

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

**February 14, 2019**

**Members Present**

Glinda Andrews  
DeShauna Appleton  
Desmond Atkins  
Princess Benn-James  
Gail Branch-Muhammad  
Helen Coley  
Dian Duke  
James Ellis  
Andrea Ferris  
Fred Frazier  
Drew Gabriel  
Tamika Gibbs  
Nizjoni Granville  
Xeerxeema Jordan  
Lisa Lashley  
Elaine Mahoney  
Kwasi Mensah  
Atim Oton  
Dr. Katharine Perko  
Robert Puca  
Yahya Raji  
Meredith Staton  
Greg Todd  
Sheryl Vassell  
Gib Veconi  
Irsa Weatherspoon  
Sharon Wedderburn  
Deborah Young

**CB8 Staff**

Michelle George  
Julia Neale  
Melanie Grant

**Members Absent/Excused**

Sasha Ahuja  
Wayne Bailey  
Julia Boyd  
Faith Corbett  
Phu Duong  
Elijah Gray  
Tarves Lord  
Robert Matthews  
Adam Sachs  
Brian Saunders  
Stacey Sheffey  
Audrey Taitt-Hall  
Mark Thurton  
Ethel Tyus  
Yves Vilus  
Robert Witherwax  
Vilma Zuniga

**Elected Officials Present**

Olanike Alabi, 57<sup>th</sup> AD District Leader

**Elected Official Representatives**

Taiquan Coleman, Assem. T. Wright, 56<sup>th</sup> AD  
Shaki Robbins-Cobas, Sen. V. Montgomery, 25<sup>th</sup> SD  
Duane Joseph, Assem. D. Richardson, 43<sup>rd</sup> AD  
Godfre Bayalama, Sen. Z. Myrie, 20<sup>th</sup> SD  
Gabriel Torres, Assem. W. Mosley, 57<sup>th</sup> AD  
Kim Robinson, Counc. Ampry-Samuel, 41<sup>st</sup> CD  
Arna Lipkind, Majority Leader Cumbo, 35<sup>th</sup> CD

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The regular meeting of Community Board 8 was called to order at 7:05 PM by Ms. Nizjoni Granville, Chairperson. She asked Mr. Ellis, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chair, to go over basic housekeeping rules and then asked for public comments.

**Mr. Duane Joseph** from Assemblywoman Diana Richardson's office wished everyone Happy Valentine's Day greetings. He announced that the Assemblywoman has been busy the last couple of weeks in Albany, and brought everyone's attention to the services offered in the Assemblywoman's district office, all of which were included in the CB 8 monthly newsletter. These services include landlord/tenant resources; anti-eviction assistance; senior housing; rent arrears and rent subsidies referrals; affordable housing; housing lottery education; a comprehensive array of services for homeowners, homebuyers, and tenants, including first-time homebuyer education, financial coaching, home repair assistance, home insurance counseling, landlord training, foreclosure intervention, and tenant support services. Labor Services are also being offered at the Assemblywoman's office on Thursdays from 10 AM to 4 PM. Unemployment concerns, training, job seekers, and compliance appointments can be scheduled. Appointments are necessary. Assemblywoman Richardson is also pleased to offer a Health Insurance Navigator Program on Mondays from 11 AM to 5 PM. Navigator Programs help to simplify the complicated world of selecting the health insurance plan that is right for you and your family. Individuals can qualify for insurance during this special enrollment period due to loss of health insurance (for reasons other than non-payment of premium), divorce or legal separation, birth or adoption of a child or placement of a child in foster care, and marriage or domestic partnership. Small businesses can apply at any time.

All services are held at Assemblywoman Richardson's office located at 330 Empire Blvd, 1st Floor, Brooklyn. Please call 718-771-3105 to schedule an appointment for free legal or tenant services, or to get additional information.

**Ms. Shakti Robbins** from Senator Velmanette Montgomery's office distributed Save the Date flyers for a hearing the Senator will be hosting with Boro President Eric Adams on some of the issues faced by homeowners. The event will be held on March 15, 2019 at Brooklyn Borough Hall located at 209 Joralemon Street, Downtown Brooklyn. For more information, call the Senator's office at 718- 643-6140.

