



THE CITY OF NEW YORK **COMMUNITY BOARD 3**
MINUTES OF THE
MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2020
COMMUNITY BOARD VIRTUAL MEETING

In Attendance:

Members Present:

Felicia Alexander, Monique Antoine, Tywan Anthony, Lillian Bowman, Anthony Buissereth, Michael Catlyn, Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Evelyn Collier, Taina Evans, Marc Abou-Faissal, Richard Flateau, Sharon Forbes, Keith Forest, Gregory Glasgow, Shia Greenfeld, Abitzel Robinson-Hobson, Oma Holloway, Everett Hughes, Victor Iroh, Keisha Jerryman, Dr. Kerliene Johnson, Dr. Debra Lamb, Lisa Lewis, Ellen Miller, Kenneth Mbonu, Melissa Plowden-Norman, C. Doris Pinn, Christine Parker, Simone Pratt, Carolyn Richburg, Miari Roberts, Wendy Robinson, Stacey Ruffin, Suzette Sheppard, Jamella Swift, Alice Walton, Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman, Douglas Williams, TJ Wilson

Members Absent/Excused: Babatunde Awoke, Dr. Kim Best, Mary Jemison-Head, Edna Johnson, Marion Little, Hardy “Joe” Long, Dovie Matthews, Santana Payton, Annalee Reid, Karen Rhau

Elected Officials/Reps:

Hon. Tremaine Wright, Kim Robinson – Hon. Alicka Ampry-Samuel, Shelton Jones – Hon. Eric Gonzalez

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON – Richard Flateau

Mr. Flateau announced the passing of Manfred Jones, a longtime resident who participated in several committee meetings and board meetings.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS & COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Lucien Allen – Hon. Walter Mosley, Karen Cherry – Hon. Erik Dilan, Gregory Anderson – Bridge Street Development Corp.,

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT – Henry L. Butler

There is an Open Street in the district on Macon Street between Arlington Place and Tompkins Avenue from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

There is an ongoing discussion regarding sidewalk cafés.

I. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

A. Health & Social Service Committee:

Dr. Melony Samuel, CEO & Founder of Campaign Against Hunger gave a presentation on what the organization is doing during the pandemic. They are feeding several families and providing various other services such as assistance with the SNAP, the census, taxes. She has hired 15 homeless and incarcerated members.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Economic Development Committee:

Alcohol Beverage Control License Application for Brooklyn Burger Inc (DBA Brooklyn Burger Bar Bed Stuy) located at 1227 Fulton Street between Bedford & Arlington Place.

Applicant was a **NO SHOW**.

B. Economic Development Committee:

Alcohol Beverage Control License Application for Upper Level Bar & Grill Inc (DBA Treehouse) located at 417 Marcus Garvey Blvd between Halsey & Macon Streets.

Robert Romano Esq, Legal Representative stated that there are 22 seats in the restaurant with a backyard patio however, the patio will not be used. The restaurant name is the same however, the owners are Mr. Thompson and Mr. Wilson are new. This will be a pub like atmosphere. There are four televisions, there will be background music. The hours of operation will be seven days a week until 2:00 a.m. There will be Sunday brunch.

Question and Answers

Christine Parker: How many people will be hire from the community?

Mr. Thompson: 100% of the employees well we hire from the community about 5 to 11 people.

C. Economic Development Committee:

Alcohol Beverage Control License Application for Spudz LLC located at 1460 Fulton Street between Kingston & Tompkins Avenues

The owner, Forest Greene stated that he will be serving Gourmet French Fries as the main dish. The hours of operation will be 12:00 pm to 10:00 p.m. seven days a week. They are currently open for takeout with eight staff members. There are 15 seats with two bar stools. He provided a scholarship of \$1000.00 to a student going to Howard University. He will continue to give back to the community with more scholarships.

D. Economic Development Committee:

Alcohol Beverage Control License Application for Vibe LLC located at 1281 Bedford Avenue between Atlantic Avenue & Herkimer Street.

The owner, Xavier Ezell stated that this is a three-story building, there will be a stage area for artist to perform live music on the second floor. The menu will be catfish, calamari, mac & cheese and wings. The hours of operation will be Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 12:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.; Thursday, Friday and Saturday: 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 a.m.; and Sunday: 12:00p.m. 2:00 a.m.

