

## MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD #16 – NOVEMBER 23, 2021

### Attendance

Lorenzo Andrews (A)	Andrew McCoy (A)
Cynthia Bannister	Melanie Mendonça
Eramas Beras-Monticciolo (E)	Shemene Minter
Margaret Brewer	Genese Morgan
Dr. Cleopatra Brown (E)	Rose O’Neill
Kaseem Clark-Edwards (A)	Deidre Olivera (A)
Adrainer Coleman	Luz Ortiz (A)
Norman Frazier (A)	Shelevya Pearson (A)
Danny Goodine	Marie Pierre
Chanel Haliburton	Linda Rivera
Sarah Hall (A)	Shaneek Samuel (A)
Balinda Harris (A)	JoAnn Sexton
Zalika Headley (A)	Khadijah Smith
Michael Howard	Dr. Sonia Smith
Gabriel Jamison (A)	Keturah Suggs
Leticia Knowles (A)	Beverly Tatham
Dr. Bettie Kollock-Wallace	Sydone Thompson
Charles Ladson, Sr. (A)	Brenda Thompson-Duchene (A)
Digna Layne (A)	Christopher Toomer
Kelly Lee-McVay	Rev. Miran Ukaegbu
Albion Liburd (A)	Deborah Williams
Deborah Mack	Pat Winston (A)
Yolanda Matthews (A)	Viola D. Walker, District Manager
John McCadney, Jr.	Jimmi Brevil, Community Assistant

### PUBLIC MEETING HELD VIA WEBEX

Chairperson Morgan called the meeting was called to order at 7: 02 p.m. and requested that everyone observe a moment of silence.

A public hearing was convened In The Matter of an application to the New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) for a license to sell liquor, wine, beer, and cider at 2105 Atlantic Avenue (Raw Wine & Spirits, Inc. d/b/a Bk Lobster).

Gen Harris of Rezonnator Services presented on behalf of Rawley King, applicant for the SLA license. They are are proposing a 21-seat establishment to operate Monday thru Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to midnight. The applicant is a corporation owned solely by Mr. Rawley King, operating as a Bk Lobster franchise. They are not proposing an outdoor seating area, however, they woud like to have that option as the weather gets better.

Mr. King stated that he wants to bring a sit down restaurant to this portion of Brooklyn. When he was collecting petitions in support of the restaurant, he found that people were very excited to see a new cuisine coming to the community.

The floor was opened to hear from the public.

Ms. Chinyere Nwaoha, author of Race to a New Start, spoke about her book which is a children’s book geared towards healthy habits and lifestyle principles.

Inspector Terrell Anderson thanked everyone who contributed to the Brownsville feast for Thanksgiving held this past Sunday.

He wants everyone to build upon relationships to improve quality of life in the community. The Brownsville Safety Alliance, which is a collaboration between NYPD, community-based organizations, and the crisis management system, had an event on Mother Gaston Boulevard between Pitkin and Sutter Avenues last week to provide resources to community residents.

Inspector Anderson stated that they are working very hard to address GLAs (Grand Larceny Auto). Within the last month, 23 cars were stolen compared to 4 the same period last year. Cars are being stolen when people leave their cars running and unattended. Econoline vans are also being stolen. They are working with the Crisis Management Systems to reduce gun violence. The 73<sup>rd</sup> Precinct has had the most gun arrests in New York City.

The 73<sup>rd</sup> Precinct has 50 less officers than were there last year due to attrition, transfers, retirements, and those choosing to leave the job instead of getting vaccinated.

Ms. Melanie Mendonça called the roll of Board members. A quorum was not present, as there were only 23 members in attendance.

District Manager Viola Greene-Walker read the District Manager's Report (A copy is on file in the Community Board Office).

Ms. Melanie Mendonça read the Community Resident Planning Work Group Report (A copy is on file in the Community Board's Office).

Mr. Christopher Toomer read the Equity Planning Work Group report (A copy is on file in the Community Board's Office).

Ms. Deborah Williams read the Community Resident Planning Work Group report (A copy is on file in the Community Board's Office).

Ms. Nadeen Gayle, representing Assemblymember Latrice Walker, urged everyone who had flood related damages to fill out a FEMA Assistance application. The deadline is December 5, 2021. They will be serving Thanksgiving dinner to seniors at the Rosetta Gaston Senior Center, located at 460 Dumont Avenue on Thanksgiving Day from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Ms. Christina Serrano, representing Councilmember Alicka Ampry-Samuel, brought greetings from Councilmember Ampry-Samuel and wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving,

A motion was made by Rev. Miran Ukaegbu, seconded by Ms. Deborah Williams, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.