

**Community Board 8
Concern Rochester
151 Rochester Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11213**

September 12, 2019

Members Present

Glinda Andrews
Desmond Atkins
Wayne Bailey
Princess Benn-James
Julia Boyd
Hanjy Charles
Nora Daniel
James Ellis
Andrea Ferris
Fred Frazier
Tamika Gibbs
Nizjoni Granville
Marva Henry
Xeerxeema Jordan
Regina Kinsey
Sarah Lazur
Kwasi Mensah
Dr. Katharine Perko
Robert Puca
Yahya Raji
Meredith Staton
Mark Thurton
Greg Todd
Ethel Tyus
Sheryl Vassell
Gib Veconi
Irsa Weatherspoon
Sharon Wedderburn
Robert Witherwax

CB 8 Staff

Julia Neale, Community Coordinator

Members Absent/Excused

Gail Branch-Muhammad
Helen Coley
Dian Duke
Phu Duong
Drew Gabriel
Eunice Ko
Lisa Lashley
Elaine Mahoney
Robert Matthews
Adam Sachs
Brian Saunders
Audrey Taitt-Hall
Yves Vilus
Deborah Young
Vilma Zuniga

Elected Officials Present

Councilwoman Alicka Ampry-Samuel, 41st CD

Elected Official Representatives

Jamila Fynes, Mayor's Office CAU
Karen Chambers, Kings County DA Eric Gonzalez
Eddie Amador, Councilman Robert Cornegy
Max Robinson, Congresswoman Yvette Clarke
Jamal Pollard, BP Eric Adams
Kim Robinson, Councilwoman Alicka Ampry-Samuel
Gabriel Torres, Assemblyman Walter Mosley
Godfre Bayalama, Senator Zellnor Myrie
Keith Daly, Assemblyman Walter Mosley

The regular meeting of Community Board 8 was called to order at 7:15 PM by Ms. Ethel Tyus, Chairperson. She thanked Ms. Granville for 10 wonderful years in service as Chairperson, and asked Mr. Wayne Bailey, Sergeant at Arms, to go over basic housekeeping rules. She then asked for roll call followed by an update on the 41st Council District by Councilwoman Alicka Ampry Samuel.

41st Council District – Councilwoman Alicka Ampry-Samuel

Councilwoman Ampry-Samuel did the honor of swearing in the new Community Board 8 members and Executive Officers. Providing an update on the 41st Council District, the Councilwoman stated that at a meeting today in City Hall for the Council, the Black, Latino, and Asian Caucus met to discuss some of the issues facing the communities the caucus reflects, as well as the City Tree and Sidewalk Initiative recently enacted that forces the City to be held accountable for damage done to sidewalks by City trees. meeting today as well. Mayor de Blasio recently announced that the City of New York will no longer issue violations to homeowners for sidewalk damage caused by City trees. The City will also ramp up sidewalk repairs under the Trees & Sidewalks program to address 5,500 priority sites over the next three years.

Liens on one, two and three family properties that have sidewalk damage caused solely by City trees will no longer be imposed. The Dept. of Transportation (DOT) and the Parks Department will still inspect for dangerous sidewalk conditions, but the City, not the homeowner, will be responsible for fixing them if they are exclusively tree related. DOT will review the 50,000 existing notices of violation to determine which were caused exclusively by street trees and cancel the lien for any that meet the new criteria. If the homeowner of the qualifying property is selling or refinancing their home, the City will expedite this re-evaluation. For more information, please visit

<https://www.nycgovparks.org/services/forestry/request/submit?tab=trees-and-sidewalks>.

Councilwoman Ampry-Samuel also announced that \$1.8 million has been allocated to Weeksville to restore a piece of art titled “The Freeze.” The African American community is doing a lot of work in Weeksville, and the art work is important because of the work that is currently being done and the historical implication of the work that has been done. This particular installment has not been restored in any way over time, and the funds will allow that restorative preservation.

Participatory Budgeting is coming to the 41st CD again this year, with \$1 million in funds available for local projects. CB 8 had no winners in participatory budgeting last year in the 41st, so the Councilwoman encouraged residents and community groups to submit projects. Finally, Councilwoman Ampry-Samuel announced that her District Office provides free services across myriad areas, including free immigration legal services on Tuesday and Thursday, and affordable housing assistance on Wednesday.

