

**Community Board 9**  
**890 Nostrand Avenue**  
**Brooklyn NY 11225**  
**Minutes of the Land Use / ULURP Committee –**  
**960 Franklin Ave Pre-Certification Meeting**  
**October 29, 2020**

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**Meeting Location**

Zoom

**Attendance**

Committee Members Present:

Erin Clare Brown, CB9

Warren Berke, CB9, Committee Vice Chairperson

Suwen Cheong, CB9

Nichola Cox, Resident Community Member

John Craver, Resident Community Member

Esteban Giron, Resident Community Member

Nolan Levenson, CB9, Committee Recording Secretary

Patricia Moses, CB9, Committee Chairperson

Committee Members Absent:

Richard Vilabrea Jr, Resident Community Member

Thomas J. Thomas, Resident Community Member

Guests:

- Assembly Member Walter Mosley
- Richard Bearak, Brooklyn Borough President Land Use Director
- Alicia Boyd, Resident
- Christina Chala
- Mary Ann Fastook
- Ethan Hallerman
- Michael Hollingsworth
- Karen Johnson
- Ree Kinsey
- Primo Lasana
- Carmen Martinez, CB9 Transportation Committee Chair
- Stanley J Myers
- Clarence Norman
- Amy Pinkerton, CB9 Member
- Nellie Rhone-Perry
- Hector Robertson
- Nick Smith

- Thomas Southwick
- Tim Thomas
- Dab Ubgvikdstad
- Ben Verde

Community Board Staff: Mia Hilton and Khalid Nixon

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- 1) Meeting called to order by Chair Patricia Moses at 7:07pm
  - a. Committee members introduced themselves
- 2) Overview of 960 Franklin history and current revised application.
  - a. Chair Patricia Moses gives overview of project. Applicant filed an amendment on 9/22. Application to DCP is in pre-certification, with certification scheduled for 11/16.
  - b. Once certified, CB9 has 60 days to hold public meeting. Concerns about once it is certified, almost impossible to change application. Committee needs to review application before certification so we can comment.
  - c. To date CB9 has received no information on amended application. There were also revisions in April and September, which CB9 received no information about.
  - d. Discussion about revised City Charter, which requires a summary of the application 30 days before certification. Charter Revisions state that CB must be involved during pre-certification process. Richard Bearak said that BK Borough President's Office would
  - e. Nichola Cox noted that community should have received revised Environmental Impact Statement after the public scoping meeting, but it was never received
  - f. According to Richard Bearak, EIS to be received in Feb 2021. Concerns were raised that this information was needed sooner.
- 3) Community feedback
  - a. Committee Chair Moses, CB9 Chair Fred Baptiste, and Committee Vice Chair Warren Berke ask for meeting attendees to share their concerns so that CB9 can make a request for information on their behalf.
  - b. Assembly Member Walter Mosley discussed support for project, including the number of affordable units. But said that he would listen to community concerns
  - c. Michael Hollingsworth raised issue about affordability in the new development. Typically even units designated as affordable are out of reach for many CB9 residents.
  - d. Concerns were raised that developer has not addressed any concerns raised in March 2019 meeting. Discussion of whether to invite developer to November 10 ULURP committee meeting.
- 4) Resolution
  - a. *Motion: Community Board 9 ULURP / Land Use committee formally requests that the CB9 Board Chair Fred Baptiste draft correspondence to DCP asking for the following: 1) Confirmation that Community Board 9 was invited to EIS scoping meeting as required in the city charter; 2) Copies of the revised applications with*

*detailed summaries; 3) The final scope of work and environmental impact statement*

- i. Warren Berke moves the motion, Esteban Giron seconds. Motion passes with 8 yeses and 2 members absent.*
  - b. Motion: Community Board 9 ULURP / Land Use committee will extend invitation to developer to attend next committee meeting scheduled for November 10.*
    - i. Motion passes with 8 yeses and 2 members absent.*
- 5) Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm