

**Brooklyn Community Board 17**  
**4112 Farragut Road, Brooklyn NY 11210**  
**Commerce Committee Meeting**  
**ONLINE**  
**January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Call to Order:** This meeting of the Commerce Committee Meeting was called to order by June Persaud at 7:32p.m.

**Chairperson's Report:**

- Welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year 2024. Special welcome to our guest speaker tonight.
- The Commerce Committee is now 20 membership strong and growing, we have 10 board members and 10 committee members.
- Tonight, we have 4 liquor license application and 2 cannabis application to process.
- Last month meeting, we had an open mic session and one of our members requested that I invited Councilmember Louis or a representative. I just want to inform that member that the committee that the letter was sent by the DM, and she followed up 4 times but did not receive a confirmation that she will attend tonight, or a representative will be here.
- I'm hosting a surprised dinner for Chair Daley's birthday on January 26 at Lilli's Restaurant at 1344 Utica Avenue, so I am extending the invitation for committee members to attend from 6 to 10 p.m.

**Presentations:**

**Project Manager for Them Abroad Village: Yuleyni Ramirez:**

- We have been awarded a small grant and this is focused on providing support to small businesses on Utica.
- Idea is to let the community know that we are here and that we are trying to understand the struggles and what is going on in this area and figuring out how to connect all businesses to resources and bringing this information back.
- We have successfully connected nearly 20 businesses with ESPS. Bringing information about grants and educating staff and answering questions.

**New Business:**

**Liquor Licenses:**

1. Island Grove Restaurant Inc. – 5600 Clarendon Road, Brooklyn NY  
Full Liquor License & Restaurant  
DJ, Recorded Music, Live Music  
Police Report: 1/1/23- 1/11/24: 2 311 calls for noise, status is closed. 2 911 calls for disputes, status is closed.  
We are trying to expand, currently we are take-out but want to add sit in and bar.

-A letter was sent by the block association to the community board regarding some issues with commercial delivery trucks and loading blocking homes and driveways refusing to move. Customers using people's yard as restrooms and vehicles playing loud music and garbage is picked up at 2:45a.m. which disturbs the neighbors.

- We try to tell customers to move and don't block the driveway and we only have one delivery truck.

**Committee Votes: YES: 9 NO: 6 ABSTAINED: 2**

2. DSC Hospitality Management LLC – 744 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn NY  
Method of Operation and Renewal.

**Not Present.**

3. Bistro 1804 Inc. – 3612 Clarendon Road, Brooklyn NY  
Full Liquor License & Restaurant (RENEWAL)  
DJ, Recorded Music, Live Music  
No police reports/incidents at this location.

**Committee Votes: YES: 17 NO: 0 ABSTAINED: 0**

**MOTION CARRIES**

#### **Cannabis Licenses**

4. BK Exotic LLC – 3601 Church Ave, Brooklyn NY  
Retail Premise Application (NEW)  
No schools within 500 feet, two houses of worship one within 220 feet and the other 457 feet so they are within the guidelines of OCM.  
I have a clothing store at the same location and would like to expand to sell cannabis as well in the same location.

**Committee Votes: YES:6 NO: 9 ABSTAINED: 2**

5. Special Friends LLC – 1697 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn NY  
Retail Dispensary Premise (NEW)  
No schools within 500 feet, two houses of worship one within 211 feet and the other 372 feet so they are within the guidelines of OCM.  
Clients have been involved in the medical cannabis industry in NY since 2014 and we are a local group, every square inch will be under camera and will only hire locally.

**Committee Votes: YES: 8 NO: 8 ABSTAINED: 1**

#### **Unfinished Business:**

**Ozni Lewis:** The Shirley Chisholm Rec Center is having a meet the primes event on Thursday January 18 at 6pm at Brooklyn Fete, 1515 Nostrand Ave. Trying to find contractors.

**Adjournment:**

**Ozni Lewis:** Motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

**Celia Belyn:** seconded the meeting for adjournment.

**Meeting Adjourned.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:**

June Persaud  
Jorge A. Tait  
Adele Bennett  
Brie DaCosta  
Marguerite Vigliante  
Sonia Clarke  
Allison French Kenton  
Cheryl Saunders  
Symone Sylvester  
Ozni Lewis  
Ivor Wood  
Celia Belyn  
Lisa Lonuzzi  
Lenna Fendison  
Daniel McCabe  
Hazel Martinez  
Tawa Backery  
Francis Bell

**Absent:**

Jonnelle Howard  
Everton Welch