was reported that a shooting occurred at the location of this establishment, the owner's attorney (who was present at this meeting) refutes this accounting and believes that this incident occurred in another location and precinct. He emailed a UF61 report to the District office in support of his claim on December 4th per the committee's request, which was emailed to the committee on the 4th.

The committee voted with 8 in favor with 2 abstentions for the method of operation change to add licensed security, and with the same vote withheld support to alter hours of operation. We hope the full board supports our recommendation.

Ms. Branch-Muhammad clarified for the Board that the shooting did not happen at the establishment, and proof was submitted to the District office that confirms the incident happened at another location, and the victim may have passed out in front of Kinanm. Mr. Ellis asked if the 77<sup>th</sup> Precinct accepted the report that the incident occurred off-site, and was informed that they did.

A resident inquired if the lounge was supposed to have a licensed security guard all the time. They were informed that when the initial application was filed, the applicant had asked for security, but due to a clerical

error, it was not put on the license. As such, this method of operations change is to legalize that which has always been present at the establishment.

Mr. Witherwax made a motion to support the committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Henry and carried with a final tally of 20 in favor, 1 opposed, with 4 abstentions.

B. Roses: 295 Flatbush Ave (Prospect & St. Marks Ave) w/backyard – Full License

(Restaurant. In operation almost 4 years. Hours of operation: Sun & Mon: close at 10pm, Tues - Thurs: close at 11pm, Sat & Sun: close at 12am. Backyard: Sun - Thurs: close at 10pm, Fri & Sat: 12am.)

Seeking to Transfer Ownership. Owners, Alicia Nicolette and Kate O'Connor-Morrison have agreed that Ms. Nicolette will be the sole owner and principal of their S-Corp, buying out Ms. Morrison's interest.

The committee voted unanimously to support this application and hopes the full board supports its recommendation.

Me. Veconi made a motion to support the committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Atkins and carried with a final tally of 25 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions.

### **3. New Applications**

A. Brooklyn Wings and Burgers Corp, d/b/a Desert Rose: 988 Atlantic Ave (corner of Grand Ave) – Full License with no outdoor space.

- Restaurant, presently no food service, no security personnel.
- 2 service employees, background music, 12 tables / 35 seats, 1 bar - 6 seats.
- Hours of operation: Sun: 11am - 10pm, closed Mon, Tues - Sat: 11am - 11pm.

The committee voted unanimously to support this application and hopes the full board supports its recommendation.

Mr. Atkins questioned why the restaurant was seeking a liquor license when it was not prepared to serve food yet, and also why security is not necessary with a full liquor license. He was informed that the establishment has not opened yet, which is why they are not serving food, but they will open shortly and have a full menu by the time they obtain their liquor license. Additionally, the committee believed that it is a restaurant with tame hours, so they did not feel as though security is necessary.

Mr. Witherwax made a motion to support the committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Branch-Muhammad and carried with a final tally of 22 in favor, 0 opposed, with 3 abstentions.

B. Dao Palate Asian: 329 Flatbush Ave (Park/ Prospect Pl) no outdoor space – Beer/Wine/Cider

- Restaurant, in operation for 12 years, no security or measures.
- 6 service employees, recorded music. 13 tables / 48 seats.
- Hours of operation: Sun - Fri: 12pm - 11pm, Sat: 12pm - 10:30pm.



The committee voted unanimously to support this application and hopes the full board supports its recommendation.

Mr. Staton asked if the establishment would have any cameras and why they suddenly need a liquor license if they've been in existence for so long. He was informed that there are Interior cameras, and that the establishment had a liquor license previously that lapsed in 2015.

Mr. Witherwax made a motion to support the committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Atkins and carried with a final vote of 23 in favor, 0 opposed, with 2 abstentions.

C. Green Canoe Hosp. DBA Gilsy's (pronounced Jilzees), 755 Dean St. (Vanderbilt / Underhill Aves) no outdoor space – Full License

- Restaurant, no security personnel, but will have cameras.
- 25 service employees, small sound system powered by iPod w/8 speakers.
- 15 tables / 50 seats, 1 bar - 18 seats.
- Hours of operation: Sun: 10am - 12am, Mon thru Friday: 11am 12am, Sat: 10am - 2am

500 foot rule in effect. Community Benefit Statement: Would like to offer an affordable casual café with Mediterranean fare and have the same full liquor license privilege as the previous establishment, whereby customers can enjoy a cocktail.

The committee voted unanimously to support this application and hopes the full board supports its recommendation.

Mr. Veconi made a motion to support the committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Weatherspoon and carried with a final tally of 23 in favor, 0 opposed, with 2 abstentions.

D. 570 Van LLC - DBA TBD: 570 Vanderbilt (corner of Bergen / Dean Sts) w/ sidewalk café – Full Liquor

- Bar / Tavern, with 1-2 security personnel and cameras.
- 8 employees
- Sound proofing, 12 speakers, 25 watts each, cosmetic upgrade, operational windows, live entertainment to be offered as a special event, not regularly.
- 32 tables / 64 seats, 2 bars - 26 seats.
- Sidewalk cafe (alongside Bergen St) 15 tables / 30 seats.
- Interior Hours of operation: Sun - Thurs: 10am - 2am, Fri & Sat: 10am - 3am.
- Sidewalk café hours: Sun - Thurs: 10am - 10pm, Fri & Sat: 10am - 11pm.

500-foot rule in effect. Community Benefit Statement: Utilizes both Bed Stuy Restoration Workforce Development Program and Crown Heights' Neighborhood in Action as hiring sources for restaurants in which the principal is affiliated. Maintains a great relationship with Brooklyn Botanic Gardens. Donates to schools in the community.

The committee voted 8 in favor, 2 opposed to support this application with the following stipulations:

- That the establishment's hours of operation will be Sun - Thurs: 10am - 2am, Fri & Sat: 10am - 3am. Sidewalk: Sun - Thurs: 10am - 10pm, Fri & Sat: 10am - 11pm

- That the windows will be closed by 10pm, 7 days a week; with the exception of live entertainment and / or DJ, whereby the windows will remain closed.

The committee hopes the full Board supports its recommendation.

Dr. Perko asked if the proprietors own any other establishments and exactly where the sidewalk café would end since the bus stop is very near where they are proposing to place the cafe. She was informed that they own Olmsted and an additional high end restaurant. Regarding the bus stop, she was informed that the Dept. of Consumer Affairs dictates space requirements and would not approve and permit the café if it was in violation of their rules.

Ms. Branch-Muhammad made a motion to support the committee’s recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Staton and carried with a final vote of 20 in favor, 3 opposed, with 2 abstentions.

E. Denials for new applicants based on non-appearance:

- Nacho Macho Taco: 417 Prospect Place (corner of Grand Ave.) –New Application invited multiple months
- Good Life: 706 Washington Ave. (St. Marks / Prospect Aves) –New application invited multiple months (applicant has stated to district office staff that they would be at the January meeting)
- LA Burrito, 43 Underhill Avenue – Wine/Beer/Cider – Renewal application that neither showed to the meeting nor submitted materials

The committee withheld support 9 in favor, 1 opposed for both of these applications for the non-appearance of applicants and hopes the full board supports its recommendation.

Mr. Witherwax made a motion to support the committee’s recommendation on the defacto denials. The motion was seconded by Mr. Atkins and carried with a final vote of 25 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions.

**Health and Human Services** – Mr. Kwasi Mensah, Chair

The Health and Human Services Committee will meet on Monday, January 6, 2020 at the Community Board 8 district office located at 1291 St. Marks Avenue at 6:30 PM. All are invited to attend.

**EST** – Mr. Robert Witherwax, Chair; Ms. Irsa Weatherspoon, Vice Chair

The EST Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 6:30 PM at Downtown Brooklyn rehabilitation Center located at 727 Classon Avenue. All are invited to attend.

**Housing** – Ms. Nizjoni Granville, Chairperson

The Housing Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 6:30 PM at Albany Community Center located at 164 Troy Avenue. All are invited to attend.

**Parks** – Ms. Glinda Andrews, Chair

Ms. Andrews announced that Councilman Robert Cornegy, Friends of Brower Park, and Crown Heights North Association are pleased to present the Brower Park Christmas Tree Lighting on Sunday, December 15, 2019

from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. The tree lighting will be held in Brower park on Kingston Avenue between Prospect Place and St. Marks Avenue. Light refreshments will be served and there will be a performance by Victory Music and Dance. For more information, contact Councilman Cornegy's office at 718-919-0742.

The next Parks Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 6:30 PM at St. John's Recreation Center located at 1251 Prospect Place. All are invited to attend.

**Public Safety** – Mr. Mark Thurton, Chair; Mr. Desmond Atkins, Vice Chair

The next Public Safety Committee meeting will be held on Monday, January 27, 2020 at 6:30 PM at the 77<sup>th</sup> Precinct located at 127 Utica Avenue. All are invited to attend.

**Seniors** – Ms. Gail Branch-Muhammad, Chair

The next Seniors Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 6 PM at David Chavis Apartments located at 230 Kingston Avenue. All are invited to attend.

**Economic Development** – Mr. James Ellis, Interim Chair; Mr. Brian Saunders, Interim Vice Chair

The Economic Development Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at the CB8 District office located at 1291 St. Marks Avenue at 6:30 PM. All are invited to attend, as the committee will discuss workforce development opportunities.

Ms. Tyus thanked the committee Chairs for their reports and adjourned the meeting at 8:40 PM. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 7 PM at Concern Rochester located at 151 Rochester Avenue, Brooklyn. All are invited to attend.