

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

**Executive Committee Minutes
November 16, 2021**

Attendance

Fred Baptiste - CB9 Chair	Nicola Cox, Guest
Warren Berke - 1 st Vice Chair/EDC Chair	Pauline Fisher, Guest
Francisca Leopold – 2 nd Vice Chair/HSS Chair	Juliette Grame, Guest
Dexter Roberts – Treasurer	Jeffrey Grannum, Guest
Evelyn Williams – Member-at-Large	Virgina Hass, Guest
Melanie Lewis – Edu./Library Chair	Susan Hemley, Guest
Christian Loubeau, Env. Protection Chair	Claudia Loftis, Guest
Carmen Martinez – Transportation Chair	Milford Previtt, Guest
John Beckles, Jr., CB9 Board Member	Kristen Thompson, Guest
Suki Cheong, CB9 Board Member	Theresa Westherdahl, Guest
Felice Robertson - CB9 Board Member	Diane Wheeler-Sheppard, Guest
Maxine Barnes, Guest	Pamela Yard, Guest
Alicia Boyd, Guest	Zuleide Z. Guest
Joao Carlo, Guest	
Grahame Conibear, Guest	

Absent

Yaacov Behrman, Public Safety Chair
Primo Lasana – Youth Services Chair

CB9 Staff

Dante B. Arnwine, District Manager

Fred Baptiste, CB9 Chair convened the meeting at 7:12p.m and opened the floor for public comment.

Christian Loubeau, Environmental Protection - The Committee will be championing the following items: Environmental Fair for the Spring in partnership with the Parks Committee, replacement of trash receptacles , addressing parking enforcement and planting of rain gardens.

Francisca Leopold, Health and Social Services – Prospective partnership with promoting health eating workshops schools within CB9. Connecting with senior center directors to determine the needs of the facilities.

Carmen Martinez, Transportation – Awaiting feedback from the DOT regarding the grading at the bus stops. The DOT presented the Washington Avenue Capital project, the committee is concerned because the data being used is over five years old. Requested that the DOT project be brought forth to the General Board to solicit additional community input.

Warren Berke, Economic Development – The Farm Stand has been a remarkable success for the community. The committee has decided to plan a Spring event on Lincoln Road.

Melanie Lewis, Education and Library – Welcomed new members and community residents. Discussed the specialized high school testing with a deadline of November 15th. Recognized Dr. Ramsey as the first woman President of CUNY-Medgar Evers. Additionally, CUNY has opened its Spring applications. The committee would like to continue the book giveaway initiative with a tentative date of December 18th (11am-2pm). Additionally, prospective actions items of the committee would be a spelling bee and Jackie Robinson Day celebration.

Nicolas Almonor, Parks, Recreation and Culture – The Botanic Garden conducted a presentation and provided insight on offerings by the institution in upcoming months. Committee members have volunteered to become liaisons to various cultural institutions, in order to report current offerings and events. Mayna Legoute was elected Vice-Chair.

Fred Baptiste, Housing – NHS presented information of programs offered such as the Home First program for first-time homebuyers. Property management program with scholarship offerings sponsored by NYS Senator Kevin Parker to pay for the course. Committee roles and expectations. The agenda for the committee for the remainder of the session will be set.

Fred Baptiste, ULURP/Land Use - A presentation by the NYC Board of Standards and Appeals provided an agency background, the nature of applications that the agency reviews and the role of the Community Board in them. Additionally, there was a presentation by Mr. Jay Goldstein, representing Carroll Gardens Realty (341-429 Trory Avenue). This application was approved over 10 years ago. Construction has not been initiated. The applicant is seeking addition time to complete remediation work before construction begins. Roles, expectations, and committee priorities were also discussed.

Public Safety Committee action item:

- Application submitted by **D’Avenue, LLC** – 818 Franklin Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11225, for the renewal of a Wine, Beer & Cider license

District Manager’s Report, Dante B. Arnwine

- District Office is OPEN, by appointment only. Schedule appointments by emailing or calling the office.
- Agendas have been moved to the top of meetings on the calendar.
- Composting at the Farmstand
- CB9 Event/ Program & Budget Request letter was sent out today to the Chairs and all Board Members. I encourage you to FULLY read the request form before submitting questions.

- We receive information after hours and on the weekend. Once we receive the information, we send it out to the Board. Sometimes those dates are on the same day the information was sent to the Board.
- To committee chairs, the office will be circling back to confirm meetings date for December.
- Recommended change: Dec 14 and 16th for executive and general board meetings
- Thank everyone who submitted information for the district needs statement. It was submitted to DCP. Once it is finalized by DCP, you will receive an email.
- New website is also finished. Again, if you have suggestions on what types of information should go on the website, please send an email to the office.
- \$10, 602.24 uncommitted in OTPS

Chairman's Report, Fred Baptiste

NYC Board of Standards and Appeals

- CB9 received a submission from a notice from BSA regarding submission for 341-349 Troy Avenue. The request for an extension of time on their application to initiate construction. The update was provided to the ULURP/Land Use Committee. The district office will obtain additional information about the Board's options at this time.

Fenimore Street Application

- A zoning application for the southern portion of Fenimore Street was reviewed and approved by CB9 in December 2016. Due to administrative delays and the COVID-19 pandemic, the application had not yet been submitted to the NYC Department of City Planning. The Fenimore Street Block Association requested to proceed with the application.

Nomination Committee

- The Nomination Committee has been formed for the purpose of filling the vacancy and position of Executive Secretary. The Committee will consist of Nicolas Almonor, Dexter Roberts, Melanie Lewis, Mayna Legoute and Rosemarie Everying. The Committee will be meeting and canvas the Board.

NYC DOF Tax Lien Sale

- The district office compiled and published a list of resources, including virtual workshops and payment plan applications for both the NYC DOF and DEP disseminated via Constant Contact.
- A potential NYC DOF forum to assist CB9 residents, Awaiting DOF confirmation

Motions

- Motion to approve the Education and Library Committee Book Giveaway – Motion by F. Leopold, Seconded by W. Berke – Motion passed unanimously
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- Motion to approve the rescheduling of the Executive and General Board meeting for December 14th and December 16th, respectively – Motion by F. Leopold, Seconded by W. Berke – Motion passed unanimously
- Motion to set aside the ULURP/Committee vote and refer the matter of oversight of the Fenimore Street application to the Executive Committee – – Motion passed unanimously

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Public Session

Call to Order

Rules of Conduct

Presentations (yet to decide this month, or next month - 15 minutes max.)

- NYC DOT Presentation on Washington Avenue Project, Diana Soriano

SLA Applications

- D Avenue LLC

Public Commentary

Acknowledgments

Business Session

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

Committee Reports

District Manager's Report

Chairperson Report

Voting Items

Old Business

New Business

Adjournment

- Motion to adopt the agenda as drafted , Moved by N. Almonor, seconded by F. Leopold – Motion passed unanimously
- Motion to adjourn, moved to by F. Leopold, seconded by N. Almonor

Meeting adjourned 9:28 p.m.