Ms. Tyus thanked the Councilwoman for the update and for swearing in the new officers and members. She then acknowledged Ms. Stefani Zinnerman from Senator Montgomery’s office.

25th Senatorial District – Ms. Stefani Zinnerman, Liaison

On behalf of Senator Velmanette Montgomery, Ms. Zinnerman presented awards for community service from the NYS Senate to Ms. Ethel Tyus, Mr. Desmond Atkins, and Ms. Sharon Wedderburn. Ms. Zinnerman stated that the “bricks of service” were being presented to the three in honor of their tireless advocacy efforts for CB8. Bricks are sturdy and strong, just as the three honorees are strong in their advocacy and work as stalwarts of service in holding the community together through massive changes.

Senator Velmanette Montgomery and a number of other state officials have been working together to pass legislation at the State level to tackle the issue of deed theft, a phenomenon rampant in the communities known as “brownstone Brooklyn,” including many segments of Community Board 8. The Senator issued an information fact sheet, which is excerpted in the Across the Board.

Ms. Tyus thanked Ms. Zinnerman for the awards and information and opened the Public Hearing to accept requests for the Capital and Expense Budget and Statement of Community District Needs for FY 2021.

Mr. Staton requested additional City benches along Kingston Avenue.

With no additional requests submitted, the public hearing was closed at 7:35 PM. Ms. Tyus asked for a report from the following committees:

Land Use – Ms. Ethel Tyus, Chairperson

The Land Use Committee met on Thursday, September 5, 2019 at IMPACCT Brooklyn located at 1000 Dean Street, Suite 420. Present were: Princess Benn-James, Janet Collins, Fred Frazier, Nizjoni Granville, Xerxeema Jordan, Peter Krashes, Sarah Lazur, Dr. Katharine Perko, Robert Puca, Meredith Staton, Ethel Tyus, Gib Veconi, Irsa Weatherspoon, Sharon Wedderburn, Richard Bearak, Lore Croghan, Ricardo Da Silva, Bernell Grier, Cathy Iselin, J. Kaufman, Gabriel Lefferts, Richard Lobel, Elie Pariente, Jonah Rogoff, Carl Riddle, Alex Sommer, Winston Von Engle, and Elaine Weinstein. The committee discussed the following:

1. MCROWN Update

A draft resolution was discussed for rezoning the CB 8 M-CROWN proposal area to affirm CB 8’s interest in proceeding with the rezoning. This includes a multi-agency study of neighborhood needs, based in general concept on the DCP Framework set forth in the DCP presentation dated February 12, 2018.

After some further exploratory discussion between Committee members, public attendees, Mr. Bearak, and Mr. Von Engle, the Committee agreed to make the following revisions to the draft resolution:

- delete the last sentence from paragraph numbered 2, which read, “The Mixed Use Subzone shall include only lots currently zoned M1-1;”
- delete second iteration of ‘between’ from paragraph numbered 2; and delete the last sentence; and
- change paragraph numbered 5 to say that new residential use ‘will be such that the majority of dwelling units will be affordable and accessible to households with incomes at or below the median income for CD 8.

Based on the above recited changes, the 13 Committee members present unanimously approved the revisions to the Resolution. We hope the full Board will support the Committee’s recommendation so that DCP will proceed with the Community outreach needed to start the ULURP process.

Brooklyn Community Board 8
Resolution Requesting Multi-agency Study for Rezoning
Draft September 5, 2019

The following draft resolution requests the New York City Department of City Planning coordinate a multi-agency study of needs associated with rezoning the M-CROWN district. The proposed resolution text appears in the left column below. The right column contains further explanation of its proposed terms.

Resolution	Notes
<p>Whereas a six-block area located in the northwest sector of Crown Heights and bound by Atlantic Avenue, Franklin Avenue Bergen Street, and Grand Avenue has a majority of its lots currently zoned M1-1 (the “M-CROWN District”); and</p> <p>Whereas Community Board 8 has found that the M-CROWN District contains many properties that are vacant or otherwise underutilized, and that the current zoning provides little economic incentive for owners to improve such properties so that they can become productive; and</p> <p>Whereas adjoining neighborhoods outside the M-CROWN District are experiencing strong demand for both residential and commercial real estate; and</p> <p>Whereas Community Board 8 finds that there yet remains an urgent need for affordable housing and jobs paying a living wage or better to be created within its District; and</p> <p>Whereas Community Board 8 has requested the New York City Department of City Planning to prepare a plan for rezoning of the M-CROWN District by way of a resolution passed on April 9, 2015 and amended on June 9, 2016; and</p> <p>Whereas the New York City Department of City Planning presented Community Board 8 with a framework for rezoning the M-CROWN District on February 12, 2018 that lays out certain subzones within it, together with general categories of uses and densities for each (the “Framework”); and</p> <p>Whereas the Department of City Planning has indicated its desire to begin coordinating other City agencies to assess neighborhood needs to be addressed as a function of rezoning the M-CROWN District;</p> <p>Now therefore, it is resolved that Brooklyn</p>	<p>This preamble describes the area to be rezoned and states the justification for rezoning. It also lays out the timeline of CB8’s and DCP’s actions.</p>

<p>Community Board 8 affirms its interest in proceeding with rezoning the M-CROWN District based in general concept upon the Framework and ensuing discussions with the Department of City Planning, as follows:</p>	
<p>1) That new zoning include a Commercial Subzone comprised of lots on the south side of Atlantic Avenue, beginning at Vanderbilt Avenue and continuing east to Classon Avenue, with FAR of 6-7. The Commercial Subzone will permit residential and commercial use, with Special Enhanced Commercial District for requiring a non-residential ground floor and preferential FAR for commercial uses with <u>no</u> restrictions.</p>	<p>On 5/31/2019, DCP said it was targeting FAR of 7-8 for this zone. The lower numbers shown here come from the joint letter sent by Borough President Adams, Council Member Cumbo and CB8 Chair Granville on 8/31/2019.</p>
<p>2) That new zoning include a Mixed Use Subzone comprised of (a) lots on both sides of Grand Avenue and both sides of Classon Avenue, beginning at the first lots not fronting Atlantic Avenue and continuing south to Bergen Street, with FAR of 4-5, permitting both residential and commercial use, with Special Enhanced Commercial District for requiring a non-residential ground floor; and (b) lots on both sides of Pacific Street and Dean Street, and on the north side of Bergen Street, between between but not fronting Grand Avenue and Classon Avenue, with base FAR of 3-4, permitting both residential and commercial use. In addition, lots in Mixed Use Subzone (b) shall have the option of preferential FAR of 0.4-1.0 for non-residential use, with a portion to be used for light-Industrial, arts-related, cultural, civic and repair and production service uses. The Mixed Use Subzone shall include only lots currently zoned M1-1.</p>	<p>The density in (a) comes from the joint letter; DCP had cited a desire for FAR of 5-6 on 5/31/2019.</p> <p>Density in (b) was cited by DCP on 5/31/2019.</p> <p>The incentive described for (b) is based upon the Gowanus Mix.</p>
<p>3) That new zoning include a Medium-density Manufacturing Subzone comprised of lots on both sides of Pacific Street and Dean Street, and on the north side of Bergen Street east of</p>	<p>Density listed here is consistent with both the joint letter and DCP's expectations as relayed on 5/31/2019 when a 1.0 FAR incentive is factored in.</p>

