

Community Board 9
890 Nostrand Avenue
Brooklyn NY 11225
Minutes of the Land Use / ULURP Committee Meeting
February 9, 2021

Meeting Location

Zoom

Attendance

Committee Members Present:

Fred Baptiste, CB9 Chair
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
Thomas J. Thomas, Resident Community Member

Committee Members Absent:

Richard Vilabrea Jr, Resident Community Member
Erin Clare Brown, CB9

Guests:

Victoria Alexander	Ethan Lustig-Elgrably, Brooklyn Botanic Garden
Nina B	Patricia Martin
Maxine Barnes	Micki McGee
Richard Bearak, Brooklyn Borough President's Office	Blake Morris
Adrian Benepe, Brooklyn Botanic Garden	Amy Pinkerton, CB9
Alicia Boyd	Gina Quinazni
Julia Bryant	Jemiece Raphael
Evelyn Collier	Linda Roche
Sharrie Dampeer	Migdalia Rodriguez
Janice G	Nicole Samii
Jeff Grannum	Stacey Shub
Pearlene Fields	Debbie Stoller
Stephen Hanrahan	Talli Somekh
Linda Hellstrom	Lorraine Thomas
Michael Hollingsworth	Omar Toro-Vaca
Francisca Leopold, Community Board 9	Martina Victoria
	Sharon Wedderburn

Pamela Yard
Jonathan
Constance
Elizabeth
Fannie Ip
Harriet H

Heather
Lucy
Pru
Rene
Sandy
Tara

Community Board Staff: Mia Hilton, Khalid Nixon

1. Meeting called to order by Chair Moses at 7:05pm
 - a. Committee members and meeting attendees introduced themselves
2. Old Business
 - a. Court update for 40 and 54 Crown St
 - i. Waiting for court date
 - b. Court update for 960 Franklin Ave
 - i. Feb 23rd is next court date
 - c. Bill #2186 – City Council Comprehensive plan update
 - i. Alicia Boyd provides overview of Bill and introduces Professor Thomas Angotti. Professor Angotti provides summary of bill contents and context within the history of city planning. Discussed three scenarios laid out in the bill.
 - ii. Esteban Giron says that there hasn't been a hearing on the bill yet, and is unsure of schedule
 - iii. *Motion: CB9 ULURP / Land Use committee recommends that full board review bill and vote. Motion passes unanimously.*
3. New Business
 - a. 960 Franklin Avenue Rezoning certification
 - i. Chair Moses provides update on project and updated timeline:
 1. Project was certified February 1
 2. Presentation by developer to community tentatively scheduled on Feb 24th at 7pm
 3. Public hearing tentatively scheduled for March 18th
 4. CB9 Full Board vote would take place on March 23rd
 - ii. Nichola Cox asks if we've received full documentation, including declaration document for large scale development plan. Mia Hilton noted missing document and will ask DCP for clarification.
 - iii. Nichola Cox expressed concerns about zoom hearings instead of face to face meeting. It may disenfranchise people since many do not have the technological capabilities to participate via zoom.

- iv. Fred Baptiste asks the at the ULURP committee identify missing documents and information that is needed to thoroughly review project.
- v. Esteban Giron discussed City Planning Commission certification hearing on February 1
- vi. Esteban Giron asked that community members receive equal time as developer at February 24th presentation.
- vii. Alicia Boyd asked if questions can be submitted to developer prior to their presentation.
- viii. Maxine Barnes asked if city representative can speak to project
- ix. *Motion: Community Board 9 will propose a meeting on February 24th, 2021 with a presentation by the 960 Franklin Avenue developers. Questions from the public must be submitted to CB9 by February 19th, which will send them to developer to be included in their presentation. Motion passes unanimously.*

b. Community Resident Concerns

4. Adjourn

- a. Adjourns 8:30pm
- b. Next ULURP/Land Use meeting scheduled for March 9, 2021. Additional meetings related to 960 Franklin Avenue to be determined.

Meeting minutes submitted by Nolan Levenson