

Brooklyn Community Board 17
4112 Farragut Road, Brooklyn NY 11210
Commerce Committee Meeting
ONLINE
September 17th, 2024

Call to Order: This meeting of the Commerce Committee Meeting was called to order by Hassan Bakiriddin at 7:33 p.m.

Chairperson's Report:

- Welcomed everyone.
- The chair introduced himself as the new Commerce chair for Community Board 17. Served as Commerce chair before.
- Looking forward to new initiatives to make sure that CB17 business community is taken care of.

Approval of meeting minutes

- Marguerite Vigliante- Makes a motion to approve the May 2024 minutes.
- Brie DeCosta – 2nd the motion to approve
- The May 2024 minutes were approved
- There were no minutes to approve for June 2024 because the meeting was cancelled.

Presentations:

Detective Skinner 67th Precinct:

- Detective Skinner provides an update on successful community events and mentions a pending court case involving Lotus Lounge.
- The court date is to present evidence and determine if they have a solid case.
- There is a team shutting down illegal weed places, but they keep popping up elsewhere.
- There have been multiple instances of illegal activity at smoke shops, but the police have been vigilant and shut them down.
- The police have been given more authority to address the issue and are conducting inspections to shut down illegal smoke shops.
- The members were informed to report any illegal smoke shops to the precinct.

New Business:

Liquor Licenses:

1. De Carnival Events and Catering LLC. – 5405 Church Ave – Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider - NEW
 - There is a possibility of acquiring the backyard as an outside space, but there will be no loud music outside.
 - There will be no cooking or barbecuing allowed outside the premises, everything must be prepared inside.

- The applicant is in the process of scheduling a fire department inspection before opening.
- No police report/incidents at this location for a one year period.

Committee Votes: YES: 5 NO: 2 ABSTAINED: 1

MOTION CARRIES

THE APPLICATION WILL PROCEED TO THE NEXT GENERAL BOARD MEETING.

2. Sip N Chat Cocktail Lounge Inc- 2915 Ave D - – Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider – Renewal

- They plan to provide a space for business owners to showcase their food and host events.
- The business owner has two licenses but only uses one of them occasionally for special events.
- Good relationship with the community
- No police report/incidents at this location for a one year period.

Committee Votes: YES: 7 NO: 0 ABSTAINED: 1

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Unfinished Business:

- The committee wants to focus on promoting the Commerce Committee and supporting small businesses.
- The Committee plans to create a business database for Community Board 17 and hold networking events.
- On-site visits to local businesses and economic revitalization corridors are also on the agenda.
- Adele suggests creating a business calendar to promote local businesses and provide information about the community.
- Hazel Martinez raises concerns about businesses not maintaining their storefronts and blocking driveways with commercial vehicles.
- Marguerite Vigliante suggests involving auto body shops in community discussions and addressing their impact on the neighborhood.
- The budget committee chair is requesting specific requests from the commerce committee for community district needs.
- There is a focus on providing employment opportunities and industry training for the 18 to 24 demographic in the neighborhood.
- Suggests holding a hiring fair can help solve the employee issue at restaurants in the community.
- Building a close connection with Camba can support workforce development efforts.
- It is important to conduct community walkthroughs to assess changes and plan for economic revitalization.

Adjournment:

Adele Benette: Motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 p.m.

Marguerite Vigliante: seconded the meeting for adjournment.

Meeting Adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Adele Benette

Brie DaCosta

Dan McCabe

Rodrick Daley

Hassan Bakiriddin

Hazel Martinez

Sabine

Jorge Tait

Jibrill Morris

Marguerite Vigliante

Absent: