

Brooklyn Community Board 7 Public Safety Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2025

The full meeting may be viewed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EsoCV4y9Jic>

Agenda Items:

1. Review and discuss the SLA application for Family Hall

On November 10, 2025, the Public Safety Committee held a public meeting to discuss a request from Family Hall to reconsider our previous disapproval of their SLA application.

Community Board 7 has repeatedly opposed Family Hall's liquor license application due to ongoing community and public safety concerns. Family Hall first appeared before the Committee in December 2023. At that time residents reported issues related to the venue's large capacity, noise, public urination, congestion, and inadequate security. The establishment now has a proceeding before the State Liquor Authority (SLA) on November 19.

The owner and several representatives, including the owner's attorney, appeared before the Committee. The 72nd Precinct Q-Team Sergeant and his team were also present.

The owner and representatives were provided the opportunity to present the business, operations and security plan.

The committee asked questions regarding day-to-day operations, business model, security plan and for clarification regarding ticket sales and venue capacity.

Community members once again voiced serious concerns, including illegal drug use, alcohol consumption on the street, littering, public urination, excessive noise, and loitering.

NYPD 72nd Pct shared serious concerns regarding safety, security, gangs and illegal activity at the premises. They provided detailed reports of several serious incidents linked to or occurring at this establishment, including assaults involving weapons (pepper spray/Mace), destruction of property, and underage patrons. Notable incidents include multiple felony assaults on April 26, 2025, a felony criminal mischief on May 17, 2025, and an assault involving an underage patron on September 14, 2025.

Between 2023 and 2025, there were **143 (311) calls, 482 (911) calls, 7 arrests, and 30 complaints** associated with the **201 46th Street** address, as well as **210 (311) calls, 381 (911) calls, 5 arrests, and 32 complaints** linked to **4512 2nd Avenue**.

2025 Year-to-Date Reports:

- **4515 2nd Avenue:** 12 (311) calls, 17 (911) calls, 4 complaint reports
- **201 46th Street:** 7 (311) calls, 53 (911) calls

Additionally, while the application submitted to the SLA identifies the business as a bar/tavern, Family Hall operates more like a cabaret, which differs from its stated operating plan. The application lists 201 46th Street as the address; however, the establishment primarily uses an entrance on 45th Street and maintains an additional entrance on 2nd Avenue, resulting in some inconsistency in the address information provided.

Since 2023, Family Hall has been issued four temporary licenses, each valid for six months with the latest expiring on Jan 13, 2026. The establishment operates Friday 10:00 PM – 4:00 AM, Saturday 8:00 PM – 2:00 AM, and Sunday 2:00 PM – 10:00 PM, with a capacity of 570 and events held three times per week with live music and a DJ.

Although the owner claimed that certain corrective measures would be taken, we did not hear any evidence that meaningful efforts have been made to address or mitigate concerns repeatedly raised since 2023, including inadequate security, underage drinking, public alcohol consumption, illegal drug use, public urination, and loitering.

The Committee reaffirmed its opposition to the application and has submitted a letter to the State Liquor Authority formally stating its position.