**Mr. Taiquan Coleman** from Assemblywoman Tremaine Wright's office encouraged everyone to sign up for their mailing list. He also distributed the 2019 Parking Calendar and a Census 2020 pamphlet. He announced that the Assemblywoman is partnering with the NYC Dept. of Finance for a homeowner and tenant forum. If you would like more information on the forum or to RSVP for it, call 718-399-7630.

**Mr. Godfre Bayalama** from Senator Zellnor Myrie's office announced that they are currently operating out of Assemblywoman Diana Richardson's office located at 330 Empire Blvd, as well as Councilwoman Alicka Ampry-Samuel's office located at 400 Rockaway Avenue until he can find an office space of his own. They will be at Councilwoman Ampry-Samuel's office at least two days per week to provide constituent services, and at Assemblywoman Richardson's office Monday – Thursday from 10 AM to 6 PM. Mr. Bayalam also announced that Senator Myrie has already passed his first piece of legislation on Voter Reform. As such, New York State now has early voting, only one primary election that will be held in June, and also pre-voter registration for high school seniors as well as 16 and 17 year olds.

**Mr. Maurice Cole** from the Brooklyn Neighborhood Improvement Association (BNIA) stated that they have been in existence for nearly 40 years, providing homeowner and tenant assistance, including mediation. Starting this month, the organization will be hosting Breakfast Workshop Conferences. The first one will be held on February 23, 2019. This will be a monthly event to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at BNIA located at 465 Sterling Place (near Washington Avenue). Topics include: landlord/tenant issues; foreclosures; rentals; SCRIE/DRIE; financial literacy; and credit counseling. In addition, HPD will be present along with legal services.

Continental breakfast will be served. For more information or to RSVP, call 718-773-4116. Additionally, BNIA and The Brooklyn Arts Initiative (BAI) cordially invites you to their Black History Month Jazz Jam on Sunday, February 24, 2019 from 5:30 PM to 9:30 PM at BNIA located at 465 Sterling Place (near Washington Avenue), Brooklyn.

**Mr. Jahi Rose** from the Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) announced that the CCRB is the agency that investigates and mediates instances of alleged police misconduct. The next CCRB outreach forum will be held on March 13, 2019 from 6:30-8:30PM at a location to be determined. Usually, the location is chosen based on the number of complaints issued against officers in a specific precinct. You must RSVP for the event, and can do so via text at 917-208-9320.

**Mr. Joe Nevenasky** of COTI stated that COTI was a development as a direct result of the opioid epidemic. He described COTI as a “crisis team on steroids” because they are a mobile team that will engage with anyone that is in need of assistance with opioids or any other substances. Assessments for rehabilitation and treatment are done at their offices located at 1665 Pitkin Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor at the corner of Chestnut Street. He stated that they partner with many hospitals in the area. COTI can be reached at 718-764-6789 ex 5011 and he can be reached via cell at 917-623-2511.

**Ms. Stephanie Grand-Pierre** of Safe Horizon announced that they reach out to victims of domestic violence and sexual crimes and advocate on their behalf. They provide information about the justice system and refer victims to counseling, food pantries, assist them with transfers with NYCHA, etc. If you know of anyone in an abusive situation, please have them contact Safe horizon at 718-735-0678.

**Ms. Sarah Lazur** of the Crown Heights Tenants Union announced that on February 19, 2019, there will be a court solidarity training to teach people necessary tools to prepare themselves and others for housing court. Usually, people show up alone and unassisted because only those that make under 24k annually are eligible for free assistance. The training will be held at 808 Nostrand Avenue at 6 pm. Also, at the next general meeting on a date to be determined, people will be able to learn about tenants right’s issues. That meeting will be held at 1117 Eastern Parkway. For more information or to get the location, call 347-409-4650.

**Ms. Arna Lipkind** from Majority Leader Laurie Cumbo’s office announced that they are hosting a Black History Month event at City Hall on February 27, 2019. Registration is required to attend the event, so please call 718-260-9191 for the link to register. Also, the Councilwoman introduced a few bills, including ones that will require social workers in childcare centers and offer discounted metrocards for SNAP recipients starting in April. She is also working on a bill to disallow recreational drug testing for employment. Internships are available. Finally, on March 12, 2019 from 6-8 PM, the Councilwoman will be working with IMPACCT on how to apply for affordable housing units. For more information call the Councilwoman’s office at 718-260-9191.

Ms. Granville thanked everyone for their comments and asked District Leader Ola Alabi to say a few words.