<p>and not fronting Classon Avenue, with FAR of 3-4, permitting manufacturing uses. Lots in the Medium-density Manufacturing Subzone shall the option for preferential FAR of 1 for non-retail use. The Medium-density Manufacturing Subzone shall include only lots currently zoned M1-1.</p>	
<p>4) That new zoning include a High-density Manufacturing Subzone comprised of lots on the south side of Atlantic Avenue between Classon and Franklin Avenues, with FAR of 4-5, permitting manufacturing uses. Lots in the High-density Manufacturing Subzone shall the option for preferential FAR of 1 for non-retail use. The High-density Manufacturing Subzone shall include only lots currently zoned M1-1.</p>	<p>Density listed here is consistent with both the joint letter and DCP’s expectations as relayed on 5/31/2019 when a 1.0 FAR incentive is factored in.</p>
<p>5) That new residential use resulting from the rezoning subject to New York City’s Mandatory Inclusionary Housing program be classified as Option 3.</p>	<p>Under MIH Option 3, 20% of the housing must be affordable, on average, to households making 40% of Area Median Income (AMI) or around \$38,440 a year for a household of three. Additionally, 10% of the housing must be affordable to households making an average of 30% of Area Median Income. For example, a 100-unit building would have to have 10 affordable apartments, at an average of 40% of AMI and 10 apartments would be available at an average of 30% of AMI</p>
<p>In addition, Brooklyn Community Board 8 recommends the New York City Planning Commission and the City Council modify the Mandatory Inclusionary Housing (MIH) section of the New York City Zoning Resolution (ZR) pertaining to MIH-designated areas being adopted with a requirement that permits households with rent-burdened status paying the same or more rent than what the housing lottery offers to qualify for such affordable housing units pursuant to MIH.</p>	<p>Here the Community Board echoes its support for a policy put forward by the Brooklyn Borough President.</p>

Mr. Witherwax made a motion to support the updated resolution and the committee’s recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Weatherspoon and carried unanimously with 29 members present.

2. Consideration of Undertaking 197a Plan Process

The Committee discussed undertaking selected elements of the 197a planning process as a basis for a Land Use Needs Assessment for a portion of CD 8.

In support of the Community Planning Fellow proposal approved in August by the Fund for the City of New York where the proposal will encompass the 36-block section of the Community District consisting of portions of North Crown Heights and Weeksville, the Committee agreed to move forward with a Land Use Needs Assessment. The study area is bounded by Atlantic Ave. on the North, Ralph Avenue on the East, Bergen Street on the South, and Franklin Avenue on the West and will begin with an existing conditions inventory/soft site analysis, description, and analysis of problems or needs.

The Committee voted unanimously 13 in favor to proceed with the Land Use Needs Assessment and hopes the full Board will support its recommendation.

Mr. Witherwax proposed eliminating using the words 197A Plan due to the negative connotations associated with the name, and instead recommended calling it a Land Use Needs Assessment (LUNA). Mr. Veconi, serving as agent of the Land Use Committee, stated that 197A Plan would have a broader scope than simply serving the Land Use Committee.

After a request from a community resident to eliminate some of the technical verbiage, Mr. Veconi explained that the goal of the vote for a 197A Plan is to get ahead of real estate and development and come to a consensus about the design and look of the community.

Ms. Lazur inquired if an analysis and development of government-owned lots for affordable housing would be conducted, and Ms. Tyus informed her that the Land Use Committee would be asking the grad student Fellow to look at the needs of the community in an effort to look at land use broadly and in total.

Councilwoman Ampry-Samuel encouraged more participation with local elected officials due to the presence of the graduate student. She stated that the City has an idea of what it would like to do with the majority of their lots, so the Council has been engaging in ongoing conversations and discussions. Unfortunately, many of the individual conversations are detrimental because the collective action is missing. The Councilwoman encouraged Ms. Tyus, the Land Use Committee, and the grad student to work with local elected officials on the important issues to be brought up to speed about what the Council is doing and also to incorporate the needs of the community.

Mr. Veconi made a motion to support the committee's recommendation to conduct use the Community Planning Fellow's time to conduct a LUNA for CB 8. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mensah and carried unanimously with 29 members present.

Parks Committee

The Parks Committee met on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at the St. John's Recreation Center located at 1251 Prospect Place. Present were Glinda Andrews, Julia Boyd, Greg Todd, Thomas Montford, Dorothy Bembry-Guet, Robyn Berland, Margaret Walton, Atiba Edwards, Deborah Gans, Catherine Park, and Julia Neale.

The committee heard a presentation by Ms. Deborah Gans, the architect in charge of the Brooklyn Children's Museum's Retaining Wall and Garden Project. The project is a multi-source funded project overseen by the NYC Dept. of Design and Construction (DDC). It was explained to the committee that the

existing retaining wall around the perimeter of the museum's garden is in extreme disrepair, a part of which fell a number of years ago, and because of neglect, has affected other portions of the wall. Due to the unsafe nature of the area created by the crumbling retaining wall, the garden has been out of commission and cannot be enjoyed and used by the community. Since it is currently fully funded, the project should take around 2 years to complete and should be finished sometime in 2023 if it begins in 2021 as expected.

