

Community Board 9
890 Nostrand Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11225

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD
HELD ON **March 23, 2021**
ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING PLATFORM

Board Members Present

Nicolas Almonor
Stuart Balberg
Fred Baptiste
Rabbi Yaacov Behrman
Warren Berke
Suwen “Suki” Cheong
Verleen Dozier
Rosemary Evering
Tessa Hackett-Vieira
Bishop Hamilton-Gonzales
Shloma Zalman Hecht
Wayne King
Primo Lasana
Mayna Legoute
Francisca Leopold

Board Members Present

Nolan Levenson
Melanie Lewis
Michael Liburd
Mattijs Limberger
Carmen Martinez
Vivia Morgan
Patricia Moses
Beverly Newsome
Yankee Pearson
Riel Peerbooms
Amy Pinkerton
Unella Rhone-Perry
Debbie Timothy
Linda Watson-Lorde
Lorianne Wolseley

Board Members Absent

Virginia Bechtold
Augustine Blackwell
Erin Brown
Alejandra Caraballo
Michelle Derosier-Caldwell
Menachem Margolin
Dexter Roberts
Mary Rollerson-Blackett
Desma Ross
Melissa Severe
Rashidah Siddiqui
Chanina Sperlin
Eve-lyn Williams

Elected Officials / Agency Representatives Present

Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams – Ricardo Newball
U.S. Congresswoman– Yvette D. Clarke – Eli Slavin
NYS Assemblywoman Diana C. Richardson – Duane Joseph
NYC Councilwoman Alicka Ampry-Samuel – Maurice Cummings
Kings County District Attorney Eric Gonzalez – Karen Crawford

Presentations

- a) Deshaun Mars, Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce

Public Session

- **Alicia Boyd –**
 - 960 Franklin – asks that Community Board hosts town hall meeting on 960 Franklin Avenue development. Asks if Community Board 9 stated to the developer that it cannot have an in-person hearing. Fred Baptiste said that there has been no communication between the Community Board and the developer.
- **Julia Bryant -**
 - 960 Franklin – asks that Community Board hosts town hall meeting on 960 Franklin Avenue development
- **Amy Pinkerton –**

- 960 Franklin - Supports a public meeting to presents 960 Franklin project and respond to questions.

Business Session

Assistant District Manager Mia Hilton conducted roll call attendance and confirmed quorum with 38 members present, 5 absent.

February 2021 correction – Rosemary Evering was present at meeting

Committee Reports

Yaacov Behrman, Public Safety Committee: Noise complaints in Crown Heights. Committee will be working with community to address issues. Raises issues of access and safety for the proposed Clove Road Plaza. Discussion of Clove Road. Tara Shephard asks about what's being done in regards to 185 Empire Blvd fire aftermath.

Francisca Leopold, Health and Social Services Committee: Discussed upcoming meetings and events

Riel Peerbooms, Education Committee: Solicits full board for membership. Mentioned upcoming events

Primo Lasana, Youth Services: Discusses upcoming committee events

- April 6 – Job readiness and financial literacy
- Pat Moses asks about summer youth employment program
- Amy Pinkerton asks about outreach and flyer the neighborhood

Debbie Timothy, Economic Development Committee: Reports on attendance issues and lack of agenda items

Debbie Timothy, Treasurer's Report: Discusses latest budget report and remaining balance in the budget. Alicia Boyd asks about how the remaining unused balance will be utilized. Fred Baptiste and District Manager Arnwine said that there would be upcoming discussions on this topic and that they would report back to the board. Amy Pinkerton asks if outreach to committees can be done to see if there are needs for the funds.

Fred P. Baptiste, Chairman's Report:

- Introduces Dante Arnwine, District Manager
- CB9 has reached out to Associated Supermarket owner to see if the board can provide any assistance to them and is awaiting their response
- Intro 2186 / City Comprehensive Planning Bill – CB9 has requested for additional information that could be provided to ULURP
- Upcoming nominations for board positions. In April, CB9 will create nominating committee. In May nominations will be presented to the board. In June, members will vote to elect board leadership.
- Nicholas Almonor will be the new chair of Parks committee
- 960 Franklin – additional conversations will be had to make sure that the word gets out to as many people as possible. The community board can continue to discuss the project outside of a formal public hearing. As more information becomes available, it will be distributed to the board.

Voting Items

- Motion for CB9 to hold a meeting / town hall information session sponsored by CB9 and its Committee Members discussing the 960 Franklin Avenue development project, providing the public with information from the Board, not the developer, allowing the community a question-and-answer forum on all matters concerning the 960 Franklin Avenue development project prior to and separate from the official and required ULURP CB9 Board hearing on the proposed 960 Franklin development.
 - Multiple concerns were raised about holding an in-person meeting
 - Fred Baptiste clarifies motion. Amy Pinkerton clarifies that the motion is just to hold a meeting, not specifically one in person
 - Discussion about whether a separate meeting was needed besides the regular ULURP committee meeting
 - **Vote: 3 yes, 16 no, 5 abstentions. Motion fails**

Old Business

None

Adjourned 9:50pm.