

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

**Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2021**

Committee Members Present

Debbie Timothy, Committee Chair
Bishop Sylveta Hamilton-Gonzales CB9 Board Member

Committee Members Absent

Wayne King, CB9 Board Member
Michelle Derosier-Caldwell, CB9 Board Member

Community Resident Members Present

Tiffany Yarde

Community Resident Members Absent

Christina Aldime
Greg Clarke
Diane Jean-Mary
Gina Pol

Elected Officials Reps: Maurice Cummings, NYC Councilwoman Alicka Ampry Samuels

Guests: Elizabeth Fortune, Resident; Jonathan Berman, Commercial Real Estate Agent; Cece Olisa, Resident; Carol Blake

Community Board 9 Staff: Khalid N. Nixon

The monthly scheduled meeting of Brooklyn Community Board 9 Economic Development Committee called to order virtually via zoom on April 12, 2021 @ 7:15 p.m.

The meeting started with a word of encouragement from Rev. Sylveta Hamilton-Gonzalez followed by introductions by all in attendance.

Committee Updates:

- New York City Open Culture Program details...
<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/cecm/cultural-events/guidelines.page>
- Importance of attending committee meeting in order to collaborate effectively on community business.
- Small business corridor walkthrough event with CB9, Mr. Mars from the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce and local elected to be determined.

- Economic Development Committee small business revitalization project planning phase (shop local/bag, signs etc.)
- Elizabeth Fortune: Suggested that the EDC can reach out to local schools to have students submit bag designs for our CB9 Shop Local bag if there is not one in place.
- CB9 office is in dire need of up-to-date local business directory.
- Elizabeth Fortune: Is there a systemic accounting city/district wide of business that have closed or are in danger of closing?
- Elizabeth Fortune: Speaking as a constituent I think the board could do a bit more outreach to inform the community. It's hard in that not everyone is technologically linked to access points but also a lot of people work, and it takes a lot of time to be consistently engaged.

- Jonathan Berman: Community Board should focus on zoning considerations that support resident needs.
- Debbie Timothy: Helpful to collaborate with the ULURP Committee on topic
- Brooklyn Community District 9 profiles: <https://communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov/brooklyn/9#projects>
- CB9 ULURP Committee info link: <https://cbbrooklyn.cityofnewyork.us/cb9/committee/ulurp/>
- Elizabeth Fortune: On Bedford and Eastern there's a new building that lists Union Market as opening below--has that stalled? Union Market has quite high prices too, having local places like associated offer more competition too.
- Elizabeth Fortune: Does Community 9 Board offer scholarships/awards to students?
- Khalid Nixon: Community Board 9 does not offer scholarships or awards.
- Elizabeth (she/her): Think s that the City has done some good reporting regarding the Mayor race: <https://www.thecity.nyc/22330081/meet-your-mayor-nyc>
- Elizabeth Fortune: (she/her): Speaking as a constituent I think the board could do a bit more outreach to inform the community about what is taking place in the community. It's hard in that not everyone is technologically linked to access points but also a lot of people work, and it takes a lot of time to be consistently engaged.
- Khalid Nixon: Elizabeth, you can submit an inquiry to the office detailing ways you believe the board can be more active bk09-01@cb.nyc.gov
- Elizabeth fortune: Quality of life issue —Work permit for project on President Street, Bedford & Franklin 24 hour?
D.Timothy: Referred to Khalid for follow-up, absurd that a developer would.

be provided with a 24-hour work permit in a residential neighborhood.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.