The retaining wall project has a \$10 million price tag and will create a 20,000 sqft earth science based garden complete with traditional educational opportunities, gathering spaces, and community spaces. There will be three levels and two overlook areas to enjoy the scenery that will be created. The space will be entirely ADA accessible as the current stairs will be eliminated with the exception of a few emergency exit stairs, and has a hillside design with paths and slopes. The strategy is to restore what was there while contemporizing the space with plants, garden play stations, rest areas, and overlook areas. By renovating the museum's garden area, Brower Park is inherently affected and ultimately will be made safer as the retaining wall that is in ill repair has an impact on Brower Park as well. Construction will not interfere with use of Brower Park and access to the comfort station and all activity areas not currently under construction.

The garden will not be accessible from the park. Instead, there will be one-way access from the museum with an emergency exit from the garden space into the park. The new retaining wall will be geologically themed in key locations and in line with the educational theme of the museum. Classes will also be staged in the garden, where there will be an amphitheater that will also be ADA accessible. All plantings and landscaping will be native plantings. The design, which highlights Brooklyn's glacial moraine will contain an area for a dig and mining station to help visitors understand how Brooklyn neighborhoods got their names. *(Moraines are accumulations of dirt and rocks that have fallen onto the glacier surface or have been pushed along by the glacier as it moves. The dirt and rocks composing moraines can range in size from powdery silt to large rocks and boulders. A receding glacier can leave behind moraines that are visible long after the glacier retreats.),*

The committee expressed concern that all pathways would be concrete and not a permeable material. Ms. Gans stated, however, that due to concerns about the gradient and slope of the area because of the maximization of space combined with drainage issues and the Parks Department's general feeling that permeable substances do not hold as well as concrete over time, concrete is the best option for the steeply sloped paths in the project. However, due to the aforementioned maximization of space and the use of a more natural landscaping model, the surface area for water absorption would be much higher than it was previously and much greater than other projects of this size. Ms. Gans also informed the committee that drainage was a very important issue during design, and that the edging and draining of the paths are easier to accomplish with concrete. However, as moral compromise on the permeability with the Parks Department's criteria, the committee was informed that all large flat areas would be lined with permeable concrete pavers.

There were a few more questions about soil sourcing and also the type of plantings that will be put in, but that information will not be available until closer to the completion of that portion of the project. Consequently, on motion made and seconded, the committee voted unanimously with six members present to support the Brooklyn Children's Museum's Retaining Wall and Garden Project in hopes that the full Board supports its recommendation.

Ms. Stefanie Wilchfort, President and CEO of the museum, thanked Councilwoman Ampry-Samuel, Councilman Cornegy, and a number of other elected officials as their advocacy is the reason the project is fully funded and that the museum has the ability to create an earth science museum themed around the geology of Brooklyn. She stated that she and the museum staff believe the project will be transformational to the community.

Mr. Atkins stated that a current project at Brower Park was forced on the community this summer without input. He continued stating that there is an issue with the permeability of the pathways, ponding after rain events, areas for dogs that are separate from areas for humans, and many other issues. He ended by asking what the guarantees are that the materials selected for the pathways would allow for proper drainage. Ms. Wilchfort reminded him that the space utilized for the museum retaining wall project is independent of Brower Park and is part of the museum property, not parkland. All construction will occur on museum grounds as well. Ms. Gans, the architect in charge of the project, stated that the project is actually increasing the permeability of the garden by 19.3%. Drainage swales (bioswales) will be installed on each side as well.

Mr. Ellis stated that he is excited to hear that the project is approved and moving forward, and asked if there is a confirmed on-site construction liaison to address any issues that may arise. He was informed that by DDC that there is always a community liaison on-site for DDC projects. Mr. Ellis stated that while he is pleased to hear that, he had experiences as Executive Director of the North Flatbush BID where the liaison was on-site for the start of the project but not the majority of it. Additionally, he informed them that the funds for a Community Construction Liaison does not have to come from DDC and can instead be part of the contractor's budget.

Regarding the public space, Dr. Perko asked whether the community would have access to it or if it would be a private pay space. She was informed that the museum is free on Thursdays and also on Sundays from 4-7 pm. Additionally, staff is exploring other ways to increase access, and no visitor is turned away because of lack of funds.

Mr. Witherwax made a motion to support the committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wedderburn and carried unanimously with 29 members present.

Seniors – Ms. Gail Branch-Muhammad, Chair

The Seniors Committee met on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at David Chavis Apartments located at 230 Kingston Avenue. Present were: Norma Glover, Faye Jones, Essie Spivey, Yvonne Bailey, Pearlie Mikel, Doreen Turner, Mary E. Williams, Annabelle Boyd, Ivy Anderson, Annie Butler Wiggins, Laretta Fisher, Frances Langley, Dennis Brown, Barbara Vickrie, Xeerxeema Jordan, Vilma Zuniga, Gail Muhammad, and Regina Kinsey.

Ms. Muhammad reminded all about the upcoming election on November 5, 2019, and noted that there will be important referendums on the ballot from the NYC Charter Revision Commission. Additionally, the committee heard a presentation from Twila Evanson, LCSW, Mental Health and Senior Constituent Services for Councilmember, Robert E. Cornegy and Richard M. Truth, Executive Director of Brooklyn Neighborhood Services. They informed the committee of the local services available to the disabled and elderly community, and also discussed various topics including housing, the third party transfer program, mental health, depression and access to basic needs.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 6 PM at David Chavis Apartments. The committee will meet jointly with the Health and Human Services Committee to discuss the Safe Staffing Proposal for nursing homes and long-term care facilities. All are invited to attend.

SLA and Sidewalk Café Review Committee (SLAC)

The SLAC Committee met on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at IMPACCT Brooklyn located at 1000 Dean Street, Suite 420. Present were: James Ellis, Robert Puca, Mark Thurton, Sheryl Vassell, Gib Veconi, and Robert Witherwax.

The committee discussed the following applications:

A. Renewal Application

- i. **Island Cz Cafe**, 743 Franklin Avenue – Full License (recorded music, no outdoor space)
Establishment type: Restaurant

As the committee did not have a quorum with only 6 members present, it cannot make an official recommendation. The members present, however, voted in support of the renewal application.

Mr. Bailey made a motion to support the committee members' discussion and suggestion to support the renewal application. The motion was seconded by Mr. Staton and carried unanimously with 28 members present.

B. Method of Operations Change Applications

- a. **Soda Bar**, 629 Vanderbilt Avenue – Full License
Seeking to add backyard space

Residents in the building stated that they were willing to support the backyard with hours from 2pm to 9pm 7 days a week. They have asked that these hours be kept in good faith and that they not be subject to time-extensions, even by ten minutes. Soda's owner also agreed to put up more sound proofing in the back as the building landlord does not have the budget to install windows that would help with sound elimination at this time. Residents stated that it appeared the bar's owner installed a tarp, but is still using metal chairs and tables which they state could be problematic over time.

Taking into consideration the owner's plea and the residents' support of the backyard so long as the hours remain 2 PM to 9 PM daily, the six members present voted to support the MOO change for Soda Bar.

Mr. Bailey made a motion to support the committee members' discussion to support the MOO change. The motion was seconded by Ms. Weatherspoon and carried with a final tally of 27 in favor, 0 opposed, with 1 abstention.

- b. **Bierwax**, 556 Vanderbilt Avenue – Full
Upgrade license from beer/wine to full (listed MOO's: live music, DJ, patron dancing, rear yard)

The six members present voted in support the MOO for Bierwax.

Mr. Bailey made a motion to support the committee members' discussion to support the MOO change. The motion was seconded by Mr. Veconi and carried with a final tally of 27 in favor, 0 opposed, with 1 abstention.

C. New Applications

1. **Izzy's Fried Chicken**, 262 Kingston Avenue – Full (previously approved in April 2019 for Beer/wine/cider) (patio/deck, recorded music)
Establishment type: Restaurant

Details of the application are as follows:

- ii. Proposed hours of operation Noon to 11 PM Sunday through Wednesday; Noon to Midnight Thursday and Saturday; closed Friday. Kosher establishment
- iii. 40 (36 at 16 tables, 1 bar)
- iv. Rear Yard with 26 seats at 10 tables, service hours to end at 10 PM Sunday through Wednesday and 11 PM Thursday and Saturday

The six members present voted to support the application with the condition that there be no amplified sound in rear yard.

Ms. Gibbs asked why the applicant is filing as a new application rather than an upgrade/MOO. She was informed by Mr. Ellis that it is a new application because the establishment has not opened yet, but the application is the same as previously presented with the exception that the rear yard is stipulated for no amplified sound. The owner clarified and stated that the establishment is currently serving food, but had not received the liquor license, negating the need for a MOO.

Mr. Bailey made a motion to support the committee members' discussion and approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Raji and carried with a final vote of 24 in favor, 0 opposed, with 3 abstentions.

- 2. Pare Restaurants LLC, d/b/a Miles, the Prince, 620 Franklin Avenue – Full
(recorded music, no outdoor space)
Establishment types: Restaurant Brewer

Details of the application are as follows:

- i. Brewer on site with 94 seats
- ii. Hours of operation 10 AM to 1 AM daily

Mr. Bailey made a motion to support the application. The motion was seconded by Mr. Staton and carried with a final tally of 26 in favor, 1 opposed with 0 abstentions.

Additionally, when a renewal applicant has neither submitted paperwork nor appeared in person before the committee, the committee may vote not to support the renewal for those reasons. In that event, should the full board support the committee's recommendation, a de facto letter indicating the Board does not support the renewal application will be sent to the SLA. Applicants invited to the September meeting that did not appear are:

- Milk Bar**, 620 Vanderbilt Avenue – Beer/wine/cider
- The Crown Inn**, 724 Franklin Avenue – Full
- Dorsett**, 675-677 Washington Avenue – Full
- Koto Sushi**, 263 Flatbush Avenue – Wine/beer/cider
- Ninety-5 South**, 778 Franklin Avenue – Full
- Sushi Lin**, 335 Flatbush Avenue – Wine, Beer, Cider (recorded music, no outdoor space)

Mr. Bailey made a motion to send the letter expressing non-support for the issuance of the renewal license for the establishments. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wedderburn and carried unanimously with 26 members present.

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

Mr. Witherwax announced that the EST Committee was not successful in getting the walk-thru of the B45 last year, but the committee is hopeful it will happen shortly. Recent changes to the By-Laws state that committees are no longer required to meet monthly unless there is an agenda item, and as such, the EST Committee will meet in September, October, January, February, April and May. The remaining months will be only if necessary. The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 6:30 PM at IMPACCT Brooklyn located at 1000 Dean Street, Suite 420. All are invited to attend.

Housing – Ms. Nizjoni Granville, Chairperson

The Housing committee will meet on Wednesday, September 20, 2019 at 6:30 PM at Albany Community Center located at 164 Troy Avenue. The committee will discuss long-range planning and will ask NYCHA Tenant Councils to create a survey to find out who in the developments are interested in getting training in licensed buildings trades. Ms. Granville also encouraged everyone to please ensure that their block and tenant associations are registered with the Community Board office so that residents of your block can get necessary information regarding activities on your block.

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

Mr. Thurton announced that a disturbing trend has developed in the 77th precinct with a spike in murder numbers in the first half of 2019. As a result of the upward trend the Police Commissioner deployed more officers to the command over the summer, which has helped to quell murders. In addition to no additional murders in the district over the summer, Mr. Thurton also announced that J'ouvet was also very successful and peaceful this year with no violence reported in the 77th.

The committee is diligently working to assist the command in obtaining funding for ARGUS cameras from local councilmembers. Deputy Inspector Buttacavoli identified 8 locations for cameras that will be reviewed by the community with input from the NYPD at the next meeting on September 23, 2019, to be held at 6:30 PM at the 77th Precinct located at 127 Utica Avenue. All are invited to attend.

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

Ms. Wedderburn announced that the first meeting of the Youth and Education Committee will be on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at BNIA located at 465 Sterling Place at 7 PM. The committee is currently being restructured to have a quarterly stakeholder meeting that will involve the surrounding community boards. Ms. Wedderburn announced a few upcoming events for parents to discuss NYS test data, upcoming college tours, parent ambassador meetings, etc.

