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

# Executive Committee Meeting Minutes April 27, 2021

#### Attendance

Fred Baptiste - CB9 Chairman Vivia Morgan – Member-at-Large Warren Berke - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Debbie Timothy – EDC Chair/Treasurer Alejandra Caraballo - Exec. Secretary/Housing Chair Eve-lyn Williams – Member-at-Large Primo Lasana – Youth Services Co-Chair Nicolas Almonor – Parks Comm. Chair Francisca Leopold- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair/H& SS Chair Amy Pinkerton – CB9 Board Member Carmen Martinez – Transportation Committee Chair Alicia Boyd – Community Resident Vivia Morgan – Member-at-Large Maxine Barnes – Community Resident Patricia Moses – ULURP/Land Use Chair Nicolas Cox – Community Resident

# Meeting commenced at 7:10

# **Public Commentary**

- Alicia Boyd: expressing disappointment with the board for not allowing in person meetings.
- Ms. Barnes: Seconded Ms. Boyd's points. Expressed disappointment with the Jackie Robinson celebration while 960 is pending and believes the board is not doing any enough to provide info or stop the certification.

# **Committee Chair Reports**

**Debbie Timothy- Economic Development** - Prospective Business Corridor walk through to assess needs of local businesses.

**Nicholas Almonor- Parks, Recreation and Culture** - Minutes submitted to the CB office. Committee priorities will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Primo Lasana, Youth Services** – Hosted Financially Lit event on February 6, 2021. Workshops conducted on financially literacy and the second resume building. Future event in late June/early July.

**Riel Peerbooms**, **Education and Library** – Prospective events in the planning phase: Summer Resource/Book Fair and a virtual spelling bee. The committee will be reaffirming partnerships with principals to reassess needs.

**Pat Moses, ULURP/Land Use** – Discussed 960 Franklin Avenue project including presentation about the housing component. Prospective removal of committee members for non-attendance. The public hearing remains pending as the TRO remains in place.

**Francisca Leopold, Health and Social Services** – The committee met on April 15<sup>th</sup> and Kings County Hospital presented on sexual assault. There is a second Healthy Cooking during COVID-19 workshop in

the works, game night and yoga in the park. A mental health workshop is scheduled for 6pm on May  $6^{th}$ .

**Warren Berke, Environmental Protection** - not have quorum and had low attendance at last meeting. Committee aware of issues – Armory generator, Firestone garage condition and R&S Strauss clean-up.

**Carmen Martinez, Transportation** - At the last meeting, did not have an update on Empire Blvd and Clove Road. NYC DOT conducted Open Streets presentation. There was expressed interest for having Open Streets in CB9. Outreach will be conducted to the BID, EDC Committee Chair to determine interest.

**Alejandra Caraballo, Housing** - spoke about the last meeting where the housing component of 960 Franklin was discussed. Updates were provided on the Associated Supermarket. Housing will be working on making a forum in association with local elected on the new programs to assist tenants.

**Dante Arnwine, District Manager's Report:** Reported the following action items/events in process and/or completed by the CB team:

- Updated bylaws on the website
- COVID-ready office (Decision has not been made for when we will return to the office)
- SYEP Worksite Application Submitted
- Budget Request Letter was submitted to Chairs in early April; reminder was sent out April 21 to submit proposals
- Mask Distribution Pop-ups will start April 30<sup>th</sup>; locations and dates are on website
- Community Clean w/ Repair the World on April 25 (Sunday)- eblast was sent out to board members and the community list-serv.
- Office Budget Review (ongoing-suspension of MODS)- OMB is working on executive budget.
- Past minutes and agendas will be added to CB9 website
- Adding additional features to CB website to make it informative and intuitive
- District Cabinet is nearing completion
- Zoom Expansion to 500

# Fred P. Baptiste , Chairman's Report:

- ULURP 960 Franklin Avenue: will continue to work with committee chairs and District Office to coordinate logistics; after discussion and review, the DM has expanded the Zoom license to 500; awaiting further updates regarding TRO and clock.
- April 2021 Nominations Committee will be announced to the General Board at meeting
- May require amendment to allow for electronic balloting language to be introduced at April
  meeting for vote in May. Article XII requires 10 day- notice of the proposed amendment

# Agenda for the Board meeting

- I. Public Session
  - a. Call to order.

- b. Rules of conduct
- c. Presentations
- d. License applications
- e. Public commentary (30 Minutes)
- f. Acknowledgements
- II. Business Session
  - a. Roll Call
  - b. Approval of minutes
  - c. Committee Reports
  - d. District Manager's Report
  - e. Chairman's Report
- III. Voting Session
  - a. Unfinished Business
  - b. New Business
- IV. Adjournment

Motion to adopt the agenda. Alejandra Caraballo. Second by Evelyn Williams.

All in favor, motion adopted unanimously.

Motion to adjourn. Motion adopted unanimously.

Adjourned at 8:55pm.