

**COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 9  
890 NOSTRAND AVENUE  
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11225**

**Minutes of Transportation Committee Meeting  
December 2, 2020**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Committee Members:**

Carmen Martinez (Committee Chair, CB 9)  
Calista DeJesus (Co-Chair, Community Member)  
Felice Roberson (Community Member)  
Stanley Greenberg (Community Member)  
Jeffrey Grannum (Community Member)  
Nick Troccoli (community Member)  
Valerie Fleming (Community Member)

**Guests:**

Nick Almonor (CB9)  
Warren Berke (CB9)  
Hector Roberson (Community Resident)  
Emily Riquelme-Beaufort, NYC DOT  
Dash Henley, NYC DOT  
Jessica Cronstein, NYC DOT  
Karl Cohen (Community Resident / Developer)  
Caterina Roiatti (TRA Studio Architecture)  
Winston Wolf (TRA Studio Architecture)  
Ashley Mandat (TRA Studio Architecture)  
Robert Traboscia (TRA Studio Architecture)

**Absent Members:**

Rosemarie Evering (CB 9)  
Rabbi Chanina Sperlin (CB 9)  
Suman Ganguli (Community Member)

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Committee Chair Carmen Martinez convened meeting at 7:05PM and welcomed attendees.

Following brief remarks and introductions, Ms. Jessica Cronstein of the NYC DOT Public Space Unit explained the NYC Plaza Program and how the Clove Road plaza project was selected which included support from local elected officials, community organizations and community residents. A PowerPoint presentation was used to provide a visualization of the Clove Road project. Per Ms. Cronstein, Plaza Program partners provide day-to-day maintenance and are responsible for putting away the furniture at closing time. Anyone can apply for use of the plaza for programs via the NYC Street Activity Permit Office (SAPO).

Mr. Karl Cohen, long-time community resident, businessman and developer of the Nostrand Avenue Mixed-use Development is the Clove Road project partner. Mr. Cohen provided information about his mixed-use building currently under construction adjacent to Clove Road and introduced the architects for his development and the designers of the Clove Road Plaza, TRA Studio Architects. Representatives for TRA Studios shared further details of both projects and, when asked about their plans for the existing cobblestones on Clove Road, indicated that they're interested in preserving the cobblestones.

The concerns previously raised by a property owner on Malbone Street concerning how the Clove Road plaza project will affect their parking situation was revisited. Both Ms. Cronstein and Ms. Riquelme-Beaufort reported that they are still doing some research, particularly to see if they have legal curb cuts on Malbone. Additionally, DOT is planning to have a community workshop on the Clove Road plaza project in January and TRA is working on putting materials together for the workshop.

DOT did not have any updates on the Empire Blvd/Washington/Franklin reconstruction project and therefore the meeting was adjourned at 7:53PM.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 6, 2021.

Respectfully submitted by Carmen L. Martinez, Chair Transportation Committee  
December 31, 2020.