

Brooklyn Community Board 17
4112 Farragut Road, Brooklyn NY 11210
Commerce Committee Meeting
ONLINE
November 22nd, 2023

Call to Order: This meeting of the Commerce Committee Meeting was called to order by June Persaud.

Chairperson's Report:

- Welcomed everyone and Happy Thanksgiving!
- I would like to give a special welcome our guest speaker Mr. Floyd Jarvis who's the director of cannabis workforce and business development center.
- We also have three cannabis applications tonight.
- this month's commerce meeting fell after the general board meeting so 7 Liquor license applications were on the general board agenda and 4 showed up.
- Special thanks to board members Sonia Clarke and Daniel McCabe who came out and supported our first small business expo.
- Condolences to Miss Brie DaCosta for the passing of her uncle.
- Welcome to Jonnelle Howard who is also a business owner to the committee.

Presentations:

Floyd Jarvis: Director of Cannabis Workforce and Business Development Center:

- We are a part of a 2-million-dollar grant in partnership with Lehman College, who will handle the small business development of cannabis company we will handle the workforce development.
- First part of our program is training cannabis security professionals with 8- and 16-hour training, and it is a 2-month training.
- The 2nd part of it is a job readiness component where we asked cannabis professionals and cannabis dispensary owners what they need.
- The 3rd part is Cannabis manufacturing technician, which trains persons on how to work in cannabis Labs with cannabis tinctures cannabis the various cannabis extraction processes.
- With the micro business, you must cultivate and do something else must such as retail or dispensary. There could be about 3500 square feet.

Detective Skinner 67th Precinct:

- Let you guys know so far for the crime stats so far in a year, we're down 7% in overall crime.
- We're down 6% in homicides. We're down 22% robberies. We're down 14% burglaries, down 6% grand larcenies and we're down 13% stolen vehicles.

- Unfortunately, like, we saw an increase in rapes, 33 this year as opposed to 26, but what we've been seeing is that it has been mostly domestic, and we also saw increase in felonies assaults.
- We have 160-gun arrests year to date with 125 guns recovered.
- 346 vehicles have been towed.
- Also just be aware , it is the holiday time and there has been a lot of scams. A lot around banking, my advice is to hang up or the go into the bank the next day or call yourself.

New Business:

Liquor Licenses:

1. Round 2 Cafe Catering Corp. - 1165 Utica Avenue, Brooklyn NY
Full Restaurant (RENEWAL)
No police reports/incidents at this location.

Committee Votes: YES: 15 NO: 0 ABSTAINED: 0

MOTION CARRIES

Cannabis Licenses

2. Kendrick Kelly; Above Maker LLC – 119 Veronica Place, Brooklyn NY
Micro-Business (NEW)
Supposed to be a small business with 10 employees or less. Unless it's going to be a family owned and operated business. Our goal is to make safe cannabis.

Committee Votes: YES: 9 NO: 3 ABSTAINED: 3

MOTION CARRIES

3. Power Plant Dispensary Flatbush LLC – 4315 Flatbush Road, Brooklyn NY
No show, the address came before the committee board last month for a liquor license application so that they are no show on this.
4. Special Friends LLC– 1697 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn NY
No Show.

Unfinished Business:

Ozni Lewis: Regarding the Shirley Chisholm Center two aspects the workforce development as well as the business Development, part of it. I have been in talks with Maurice, who is the person that is supposed to be doing the work force development and I am waiting for them to give us access on how to get people from our community those job opportunities.

Adjournment:

Jorge A. Tait: Motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Marguerite Vigliante: 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
Daniel McCabe
Hazel Martinez
Tawa Backery
Jonnelle Howard
Francis Bell

Absent:

John Dixon
Ruby Harrisingh
Sean Hopkinson
Celia Belyn