### **57<sup>th</sup> Assembly District Leader Olanike Alabi**

District Leader Alabi announced that since Letitia James made history by becoming New York State’s first black woman elected to a statewide office as Attorney General, her old job as Public Advocate of New York City has become vacant. As such, Governor Cuomo has called for a special election to fill the vacant seat. On Tuesday, February 26, 2019, we urge everyone to get out and vote in the Special Election for Public Advocate. **All registered voters can participate in this election.**

Additionally, due to recently passed Voter Reform, there will only be one primary election in New York State, and that will be in June. In years past, NYS had two primary elections: one in June for Federal offices, and one in September for local offices. All primaries will now be held in June. The next primary election will be on June 25, 2019, where we will vote on who will be on the ballot in November. The Public Advocate position will be on the ballot again in both June and November, as the special election is being held only to fill the seat at the present time. Judicial seats will also be on the ballot. Finally, there is now early voting in the state at select sites in every election district starting at least 9 days in advance and pre-voter registration for 16 and 17 year olds.

Ms. Granville thanked District Leader Alabi for the information and asked for roll call.

**Correspondence** – CB 8 newsletter and other information was distributed.

**Acceptance of Minutes** – The minutes of the January 2019 meeting were accepted with all necessary corrections. Ms. Elaine Mahoney and Dr. Katharine Perko were both marked absent when they were present.

Ms. Granville and Ms. Michelle George, District Manager, took the opportunity to thank Ms. Shalawn Langhorne, former First Vice Chair of Community Board 8 and Chair of the Public Safety Committee, for nearly two decades of dedicated service to Community Board 8. They presented her with a crystal plaque and a gift basket as a token of appreciation for her service. Ms. Granville invited Ms. Langhorne to say a few words.

Ms. Langhorne thanked everyone at CB 8 and stated that she appreciated the outpouring of support in honor of her service. She stated that for 18 years, she had the honor of not only serving on Community Board 8, but helping to shape the District into what it is now: a vibrant, thriving community, albeit one with a few challenges still, mainly gentrification. She stated that she appreciated her fellow members, staff at CB 8, and instructed everyone not to fret for she is still a resident of the community and will participate to the best of her ability. Ms. Langhorne stated that she stepped away from her service not only at CB 8, but virtually every organization she was a member of to focus on her health and well-being, and as soon as she is capable, will resume service. She then asked for a photo with all current Board members that were at the meeting.

Ms. Granville and Ms. George thanked Ms. Langhorne again for her service, and Ms. Granville moved into a discussion of Action Items and committee reports.

**Executive Committee**

For a number of months, the Executive Committee reviewed attendance records of members and instructed the District Office to reach out to members that were not meeting membership expectations. Other members that received correspondence either resigned from the Board, or re-affirmed their commitment. However, the Executive Committee resolved that it had no choice but to recommend the removal of Ms. DeShauna Appleton as a member of Community Board 8, as per of the By-Laws of Community Board 8.

In terms of a member's removal, the By-Laws state specifically:

**§5.5:** (c) An appointed member may be removed from the Board for cause by a majority vote of the Board, only after:

- (i) a two-thirds majority of the members of the Executive Committee present and entitled to vote recommends a removal hearing,
- (ii) service of written charges and specifications to the appointed member, at least 30 days prior to a scheduled hearing,
- (iii) a scheduled hearing before the Board, at a general or special meeting, at which the appointed member shall have the right to respond to the charges and specifications, the right to counsel, and the right to produce witnesses or evidence on his or her behalf. The notice of the meeting shall include the hearing on its agenda.

**§5.5:** (d) Circumstances which may constitute cause for removal shall include, but shall not be limited to:

- (i) Non-attendance at four of the previous six consecutive general or special Board meetings
- (ii) substantial non-attendance or non-participation in two (2) committees of the Board
- (iii) substantial record of missed roll call votes at the Board meeting
- (iv) conduct detrimental to the Board

Charges against Ms. Appleton are as follows:

- **Non-attendance and participation in general meetings:** Ms. Appleton attended only two of the 11 meetings held in 2018, and missed the January 2019 meeting as well.
- **Non-participation in at least two standing or ad-hoc committees:** Ms. Appleton had not attended a single committee meeting in 2018 calendar year, and has not attended any committee meetings this year as of yet.
- Ms. Appleton was sent two letters: one dated September 18, 2018 with charges and a request for re-commitment. She did not respond to the letter. Ms. Appleton was also sent another letter on October 18, 2018 stating that she would be removed from the Board via a hearing. She did not respond until Ms. George, District Manager, called her to see if everything was ok, and at that point, Ms. Appleton sent a brief email to the Executive Committee stating that she was dedicated and desired to remain on the Board. After that email was sent in October, Ms. Appleton missed the next three general meetings.
- Ms. Appleton was sent a notice of her hearing for removal on January 15, 2018, with a request to resign from the Board to forego the hearing. She did not respond.