The first floor is the bar with 22 seats a team is seating. Presently, they are open for takeout only. There is elevated seating outdoors seating for 20 people. The third floor is storage and an office space, a total of 4,200 square feet Mr. Ezell is also the Co-owner of Bedford Manor.

Questions were asked and answered.

III. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Betty Staton informed that anyone with legal questions can call the office of Brooklyn Legal Services at 917-661-4500 or email bstaton@isnyc.org

Taina Evans informed that the Brooklyn Public Library will be offering summer virtual reading

Nene informed that the Epiphany Church will hold a Pray and Rally on Sunday, June 7th, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. It will start at Restoration Plaza and continue to the 79th Precinct then onto the district attorney's office. For more information, please call 646-397-7800 or Nene nene@epiphanybk.com

Assemblyman Walter Mosley will host a housing Town Hall on Thursday, June 4th.

IV. ROLL CALL

There were 39 members present and 10 absent.

V. COMMITTEE UPDATES & RESOLUTIONS

Oma Holloway informed that the Education & Youth Committee will host a Town Hall on Thursday, June 4th. In addition, they will have Bag Giveaway.

T J Wilson announced that the Parks, Arts & Culture Committee will be hosting two meetings: Wednesday, June 3rd, at 6:30 p.m. and other on Wednesday, June 17th, at 6:30 p.m.

Gregory Glasgow announced that the Transportation, Sanitation and Environment Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, June 9th.

Tywan Anthony stated that the committee will host a webinar for businesses.

Ivy Gamble Cobb stated that the Health and Social Services Committee will meet on Monday, June 15th, at 6:30 p.m., with the Bed Stuy Family Health Center.

Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman informed that on Friday, June 5th, he will host a Facebook Live and a Zoom event to discuss how to re-engage the church.

The Housing Committee will meet on Wednesday, June 10th, with Councilmembers Samuels and Cornegy to discuss 1921 Atlantic Avenue.

Evelyn Collier read the resolution for 358 Malcolm X Blvd. This is a City-owned land and it will be an NIHOP program which is a homeownership program. A motion to accept the resolution was made by Douglas Williams and seconded by Gregory Glasgow.

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VI. ACTION ON THE PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Brooklyn Burger Inc (DBA Brooklyn Burger Bar Bed Stuy) request for an Alcohol Beverage Control License

Tywan Anthony stated that the committee recommends giving a letter of **non-support** due to the fact that the applicant did not attend the meeting.

A motion to accept the recommendation was made by Douglas Williams and seconded by Lisa Lewis. A voice vote was done. It was unanimous. The motion carries.

- B. Upper Level Bar & Grill (DBA Treehouse) request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License.

Tywan Anthony stated that the committee's recommendation is to give a letter of support with stipulation. The owner must submit a statement letter detailing that all issues with the Department of Buildings are cleared. the stipulation will state that a letter of recommendation is given on non-use of the backyard outside area.

A motion to accept the recommendation was made by Douglas Williams and seconded by Gregory Glasgow.

[../Documents/Vote for Upper Level Bar & Grill.jpeg](#)

C. Spudz LLC request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License

Tywan Anthony, Committee Chair stated that committee's recommendation is to give a letter of support. However, the owner must provide a statement letter detailing why the Community Board should consider a letter of recommendation for support being that there are three or more establishments serving alcohol within in certain radius.

A Motion to accept a recommendation was made by Jamilla Swift and seconded by Abitzel Robinson-Hobson.

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D. Vibe LLC request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control license

Tywan Anthony, Committee Chair reported that the committee cannot render a recommendation until a site visit is made. He requested that this item be tabled.

VII. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Richard Flateau

The next Community Board meeting will be held on Monday, June 22nd.

VIII. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MARCH 2, 2020 MINUTES

Motion to accept the minutes was made by Dr. Debra Lamb and seconded by Douglas Williams.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Beryl Nyack

Reviewed and edited by:
Stacey Ruffin
Executive Secretary
3:30 pm, June 22, 2020