

Community Board 9
890 Nostrand Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11225
Minutes of the Land Use / ULURP Committee Meeting
February 3, 2020

Attendance

Committee Members Present:

Stuart Balberg, CB9
Warren Berke, CB9, Committee Vice Chairperson
Suwen Cheong, Resident Community Member
Nichola Cox, Resident Community Member
Esteban Giron, Resident Community Member
Nolan Levenson, CB9
Patricia Moses, CB9, Committee Chairperson
Rabbi Chanina Sperlin, CB9

Guests:

Fred Baptiste, CB9 Chair	Constance Leslod, Resident
Maxine Barnes	Jhodie B Lozada, Resident
Alicia Boyd, Resident	Stella Mednick
Julien Bryant	Janine Nichols, Resident
Abigail Cramer	Amy Pinkerton, CB9
Nathan D'Ambrosio, Resident	Brenna Rabinowitz, Resident
John Delind, Nostrand Avenue Merchants	Dmitri Rabinowitz, Resident
Lashaun Ellis, Resident	Keith Rhomeo, Resident
Nydia Ferdinand, Resident	Carrie Roberson, MTOPP
Inez Fraser, Resident	Felice Robertson, WABBA / Union
Michael Hollingsworth, Resident	Maria Roca
Pamela Lard, Resident	Ben Verde, Brooklyn Paper (Press)

Community Board Staff: Khalid Nixon

1. Meeting called to order by Chair Moses at 7:04pm
 - a. Committee members and meeting attendees introduced themselves
2. Status Updates
 - a. 931 Carroll St; 40 & 54 Crown Street
 - i. Alicia Boyd provided an update on the Temporary Restraining Order. Stay was upheld on 12/16/19 by Brooklyn Supreme Court. No construction or environmental work can proceed on the site.
 - ii. Next court date will be 2/13/20 at 9:30am
 - b. Protect our homes event
 - i. A brief summary of event and issues related to deed theft were discussed

3. New Business

- a. Discussion of CB9 Housing Committee meeting on January 8. Community members raised concerns from meeting minutes that mentioned: 1) a potential study of rezoning of Flatbush; and 2) a report on mandatory inclusionary housing and the effect on local residents.
 - i. Meeting attendees discussed hearing about a potential joint Land Use / Housing committee meeting on this issue. CB9 Land Use committee had not heard of this discussion
 - ii. CB9 Land Use committee members discussed CB role in rezoning. Previously both the committee and full board have voted against rezoning
 - iii. Community members expressed concern about the board undertaking a rezoning study. Asked to be included in any conversation that may occur. CB9 Land Use committee said that it would ensure that all would be included. However, at this time the committee has no knowledge of a study.
- b. 103 Empire Boulevard
 - i. Chair Moses gave brief overview of location discussed at January 6 meeting
- c. First Baptist Church (Eastern Parkway and Rogers Avenue)
 - i. Community member said that a priest said that the church is awaiting a rezoning of the lot to be redeveloped. Committee said it had no knowledge of any rezoning proposals at that location.
- d. 960 Franklin Avenue
 - i. Alicia Boyd raised concerns about 960 Franklin site. A Draft Environmental Impact Statement was submitted to the Department of City Planning in December. Ms. Boyd submitted FOIL request for documents.
 1. One of the documents included an arborist report which indicated that the development would have no impact on trees. Community members raised concerns about the assertion. Asked that the Community Board request the documents from the Department of City Planning.
 2. Committee asked that Ms. Boyd share the electronic version of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement documents to allow committee members to review.
 - ii. *Esteban Giron moves that Community Board 9 submit a request to the Department of City Planning for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, in particular the arborist report. Nichola Cox seconds the motion.*
 1. *Motion passes (7 yes, 1 no)*
- e. Rezoning review timeline
 - i. Community members expressed concerned that documents submitted to the Department of City Planning cannot be reviewed until a project has

been certified. In addition, the 60-day timeline for document review after certification is insufficient given the complexity of the environmental documents that are typically submitted for a rezoning request.

4. Chair Moses announced that next meeting will be on March 2 at 7pm
5. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

Meeting minutes submitted by Nolan Levenson