As such, the Executive Committee recommends the removal of Ms. Appleton on the aforementioned grounds, and hopes the full Board supports its recommendation. Anyone who wanted to come to Ms. Appleton's defense was invited to do so.

Ms. Appleton stated in her defense: "I'm very sorry I've missed these past meetings. I started a new job back in May. This job sent me out of state to Virginia to train for 2 months. Following this, I took my 13 year old son to Georgia for boarding school in August. That situation didn't work out and I had to go pick him up in October. All these incidences have led me to miss scheduled board meetings. Please excuse my absences, I plan to do better and attend my meetings." She also stated that her stepmother passed away in December and that she still has recurring issues with her son and boarding school.

After resolving some lingering confusion as to why the Board was voting for Ms. Appleton's removal, a member of the Executive Committee stated that the removal proceeding was moving forward because Ms. Appleton did not communicate with the District office after sending her initial email in November.

Ms. Vassell inquired of Ms. Appleton whether everything in her life is going smoothly now and if she can re-affirm her commitment and attend meetings. Ms. Appleton stated that it is and that she can.

Swayed by the argument made by Ms. Appleton, Mr. Mensah made a motion to keep her as a member, going against the Executive Committee's recommendation to remove Ms. Appleton. Ms. Young attempted to amend Mr. Mensah's motion, but due to confusion, rescinded her amendment. Mr. Mensah's motion was seconded by Ms. Vassell, and failed with a motion of 10 in favor of retaining her as a member, 5 in opposition, with 13 abstentions.

Ms. Young made a motion to keep Ms. Appleton as a member with a proviso that she attend a set number of full Board and required committee meetings. If she meets the standards set forth by the By-Laws, then we can vote to retain her a member. Ms. Appleton stated that she will be out of the country for the month of March and will miss a few meetings. Ms. Young then amended her motion to keep Ms. Appleton on the Board if she attends all Board and requisite two committee meetings between April and November. Mr. Veconi stated that he seconds the motion with the amendment that the membership between now and November be probationary, and should Ms. Appleton not comply, her membership will be terminated with no need to vote on her removal. If she does comply, then in November, the Board can vote to retain her membership.

After many questions as to the legitimacy and legality of probation for Board membership either in the CB 8 By-Laws or in general, members voted 18 in favor, 5 opposed, with 3 abstentions to grant Ms. Appleton a probationary period for membership during which she must attend all general meetings and requisite two committee meetings between April and November, and should she miss any of the meetings, will be immediately removed as a member without the requirement for a vote.

#### **Economic Development** – Ms. Atim Oton, Chair

The Economic Development Committee met on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at BNIA located at 465 Sterling Place. The committee continued discussing its upcoming Job Training and Job Fair in May. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 6 PM at BNIA. All are invited to attend.

#### **Environment, Sanitation, and Transportation (EST)** – Mr. Robert Witherwax, Chair; Ms. Irsa Weatherspoon, Vice-Chair

The EST Committee met on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation located 727 Classon Avenue, Brooklyn. Present were: Desmond Atkins; Isaac Blasenstein; Mark Thurton; Katharine Perko; Alan Gerber; Elijah Gray; Francis Langley; Meredith Staton; Regina Kinsey; Robert Witherwax; Celeste Stein; Bobby LaPoint; Deborah Young; Emma Mehzer; and Mira Atherton.

The committee continued discussing the congestion issues along St. John's Place between Rogers and New York Avenue and some of the issues that will be raised with a meeting between some committee members, DOT, and MTA NYC Transit at the end of the month. The committee also discussed the preponderance of rodents in the community and the perceived lack of service on many corner baskets.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 6:30 PM at CNR located at 727 Classon Avenue. All are invited to attend.

