

Brooklyn Community Board 9
890 Nostrand Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11225
Economic Development Committee Minutes
May 10, 2021

Committee Members Present:

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

Committee Members Absent:

Michelle Derosier-Caldwell, Robert Mitchell (deceased)

Community Resident Members Present: Greg Clarke

Community Resident Members Absent: Christina Aldime, Diane Jean-Mary, Gina Pol and Tiffany Yarde

Elected Officials Reps.: No Reps present

CB9 Office staff: Khalid Nixon, Community Assistant ; Dante Arnwine, District Manager

The monthly scheduled meeting of Brooklyn Community Board 9 Economic Development Committee was called to order virtually via zoom on May 10, 2021 @ 7:15 p.m.

A word of encouragement from committee member, Rev. Sylveta Hamilton-Gonzalez, was followed by introductions. Approval of April 12, 2021 meeting minutes and agenda for May 10, 2021 meeting.

EDC Committee Updates:

Carmen Martinez, Chair, BK-CB9 Transportation Committee made a request to the Economic Development Committee to inquire from local businesses if they had any interest to participate in the NYC Open Streets Program. The businesses would have to agree beforehand and comply with the guidelines for NYC-OSP. In addition, EDC would have to do a presentation to TC at one of their upcoming meetings with our findings. I responded to Carmen's e-mail informing her that I will present the request to the EDC at our May 10, 2021 meeting and provide her with an update.

Indeed, we did have a discussion on the TC request at our May 10, meeting; however, we were unable to come up with a solid base as to how we were going to reach out to local businesses without a proposed plan in place to do so. A post card blitz was mentioned, also; contact was made to Dale Charles, Director of Economic Development & Commercial Leasing at IMPACCT Brooklyn to inquire and get her input about

businesses that she may have been in contact with and provide us with an update. I have left several e-mails and messages, to no avail.

Presently, The EDC is in the planning stage of doing a local business community corridor walkthrough, this project will also include CB9 office/staff, Deshaun Mars from the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, and possibly Assembly member, Diana Richardson providing her schedule allows her to participate in the walkthrough. It was also suggested to CB9 staff that the walkthrough is scheduled with or without the Assembly member.

This opportunity will allow us to become acquainted with businesses that are up and running and other businesses that are working on future business operations in the community.

Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce staff will be on hand to provide the business owners with helpful information on resources that are available to them and how to obtain them. Only then, we will have a better sense of what is taking place within our local business community.

This is also a great opportunity to have others join us in this endeavor.

Committee Resident member, Greg Clark was asked to contact CB9 with the final details for the shop local project design/cost details. (BK-CB9 shop local/bag, signs etc.

Brooklyn Community District 9 profiles: <https://communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov/brooklyn/9#projects>

**Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.
Submitted by D. Timothy, Chair**