

**Community Board 9  
890 Nostrand Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York 11225**

**Executive Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
December 15, 2020**

**Attendance**

Fred Baptiste, CB9 Chairman

Warren Berke, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair

Alejandra Caraballo, Sec./Housing/Search

Francisca Leopold, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice/H& SS Chair

Carmen Martinez, Transportation Chair

Vivia Morgan, Parks, Rec. & Culture Chair

Pat Moses, ULURP/Land Use Chair

Eve-lyn Williams, Member-at-Large

Mia N. Hilton, CB9 Asst. District Manager

Khalid Nixon, CB9 Community Assistant

Nicolas Almonor, CB9 Board Member

Amy Pinkerton, CB9 Board Member

Julia Bryant, Community Resident

Alicia Boyd, Community Resident

Felice Robertson, Community Resident

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Meeting called to order at 7:14pm

**Committee Chair Reports/Check In**

**Health & Social Services Committee, Francisca Leopold** – Liaisons from Dept of Health, Dept of Aging, and Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center attended; medical professional gave a presentation on COVID-19; presentation focused on seniors in planning. Information is vast – intent to use forthcoming January 2021 meeting, including other day(s) to provide community an opportunity to attend presentations on COVID-19 and Senior resources (home assistance, etc.) and make inquiries. Kingsbrook Jewish Hospital delivered approx. 2000 masks to the board, further masks to be delivered; intent to distribute to community. Committee intends to address rising homeless crisis among seniors and youth.

**Housing Committee, Alejandra Caraballo** – Identifying homeowners on Lien Sale list within Community District; requesting to utilize board resources to reach out to these individuals/families to inform them of their status and resources available. Committee plans to discuss upcoming certification for 960 Franklin, and forming a plan of approach: anticipating large participation/public input from January 2021 moving forward.

**Housing Questions/Follow Up**

Fred Baptiste: Will Housing Committee look into AMI

Alejandra Caraballo: Will be looking into Census tract data

**Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee, Vivia Morgan** – Warren Berke, Interim Chair reports: Committee to identify major cultural institutions in and around district, and how-to bring awareness to community. Jessica of BRIC presented programs available to community; January 2021 Brooklyn Botanic Garden to give a report on programs available

**Parks Questions/Follow Up**

Julia Bryant: Parkland alienation, should be in minutes

Warren Berke: Aiming to form a sub-committee to address such; further details into roles and objectives to be provided at a later date

**Public Safety Committee, Mia Hilton on behalf of Public Safety Chair:** Gladys's Venture 2 d/b/a Gladys's Jerk Center for Corporation Change; Barfour LLC d/b/a Bar Bayeux for Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider license

**Search Committee, Alejandra Caraballo** – Special Meeting occurred previous night per candidate presentations. Final vote may not occur anytime soon due to religious, other holidays. Aiming to provide Board Members with additional opportunities to review all 4 candidates

**Search Questions/Follow Up**

Patricia Moses: How will the vote commence

Alejandra Caraballo: Likely through the use of virtual program (SurveyMonkey or Google Forms); would like to use Ranked-Choice Voting process

Warren Berke: Points out that Ranked-Choice voting is not part of the Board By-Laws; suggests By-Laws amendment

\*Discussion on how Ranked-Choice Voting Process works and whether it is conducive for Board practice\*

**Transportation Committee, Carmen Martinez** – Karl Cohen, Dept of Transportation Rep and architect attended meeting per extensive discussion on Clove Road project. Proposal was accepted by DOT; funding to be provided by DOT; maintenance to be upheld by Carl Cohen, developer. Community resident expressed concerns per their parking status along Clove Road. Further details to be divulged in January 2021 meeting such as installation of museum, medical/office space, 50~ apartment units, and effects on Associated Supermarket. Board was largely uninformed on the approval and commencement of this project.

No further updates on Empire Blvd Reconstruction project – DDC rep was not available

Clove Road, Empire Blvd Reconstruction, Voi E-Scooter program to discussed per agenda for January 2021

### **Transportation Questions/Follow Up**

Vivia Morgan: Building will be same height as apartment complex across Nostrand Avenue

Felice Robertson: Inquiry into closing Pedestrian Triangle near Western Beef on Empire Blvd, Franklin & Washington Ave, and status; including speed camera installation

Carmen Martinez: Speed Camera issue forwarded to Keith Bray of NYC DOT – budgeting issue. Further recommendations submitted in Transportation budget request. Pedestrian Triangle presented by NYC DOT to be converted to open green space/pedestrian plaza

Alicia Boyd: Funding inquiry per Clove Road Plaza

Fred Baptiste: NYC DOT to fund the project, developer/community partner Carl Cohen to preserve/maintain the plaza

**ULURP/Land Use Committee, Patricia Moses** – Received materials from DCP per 960 Franklin Avenue; likely no action to take place until after holidays.

### **ULURP Question/Follow up**

Alicia Boyd: Motion on floor to request Chair ask for Declaration of Agreement with DCP – what is timeline?

Fred Baptiste: Currently in process, no timeline at this time

### **Chairperson Report/Check In**

Fred Baptiste – Thanks given to Board Members and staff for participating and volunteering to serve community during COVID-19 crisis. Further commendations given to: Youth Services Committee, Co-Chairs per success of Virtual Youth Speak Out; Education & Library Committee, Chair per acquiring books for forthcoming book giveaway; ULURP/Land use Committee, Chair per being on top of 960 Franklin Avenue Rezoning; Parks Committee, (Interim) Chair per reaching out to cultural institutions, and cultivating relationships; Search Committee, Chair per District Manager search process (further elucidates on Board’s process and options per By-Laws)

Budget process forthcoming as 2021 draws near, requesting that board members be prepared for agency responses and follow up.

Board Member (re)application process forthcoming; implores board members to be prudent on applying in a timely manner.

Further elucidates on timeline for District Manager Search Process for Executive Committee to consider including:

- Second interview session (Potential, non-conflicting dates of January 4; 13; 20; and 21)
- Interview/Presentation recordings to be made available to board members for additional review
- Contingency plan in case of failed background check; salary discussion
- Time to engage and discuss with final candidate, salary negotiations, and final vote for January 2021 General Board Meeting

Proposal for Special Meeting with full Board on January 04, 2021 for follow up candidate interviews/presentation; vote on candidates to decide who to extend offer of employment and negotiate salary – pending successful completion of background check

Special meeting on January 4<sup>th</sup> to meet the candidates again, vote on candidates to decide who to extend an offer of employment and negotiate salary, pending successful completion of background check: So, moved by Warren Berke, second by Vivia Morgan

Fred- Yes

Warren- Yes

Francisca – Yes

Debbie- A

Alejandra – Yes

Eve-lyn Williams – No

Vivia Morgan – Yes

### **Agenda for Meeting on December 18th**

- **Public session**
  - Call to order
  - Public Presentations
  - Public Commentary 30 minutes
  - Acknowledgements
- **Business Session**
  - Roll Call
  - Approval of Minutes

- Committee Reports
- Chairman's Report
- Voting Items
- Old Business
- New Business
- Adjournment

Motion to approve agenda passed by unanimous approval

Meeting adjourned at 9:28pm