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

The Health and Human Services Committee met on Monday, February 4, 2019 at BNIA located at 465 Sterling Place. The committee continued discussing its upcoming Health Fair and Agricultural Event. The next meeting will be Monday, March 4, 2019 at 6:30 PM at BNIA. All are invited to attend.

**Housing (Advocacy)** – Ms. Nizjoni Granville, Chair

The Housing Committee met on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at Albany Community Center located at 164 Troy Avenue. The committee invited residents of Albany, Weeksville, and Kingsboro Houses to discuss some of the outstanding issues and repairs they have. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 6:30 PM at Albany Community Center located at 164 Troy Avenue. All are invited to attend.

**Land Use** – Ms. Ethel Tyus, Chair

The Land Use Committee met on Thursday, February 7, 2019 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation located at 727 Classon Avenue. Present were: Janet Collins, James Ellis, Fred Frazier, Nizjoni Granville, Princess Ben James, Xerxeema Jordan, Sarah Lazur, Shari Norton, Katharine Perko, Robert Puca, Meredith Staton, Ethel Tyus, Sharon Wedderburn, Jonathan Berman, Alan Bernstein, Carter Clarke, Jason Czersinski, Kyle Kantor, Peter Krashes, Elon Lebovich, Emily Liu, E. Marti, Dan McCombie, Celeste Moses, Ronen Shiponi, and Greg Todd.

Mr. Veconi presented a revised development model that compared assumptions presented by DCP to the assumptions underlying the M CROWN model. Both models include below grade parking that is not apparent from the graphics. One attendee (Elizabeth) persisted with questions on parking being provided. Another attendee loudly complained about the amount of time it has taken DCP to complete the project. Attendees had questions as to whether there are ways to moderate construction costs and asked about the approximate number of square feet for one bedroom apartment. The reported increase and construction costs has been attributed to the rise in steel prices. There were also questions regarding the difference between residential construction costs and the lower costs for manufacturing/industrial construction. Some concerns were voiced regarding the 28th story cluster being developed near Atlantic Yards.

The next meeting of the Land Use committee will be held on Thursday, March 7, 2019 at CNR at 6:30 PM. All are invited to attend.

**Parks** – Ms. Glinda Andrews, Chair

The Parks Committee met on Tuesday February 5, 2019 at David Chavis Apartments located at 230 Kingston Avenue. Present were: Glinda Andrews, Thomas Montford, Dorothy Bembry-Guet, Greg Todd, Leola Mills, Aldith Allen, Pearl Mitchell, Gwendolyn Smith, Dennis Brown, Vilma Zuniga, Robin Berland, and Julia Boyd.

The committee discussed the potential for putting a dog run in Brower Park, pushing for legislative changes to hold dog owners accountable for any attacks their dogs might commit, Brower Park seed giveaway, and potential changes to Imani Garden.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at David Chavis Apartments at 6:30 PM. All are invited to attend.

**Public Safety** – Mr. Mark Thurton, Chair

The Public Safety Committee met on Monday, January 28, 2019 at the 77<sup>th</sup> Precinct located at 127 Utica Avenue. Present were: Dorothy Bemby-Guet, Mark Thurton, PO Vidal, Xeerxeema Jordan, Jahi Rose, and Lisa Lashley.

The committee discussed crime stats and drops in certain crimes, but increases in others. For instance, murder, robbery, felony assault and burglaries are down, but there have been increases in reported rapes, grand larceny and grand larceny auto, shooting victims, and shooting incidents.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 25, 2019 at 6 PM at the 77<sup>th</sup> Precinct. All are invited to attend.

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

The Seniors Committee met on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at David Chavis Apartments located at 230 Kingston Avenue but did not have a report. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 5, 2019 at 6 PM at David Chavis Apartments. The invited speaker is Ms. Julie Lauer, LMSW, Director of Mobility Management, Senior Citizen Transportation Program with the Jewish Community Center of Coney Island. All are welcomed to attend.

