

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

**ULURP Committee Meeting Minutes  
May 11, 2021**

**Attendance:**

Pat Moses, Committee Chair  
Warren Berke, Committee Vice-Chair  
Suwen Cheong, CB9 Committee Member  
Nicola Cox, Community Resident Member  
John Craver, Community Resident Member  
Esteban Giron, Community Resident Member

**Absent:**

Nolan Levenson, CB9 Committee Member; Excused  
Tom Thomas, Community Resident Member; Excused  
Richard Vilabrera, Community Resident Member; Absent  
Erin Brown, CB9 Committee Member; Absent

**Guests:**

Alicia Boyd, Community Resident  
Julia Bryant, Community Resident  
Michael Hollingsworth, Community Resident  
Matt O'Connell, Community Resident

**Agency Representatives:**

Richard Bearak, Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams  
Maurice Cummings, NYC Councilwoman Alicka Ampry-Samuel

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Committee Chair, Pat Moses called meeting to order at 7:05 PM and reviewed CB9 Rules of Order for meetings.

**Old Business:**

Alicia Boyd brought the Committee up to date on the Boyd V. Von Engel 960 litigation, informing that the TRO is still in place. The Judge has requested that the developer and CB9 develop a mutually agreed upon plan to hold the public meeting via Zoom and in a physical space where "in person" testimony may be heard for those parties who do not have internet access. In addition, Ms. Boyd noted that the Boards request for additional information has not been satisfied and suggested the Board send out another request.

Esteban Giron commented on the email received today, 5/11/2021 from the William Wallace IV, The Continuum Company (Developer) proposing a public space and process to hold the public portion of the 960 Public Meeting. In summary, Mr. Giron stated that since there is a commercial relationship between First Baptist Church and Continuum, their proposal does not provide an independent venue, process and staffing for the public portion of the meeting.

**New Business:**

Suwen Chung informed that she has been following the status of City Council Bill #2186 which details a City-wide ULURP process. Ms. Chung's opinion was that the Legislation faced a lot of opposition, which decreased the chance that the Bill would come out of Committee.

CB 9 Chair, Fred Baptiste reviewed with the committee the limited timeline for the Committee to complete its work once the TRO is lifted by the Court.

**Discussion and Motions:**

Discussion was held on 960 Franklin Avenue, centering on the Developers proposal to use First Baptist Church for the onsite location for the Virtual Public Hearing. Pros and cons were heard, which generated the following motions:

***Motion to table the discussion of the developer's plan until the Conflict of Interest Board (COIB) makes a determination whether or not there is a conflict. If it is negative and there is no conflict, the Community Board will proceed in engaging in the development of a develop a plan with the community, developer and CB9 for a public hearing.***

Vote: Unanimously approved by ULURP Committee

Motion to that we request from the developer the Restrictive Declaration draft, as we have requested already.

Vote Unanimously approved by ULURP Committee.

Committee Chair Pat Moses recommended that a committee member removal request be submitted to the Executive Committee for Richard Vilabrera and Erin Brown for nonattendance.

Meeting adjourned 8:42pm  
Submitted by Warren Berke, Vice Chair