



**CITY OF NEW YORK**      **COMMUNITY BOARD 3**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2022**  
**COMMUNITY BOARD VIRTUAL MEETING**  
**VIA WEBEX**

**In Attendance:**

**Members Present:** Ricardo Agcauli, Emad Ansari, Monique Antoine, Dr. Kim Best, Anthony Buissereth, Michael Catlyn, Evelyn Collier, Yvonne Cummings, Keith Forest, Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Shia Greenfeld, Oma Holloway, Everett Hughes, Jada John-Ali, Edna Johnson, Frank LaChapelle, Azania Maitland, Dovie Matthews, Kenneth Mbonu, Ellen Miller, Jerome Nathaniel, Christine Parker, Santana Payton, C. Doris Pinn, Joel Polatsek, Robert Providence, Shnequa Purvis, Annalee Reid, Karen Rhau, Carolyn Richburg, Miari Roberts, Wendy Robinson, Abitzel Robinson-Hobson, Suzette Sheppard, Dr. Adesola Tella, Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman, Douglas Williams, TJ Wilson

**Members Absent/Excused:** Ernest Deeb, Marc Abou Faissal, Carroll “Rusty” Fields, Victor Iroh, Mary Jemison-Head, Dr. Kerliene Johnson, Simone Pratt, Robert Smith III, Jamella Swift, Alicia Walton

**Elected Official/Reps:** Senator Jabari Brisport, Robert Moore – Assemblymember Latrice Walker, Assemblymember Stefani Zinerman, Anthony Herbert – CAU, Carol-Ann Church – Borough President Antonio Reynoso, Shelley Victory – Councilmember Darlene Mealy, May Vutrapongvatana – Councilmember Chi Osse, Kristen Jeffries – Councilmember Crystal Hudson, Councilmember Lincoln Restler, Shelton Jones – District Attorney Eric Gonzalez, District Leader Henry Butler

**Agencies/CBOs:** Nicole Bryan – Macon Branch Library, Damaris Falero – DOB, Sharon Marshall – DOHMH

Opening remarks was given by Chair Anthony Buissereth. He read the agenda into the record. He acknowledged the passing of Assemblymember and Councilmember Al Vann. There was a wonderful memorial and community celebration in his honor. His legacy will live on.

There were two Informational presentations:

Capital & Expense Budget Committee Coordinator, TJ Wilson gave a presentation on the process for gathering input for the FY2024 Budget. She announced that there will be Public Hearing on September 27<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. via Webex to gather input from the community.

Anthony Taylor, Community Liaison, NYC Redistricting Commission and Dr. Zulema Blair, Medgar Evers College gave a presentation on the proposed New York City Council Redistricting.

The Commission consist of 15 members, 7 are appointed by the Mayor and 8 by City Council.

They are tasked with drawing 51 Council maps with approximately 172,000 because the population is 8.8 million. The maps have to reflect the increase in population. Dr. Blair provided the statistics on how the lines are drawn based on the demographic of the population.

There were three public hearings presented by the Economic Development Committee for SLA applications:

- I. Alcohol Beverage Control License application for Brew 112 d/b/a Coffee Uplifts People (CUP) located at 329 Gates Avenue corner Bedford Avenue.

Owners Tony Forte and Angela Yee were present for the presentation. The other partner is Ron Bachelor. They opened their first shop in November 2021 in Bed-Stuy. He informed that their coffee is sourced globally from Ethiopia, Peru, and Mexico and is expanding into Kenya, Guatemala, and Brazil. They started this brand with the intention of bring more women and people of color into the coffee industry.

They are currently open Monday to Friday 7:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m., however, they will be extending the hours to 9:00 p.m. On Saturdays and Sundays, they are currently open 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., but will extend the hours to 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. There are currently 6 staff members, but they will be increasing to 11.

Questions were asked and answered.

- II. Alcohol Beverage Control License application for Café Calaca LLC located at 505 Franklin Avenue (between Hancock and Fulton Streets)

Ivan Arteaga, one of the three owners made the presentation. The other owners are Olivia Albee and David Hurtado. He stated that he will be serving breakfast, brunch, lunch, tapas, and cocktail. Specialty espresso and specialty coffee. The current hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. everyday however, if they obtain the liquor license they will extend the hours on Friday and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

The restaurant seats 14-16 inside and there are 36 seats outside. They have 4 baristas and 2 cooks. He will not be hiring security.

- III. Alcohol Beverage Control License application for Artel 535 LLC located at 535 Van Buren Street between Patchen Avenue and Broadway

Tony Hallal, owner of the Artel stated that this is a boutique neighborhood hotel with a bar/lounge, burger restaurant, a rooftop lounge. It has 147 rooms. The hotel markets itself as an artsy and hip hotel featuring work from local artists in the lobby lounge and rooms. Complimentary breakfast will be served between 7:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. The restaurant will operate 7 days a week from 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. and the lobby bar will also operate 7 days a week from 5:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. He will hire 35 members from the community. There will be 24/7 security, 85 cameras, two egress and the restaurant has three egresses.

Questions were asked and answered.

Community announcements about the upcoming Bed-Stuy Alive event on October 8<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

There were 38 members present and 10 absent.

## **ACTION ON THE PUBLIC HEARING**

### **A. Brew 112 d/b/a Coffee Uplifts People request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License**

Committee Chair, Keith Forest stated that the recommendation is to give a letter of support. A motion was made to accept the recommendation.

**The vote was: 30 – In Favor; 5 – Against; 0 – Abstention**

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### **B. Café Calaca LLC request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License**

Committee Chair, Keith Forest stated that the recommendation is to give a letter of support. A motion was made to accept the recommendation.

**The vote was: 31 – In Favor; 4 – Against; 0 – Abstention**

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### **C. Artel 535 LLC request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License**

Committee Chair, Keith Forest stated that the recommendation is to give a letter of support. A motion was made to accept the recommendation.

**The vote was: 27 – In Favor; 8 – Against; 0 – Abstention**

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Chair Anthony Buissereth made a recommendation to accept the Draft Resolution Establishing a Policy to Accommodate Hybrid Meetings. A motion was made to accept the recommendation by Emad Ansari and seconded by Douglas Williams.

**The vote was: 36 – In Favor; 0 – Against; 0 – Abstention**

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District Manager, Henry L. Butler gave his report. He attended Budget Consultation, and a co-naming of Monroe Street and Marcus Garvey Blvd for Sgt. Shaun E. Powell Way.

**\*\*Please note that the Health & Social Services Committee meetings was changed from the third Monday of every month to the third Tuesday of every month.**

\*\*The Landmarks & Preservation Committee will be meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was made to accept the June 27<sup>th</sup> minutes was made by Douglas Williams and seconded by Ricardo Agcaulli.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 3, 2022.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Evelyn Collier and seconded by Christine Parker. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Beryl Nyack  
September 30, 2022