

Minutes of February 19th, 2025
Public Hearing and General Community Board Meeting

Attendance:

Kwame Afreh
Tiffany Anderson
Berlotte Antoine
Hassan Bakiriddin
Theresa Brereton
Asshur Cunningham
Rodrick Daley
Herminia Daniels
LaShawn Freeman
Rose Graham
Gail Grandison
Kevin Jason
Trisha Louison
Edith Mark
Donna McLean-Grant
Jibrill Morris
Khadijat Oluwo
Monzurat Oni
Kamara Swaby
Symone Sylvester
Marguerite Vigliante
Melanie Wilkerson

Absent:

Celia Belyn
David Boatwain
Venancia Colon
Natasha Duncan
Charles Galbreath
Ronald Greene
Michael Hill
Whitney Humphrey
Julia James
Doris Jones
Nicole Julius
Brandon Mathurin
Daniel McCabe
Fatima Muhammad
Ouedraogo Kadidiattou
June Persaud
Deborah Pointer
Carol Reneau
Aron Roth
Bernadette Selby
Kimberly Shelley
Antoinette Smart

Absent:

Tyrone Sterns
Heslat Tursun
Kenrick Wescott
Ivor Wood

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM.

2. Chairperson's Report – Mr. Rodrick Daley (5 Minutes)

Chairperson Daley reminded the community of the Rules of Order during the general meeting. It was announced that Public Safety Chair Lewis has stepped down from his position, and Khadeja Olowu was appointed as the interim Chair. A moment of silence was held in honor of Chair Berlotte Antoine father, who recently passed away.

3. District Manager's Report – Ms. Sherif Fraser (5 Minutes)

In the absence of District Manager Sherif Fraser, the Assistant District Manager Nowshin Fara provided updates:

- A newsletter is sent out via email one day after the general meeting.
- The website has been updated for compliance with disability laws.
- Committee meetings are now being uploaded to the YouTube channel.
- On February 13, CB17 organized a meeting with the owners of 1481 Troy Ave and local elected officials to discuss neighborhood complaints and business operations.
- The board is currently hiring for a Community Associate position.

4. Committee Reports (20 Minutes)

- **Budget – Mr. Daniel McCabe:** No report.
- **Commerce – Mr. Hassan Bakiriddin:** Date is pending for the Business Breakfast.
- **Education/Youth – Ms. Gail Grandison:** The Summer Youth Employment Program is open. Uncommon School will present information on its program. Youth Happ'n Thursday is scheduled for August 7th, and donations are being sought.
- **Housing/Block Association – Dr. Carol Reneau:** No report.
- **Land Use/Zoning – Mr. Kwame Afreh:** Discussed details of the 1481 Troy Ave meeting.
- **Parks/Beautification – Ms. Berlotte Antoine:** No report.
- **Public Safety/Transportation – Mr. Ozni Lewis:** Announced the May Health Fair on the 27th. SUNY Downstate will hold a second hearing at MEC.
- **Sanitation/Environmental – Mr. Michael Hill:** No report.
- **Social Services – Ms. Monzurat Oni:** No report.
- **Personnel – Ms. Rose Graham:** No report.
- **Ad Hoc – Various:** No report.
- **Postal Service – Mr. Kenrick Wescott:** No report.
- **Communications – Mr. Jibrill Morris:** No report.
- **By-Laws – Ms. Trisha Louison:** No report.
- **Brookdale CAB – TBD:** No report.

5. Agency Reports/Updates (3 Minutes Each)

- **67th Precinct:** Reported that crime is down and announced towing operations for delinquent vehicles on February 20th and March 6th.
- **Brooklyn Public Library:** The Clarendon branch is now open and collaborating with BRIC for a teen photography program.
- **NHS Brooklyn:** Provided resources for first-time home buyers in Brooklyn.
- **East Flatbush Enrichment Center:** Announced the opening of the center on Church Ave, with flyers available for the March 22 event.
- **Haitian Center Council:** Shared mental health and family development resources.
- **Chase Bank:** Looking to partner with small businesses and community-based organizations for financial education events.

6. Community Session (12 Minutes)

Kevin Blaize, a local author, shared his latest reading material and writing courses.

7. Legislative (15 Minutes)

- **NYC Council Member Rita Joseph:** Discussed legislation regarding student journalism.
- **Brooklyn Borough President's Office:** Announced that community board applications are now closed for the year and that free tax preparation services are available.
- **NYC Assembly Member Waterman:** Shared information about the mammogram truck for community events and a job fair at PS 856.
- **NYC Mayor's Office:** Hosting a job fair on February 27th and sharing community resources.
- **Council Member Stevens:** Promoted the Black Future Festival at the Brooklyn Children's Museum.
- **Council Member Farah N. Louis:** Addressed concerns about garbage bins in collaboration with Assembly Member Waterman and DEP/DSNY. Also played a role in arranging the early opening of the Clarendon Library.

- **Congresswoman Yvette Clarke:** Provided community resources, particularly for immigrant services.
- **Senator Persaud:** Announced events on February 26th and March 4th in collaboration with CAMBA.

8. Roll Call (3 Minutes)

22 out of 48 members were present—no quorum was met.

9. Adoption of Meeting Minutes – November, December, January 2024 (1 Minute)

Moved to a special meeting scheduled for February 25th.

10. Public Hearing (20 Minutes)

The following applications were presented but voting was moved to the special meeting on February 25th:

- **SLA Applications:**
 - Sugar'd to Go LLC – 2614 Newkirk Avenue – Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider – Renewal
 - Quilox Restaurant and Lounge LLC – 9505 Church Ave – Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider – New Application & Temporary Retail Permit
 - Chayse the Flavas LLC – 510 E 94th Street – Wine, Beer & Cider – New Application & Temporary Retail Permit
 - Promise Lounge LLC – 846 Utica Ave (2nd Floor) – Wine, Beer & Cider – New Application & Temporary Retail Permit
 - Zuriah Event LLC – 1770 Nostrand Ave – Wine, Beer & Cider – Renewal
- **Cannabis License Application:**
 - Legacy Lifestyle Cannabis LLC – Retail dispensary premises at 5901 and 5910 Church Avenue

11. Other Matters

- **Presentation:** No additional presentations were made.

12. Special Report – Board Members (3 Minutes)

No report.

13. Unfinished Business (5 Minutes)

No unfinished business discussed.

14. Old Business (5 Minutes)

No old business discussed.

15. New Business (5 Minutes)

No new business discussed.

16. Adjournment (1 Minute)

A motion to adjourn was made by Oluwo and seconded by Grandison. The meeting adjourned at 9:13 PM.