

**COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 9
890 NOSTRAND AVENUE
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11225**

**Minutes of Transportation Committee Meeting
April 7, 2021**

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members:

Carmen Martinez (Committee Chair, CB 9)
Calista DeJesus (Co-Chair, Community Member)
Suman Ganguli (Community Member)
Jeffrey Grannum (Community Member)
Nick Troccoli (community Member)
Valerie Fleming (Community Member)
Felice Roberson (Community Member)

Guests:

Diana Soriano, NYC DOT
Kyle Gorman, NYC DOT
Nicholas Almonor (CB9)
Warren Berke, (CB9, 1st Vice-Chair)
Ronen Koniarski, Community Resident
Solomon Neubort, Community Resident

Elected Officials/Reps.:

Maurice Cummings, Representative for
Council Member Alicka Ampry-Samuel

Absent Members:

Rosemarie Evering (CB 9)
Rabbi Chanina Sperlin (CB 9)
Stanley Greenberg (Community Member)

Committee Chair Carmen Martinez convened meeting at 7:05PM and welcomed attendees.

Following brief remarks and introductions, the Committee welcomed Mr. Kyle Gorman, from DOT Open Space Program. Mr. Gorman made a presentation about the Open Streets Program, which began in Spring 2020 in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The program allows for a range of activities, support local businesses and offers safe space for the public to gather. There are two types of Open Streets: Temporary Limited Local Access and Temporary Full Closure. With Temporary Limited Local Access, multiple blocks are designated for pedestrian and cyclist use, no through traffic is permitted while Open Streets is in effect but parking is allowed (all regulations apply). Temporary Full Closure supports multiple uses including outdoor dining, retail and service, and community programming. All programming need SAPO permits and non-open street partners can also apply. Emergency vehicle access cannot be disrupted with either type of closure. Open Streets require budgeting (which can range from \$5,000-\$10,000) for hard cost, hires, materials, clean up, etc. Committee Member Felice Robertson asked if we would have to provide the games, activities equipment. Mr. Gorman indicated that DOT has limited resources but that they do have moveable furniture available. First Vice-Chair Warren Berke indicated that he was involved in the Vanderbilt Avenue Open Street and they did a GoFundMe fundraiser to raise the needed funds. The Transportation Committee discussed the possibility of Flatbush Avenue from Lincoln to Parkside as well as Lincoln Road from Flatbush to Ocean Avenue as possible sites for Open Streets. Also discussed partnering with CB 9 Economic Development Committee and the Parkside Empire – Flatbush Avenue Merchants Association to do outreach to local restaurants and businesses to ascertain their interest in participating in the Open Streets Program.

Ms. Soriano reported that there was no update with regards to the Clove Road Project because there has not been any communication from the architects of the developer. When asked about the status of the Clove Road DOT online survey, Ms. Soriano reported that thus far they have received 55 responses from community residents

DDC representative Alexandra Girgis did not attend the meeting, therefore, there were no updates on the Empire Blvd/Washington/Franklin reconstruction project; thus, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07PM.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 5, 2021.

Respectfully submitted by Carmen L. Martinez, Chair Transportation Committee, April 22, 2021.