**SLA and Sidewalk Café Review Committee (SLAC)**

The SLAC Committee met on Monday, February 4, 2018 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation. Present were: Wayne Bailey, Gail Branch-Muhammad, Cheryl Brown, James Ellis, Fred Frazier, Tamika Gibbs, Oliver Hardt, Lisa Lashley, Atim Oton, Robert Puca, Brian Saunders, Meredith Staton, Sheryl Vassell, Gib Veconi, and Robert Witherwax. The committee discussed the following items:

**A) Renewals:**

- **Way Station**, 683-685 Washington Avenue (St. Marks Ave/Prospect Pl) – Full License (live music; recorded music; no outdoor space)  
Establishment Type: Tavern
- **Basil**, 268 Kingston Avenue (corner Lincoln Pl) – Beer/wine/cider (sidewalk café, recorded music)  
Establishment type: Restaurant  
**Conditions: No outdoor speakers**
- **Alta Calidad**, 552 Vanderbilt Avenue (corner Dean St) – Full License (recorded music; sidewalk cafe listed on 30-day notice)  
Establishment type: Restaurant
- **Two Saints**, 753 Nostrand Avenue (corner of St. John’s Pl) – Full License (DJ; recorded music, live music—jazz every Tuesday; no outdoor space listed on 30-day application)  
Establishment type: Bar/Tavern  
**Conditions: Windows to close by 10 PM**



- **Eve’s Lounge**, 769 Washington Avenue (Sterling/St. John’s Pl) – Full License (recorded music, karaoke; no outdoor space listed on 30-day notice)  
Establishment Type: Bar/Tavern

The committee voted to support all 5 renewals with the listed conditions where applicable. It hopes the full Board supports its recommendation.

Ms. Branch-Muhammad made a motion to support the committee’s recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Weatherspoon and carried with a final vote of 27 in favor, 0 opposed, with 1 abstention.

**B) New Applications**

1. **JH Hospitality**, 583 Vanderbilt Avenue (Pacific/Dean Sts) – Full (recorded music, no outdoor space listed on 30-day notice)  
Establishment type: Bar
  - i. Proposed hours of operation : Sunday from Noon to 1 AM, Monday - Saturday from Noon to 4 AM
  - ii. 30 seats at 8 tables, 20 seats at one bar; max capacity is 60

The committee voted 14 in favor to support the application with the following stipulations:

**1. Establishment to close at 2 AM Monday - Saturday**

Ms. Branch-Muhammad made a motion to support the committee’s recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lashley and carried with a final vote of 25 in favor, 0 opposed, with 3 abstentions.

2. **Crystal Thai Food Corp.**, 293 Flatbush Avenue (St. Marks Ave/Prospect Pl) – Full (backyard, recorded music)  
Establishment type: Restaurant
  - i. Eat in/take out/delivery Thai food
  - ii. Hours of operation : 11AM -11 PM Monday-Thursday, opening 11:30 AM Friday and Saturday, and opening 10 AM Sunday (Note: These opening hours were at the request of the committee, as the applicant was seeking to open late afternoon)
  - iii. Rear yard on property: Stipulated to close by 11 PM daily

The committee voted 14 in favor to support the application with the necessary amendments and hopes the full Board supports its recommendation.

Ms. Lashley made a motion to support the committee’s recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Staton and carried with a final vote of 25 in favor, 0 opposed, with 2 abstentions.

3. **La Napa**, 656 Nostrand Avenue (corner Bergen St) – Wine/beer/cider (sidewalk café; recorded music)  
Establishment type: Restaurant
  - i. Proposed hours of operation: 11 AM to 1AM Sunday -Thursday, 11 AM to 2AM Friday and Saturday

- ii. 24 seats, 15 at bar, 39 person capacity
- iii. Sidewalk Café on license with 22 proposed seats

The committee voted 14 in favor to support the application with the following stipulations:

- a. Sidewalk café capped at 18 seats**
- b. Sidewalk café to close by 10 PM Sunday-Thursday, and 11 PM Friday and Saturday**

The committee hopes the full Board supports its recommendation.

Dr. Perko asked whether or not any neighbors attended the meeting. Mr. Ellis stated that he did not believe any neighbors attended either for or against the establishment, and reiterated that all applicants are required to provide proof of notification to neighbors.

Mr. Veconi made a motion to support the committee’s recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Young and carried with a final vote of 24 in favor, 2 opposed, with 2 abstentions.

- 4. **Babydudes Inc.**, 715 Nostrand Avenue (Park/Sterling Pls) – Wine/beer/cider (recorded music, no outdoor space listed on 30-day notice)  
Establishment type: Restaurant/all day café
  - i. Proposed hours of operation : 7AM – midnight daily
  - ii. 16 seats, 3 at bar, with 19 capacity

The committee voted 14 in favor of supporting the application as presented, and hopes the full Board supports its recommendation.