Ms. Tyus thanked the committee Chairs for their reports and opened the floor for public comments.

Mr. Maxx Ringbaum from Congresswoman Clark's office announced that the Congresswoman had a great Immigration and Census 2020 Town Hall meeting over the summer. The congresswoman is trying to make a push for climate change in New York City to prevent another Superstorm Sandy by upgrading the City's infrastructure. Additionally, the recent increase in hate crimes in New York City has been discussed by the Congresswoman and her cohorts. Finally, Congresswoman Clark is seeking to extend TPS status to victim of Hurricane Dorian.

Eddie Amadour from Councilman Cornegy's office announced that the Third Party Transfer (TPT) Program is a major issue facing homeowners in New York City, specifically in Brownstone Brooklyn. The recent Town Hall meeting with Ann Tripp and Bob Law was quite successful, and the Councilman was able to glean valuable information. 10 properties in the 36th CD were foreclosed via TPT, but luckily, three have been returned to their rightful owners thus far.

Mr. Amadour also stated that Councilman Cornegy is focusing on the Commercial Waste Zone Bill, which he opposed. The proposal before the Council is 20 waste zones for the entirety of New York City that would require all businesses within a particular zone to have their waste removed by one carter only. The Councilman believes this proposal would create monopolies on waste carting, and the current structure enhances competition while maximizing well-paying employment opportunities that require little specialized qualifications. Responding to criticism from a number of people that the seemingly unregulated private waste carting industry is causing unnecessary deaths for pedestrians and bikers as the carters often flout traffic laws, Mr. Amadour stated that speeding and reckless driving is not only an action by private carters. He cautioned anyone that is looking at statistics to first inspect aggregate data in addition to inspecting the reports that show the myriad impacts of commercial carters. Dr. Perko inquired whether the Councilman has an alternative plan. Mr. Amadour informed her that Councilman Cornegy is aware that additional legislation is necessary to reform the waste carting business; and as such, he is working on Bill 996, which would tackle the issues with legislation, not reducing competition.

Mr. Godfrey Bayalama from Senator Zellnor Myrie's office announced that Senator Myrie will be hosting his First Annual Block Party on Saturday, September 14, 2019 from 11 AM to 6 PM on Lincoln Road between New York and Nostrand Avenues. Join the Senator, staff, and the community for music, food, a bouncy house, and giveaways of backpacks and school supplies (first-come first-served). Additionally, the Senator, along with Census 2020, will be hosting a Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 from 6-8 PM at First Baptist Church of Crown Heights located at 450 Eastern Parkway to learn more about what the Census is, how we can make sure we are all counted, and also to learn about job opportunities with the Census Bureau. In 2010, Brooklyn was the most undercounted county in the nation, and it is imperative that the county does not retain that title in 2020. For more information, contact Senator Myrie's office at 718-284-4700.

Mr. Keith Daily from Assemblyman Walter Mosley's office announced that the Assemblyman will be having a District walk on Wednesday, September 25th, where he will walk the District and interact with business owners in the community to discover what they believe some of the greatest needs are in the area. Also, on Wednesday, October 23rd, the Assemblyman will be hosting a Town Hall on Rent Regulation and Marijuana Decriminalization at Medgar Evers College. Additional details will be available by the end of the month, but please call the Assemblyman's office at (718) 596-4992.

Mr. Jamal Pollard from Borough President Eric Adams' office announced that Atlantic Antic will be held on September 29th from Noon to 6 PM. He also distributed the BP's monthly newsletter.

Ms. Jackie Kennedy-Saddler, Liaison with Centers Care, thanked the community for its support over the years while she was with the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation, and announced that she has recently been hired as Outreach Liaison for Centers for Care at 170 Buffalo Avenue (the old St. Mary's Hospital site). Centers for Care is hiring and is seeking to hire locally. To apply, visit www.centershealthcare.com, and search for the Brooklyn Center.

Ms. Tyus thanked everyone for the information. With no additional issues to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 7 PM at the Brooklyn Children's Museum located at 145 Brooklyn Avenue. All are invited to attend.