

Brooklyn Community Board 7 Public Safety Meeting Minutes  
December 8, 2025

The full meeting may be viewed at:

<https://youtu.be/X8Exe6RKbiI?si=tCVxeesJkPLZcNEW>

**Due to the extreme cold temperature, the Public Safety Committee meeting was held virtually on Zoom.**

**Agenda:**

1. Liquor license application for Maison Isabella restaurant located at 5714-5726 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue
2. Presentation from FDNY on holiday safety tips
3. Domestic violence presentation from the 72<sup>nd</sup> Precinct

**1. Liquor license application for Maison Isabella restaurant located at 5714-5726 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue**

Applicant Isabelle Bruce Dib appeared with her attorney, Michael Ferrari. The business plan for Maison Isabella outlines a 6,000-square-foot rooftop event venue with a 360-guest capacity and a modern warehouse-rooftop design. The anticipated opening is late spring/early summer 2026. The venue will feature panoramic skyline views, customizable lighting, and indoor/outdoor configurations. It is planned for weddings, corporate events, galas, fashion shows, pop-up activations, and entertainment productions.

The building is ADA-compliant including a dedicated elevator and has its own parking lot. There are no residential units near the venue, and the site faces the water. Security will include personnel stationed at the entrance and upstairs, with exterior patrols during events. The venue will have appropriate signage and will use pre-approved caterers and bartenders.

The proposed hours of operation are Monday–Sunday, 8:00 AM to 2:00 AM, with most events expected Thursday–Sunday and ending before 2:00 AM. They requested flexibility to remain open past 2:00 am on the rare occasions that an event ends later. Noise and rooftop use will comply with NYC rooftop sound ordinances. The venue will operate with local vendor partnerships for catering, A/V, décor, and security, generating revenue through rentals, add-on services, and corporate partnerships.

Board members, community members had an opportunity to ask questions

Board members shared concerns regarding:

- Security outside of venue as BAT is directly across street and has many events.
- Lighting- Currently building used motion-sensor lighting.
- Coordination with EDC and others who use BAT space for large scale events.

Although we had quorum due to virtual only platform the committee was unable to vote, however, the committee will recommend the board approve the application to move forward with the following stipulations:

- Submission of a detailed security plan, including the name of the security firm.
- Installation of permanent lighting beyond motion-sensor lights.
- Coordinate scheduling with EDC and others who use BAT space for large scale events.

An updated plan was submitted on December 16, 2025, and outlines strategies to address the concerns.

## **2. Presentation from FDNY on holiday safety tips**

Ralph Cene from FDNY provided an informative presentation on holiday and general fire safety. He highlighted the free smoke detector program, proper use of fire extinguishers, space heater and Christmas tree/light safety, and best practices for extension cords. He also covered safe e-bike battery charging and the importance of having a family fire-drill plan.

FDNY in collaboration with EMS also offers basic CPR training, and we plan to host them in the spring.

FDNY Smart offers many free community programs and safety materials in multiple languages. He provided multilingual literature for the Community Board to distribute.

For information and to schedule appointment for free smoke detector: <https://www.fdnysmart.org/>

## **3. Domestic violence presentation from the 72<sup>nd</sup> Precinct**

Officer Lopez from the 72nd Precinct gave a detailed presentation on domestic violence, outlining the different types, common warning signs, and ways individuals can seek help. She shared her personal story and discussed challenges victims often face, including fear of retaliation, staying in abusive situations for the sake of their children, social isolation, and limited access to resources. She also emphasized that domestic violence is not limited to women or physical abuse—victims can be men, teens, elders, and it can include emotional, financial, or psychological abuse. Officer Lopez highlighted how the NYPD and community-based services can provide support and assistance.

Officer Lopez also explained that the domestic violence unit conducts regular outreach—including visits to senior centers and participation in community events—and that all reported cases are followed up by a dedicated team. She provided multilingual literature for the Community Board to distribute.

Committee members shared their own experiences and emphasized the need for more visible signage in the community, as well as expanded outreach to schools, seniors, and adults with developmental or learning disabilities, as they are often vulnerable and may not recognize signs of abuse.

For information and resources in multiple languages:

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/nypd/services/law-enforcement/domestic-violence.page>