Ms. Collins, a community resident, asked why the hours of operation were so long for a café. She was informed that it was a coffee shop that would serve beer and wine in the evenings. She, too, inquired about community notification, stating that she lives around the corner and was not notified. Mr. Ellis clarified that notification of neighbors is done via a posting in the establishment’s window and along the front doors of the abutting properties. They do not have to notify those around the corner. Ms. Collins continued by stating that she believed the hours of operation were too long, and that a midnight closing time was too late for a weekday. Mr. Ellis stated that the requested hours of operation are within allowable laws and that midnight is a very reasonable closing hour. He and Ms. Branch-Muhammad also reiterated that it is a beer/wine/and cider license, and also that the space is quite small with a miniscule capacity.

Ms. Young made a motion to support the committee’s recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Weatherspoon and carried with a final vote of 27 in favor, 0 opposed, with 1 abstention.

- 5. **Wild Birds, LLC**, 951 Dean Street (corner Classon Ave) – Full License (live music, DJ, recorded music, third party promoters, security personnel, sidewalk café listed on 30-day notice)  
Establishment Type: Bar/Tavern
  - i. Proposed hours of operation : 11 AM to 2AM Sun; 1 PM to 2 AM Monday –Thursday; 1 PM to 4AM Friday and Saturday
  - ii. 46 seats, 14 at bar, 220 max capacity
  - iii. Multi-modal space: music venue, vending space, basement, mezzanine

- iv. Proposed Sidewalk Café with 20 seats, to operate until 10 PM daily

The committee voted 9 in favor with 1 opposed to support the application with the following stipulations and conditions:

- a. **Remove sidewalk café from license and request that applicant return for alteration application**
- b. **NO service in basement at this time**
- c. **NO service in vending space**
- d. **No third party promotions**
- e. **No bottle service (full alcohol)**
- f. **No doors or window open after 10 PM**

The applicant agreed to the stipulations. As such, the committee hopes the full Board supports its recommendation.

Ms. Gibbs asked for specificity of no service in the basement, and was told that the basement is part of the applicant's grand scheme, but there is no finality for it. As such, the committee asked that they return for an alteration application. Ms. Gibbs also asked if any of the proprietors have experience managing a bar, and was informed that one of the proprietors has a few years experience managing a bar with a capacity of about 150.

Ms. Benn-James asked what crowd control would there be with a capacity of 220. She was informed that it is an event venue with performances that will be ticketed. There is a host lounge area in the front, and the applicant is obligated to make sure they are in compliance with agency laws (SLA, DOB, FDNY, etc) One of the owners stated that there would be full security inside.

Mr. Atkins stated that in the past two years, there has been an increase in the number of incidents of car break-ins around the area, and asked if there will be some kind of neighborhood security plan in place by the establishment because of the increased number of bars and clubs. Mr. Ellis informed him that neighborhood security is not the onus of the applicant, and the applicant will provide security for his establishment as required by law.

Mr. Veconi made a motion to support the committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gibbs and carried with a final vote of 19 in favor, 2 opposed, with 7 abstentions.

The next SLAC meeting will be held on Monday, March 4, 2019 at 6:30 PM at CNR located at 727 Classon Avenue. All are invited to attend.

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**Youth and Education** – Ms. Sharon Wedderburn, Chair; Mr. Kwasi Mensah, Vice Chair

The Youth and Education Committee met on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at BNIA located at 465 Sterling Place. The committee discussed its upcoming joint Job Training and Job Fair in conjunction with the Economic Development Committee in May. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at BNIA at 7 PM. All are invited to attend.

Ms. Granville thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 9 PM. The next Community Board 8 general meeting will be held on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 7 PM at 1000 Dean Street (between Franklin and Classon Avenues). All are invited to attend.

**Guests**

Stephanie Landpiere  
Michael Mates  
James Petrie  
Jahi Rose  
Sarah Lazur  
E.C. Turnbull  
Gabriel Leferts  
Raliek Gholson  
Janet Collins  
Kenneth Pyle  
Andy Heidel  
Steven Troub  
Connie Stewart  
Roger Myers  
Deborah O’Uhuree  
Dereck Allen  
Shari Norton  
Eva W. Byne  
Anthony Graham  
Steven Levenberg  
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