

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

**Parks, Recreation and Culture
Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2021**

Attendance

Nicolas Almonor, Committee Chair
Naomy Baptiste, CB9 Member
Ainslie Binder, Resident Member
Julia Bryant, Resident Member
Mayna Legoute, CB9 Member
Richard Lubell,
Brenda Pagan, Resident Member
Amy Pinkerton, CB9 Member
David Romero, Resident Member

Absent

Pamela Amatucci, Resident Member
Eric Thomas, Resident Member

Guests

Fred Baptiste, CB9 Chair
Kelvin Lomax, NYC Parks Department
Ethan Lustig-Egrably, Brooklyn Botanic Garden

***The Committee meeting was rescheduled to November 15th due a holiday observation ***

Nicolas Almonor called to order the regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Committee at 7:10pm.

Meeting Agenda:

AGENDA

- I. Welcome Greetings and Introduction
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of minutes of the last meeting
- IV. IV. Presentations and Public Commentary:
 1. Brooklyn Botanical Gardens
 2. Public Commentary
- V. Parks and Cultural Institutions Liaisons Reports
- VI. Community Gardens and Green Spaces Inventory Planning
- VII. CB9 Family Fun Field Day
- VIII. Voting on Resolutions

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

Greetings and Introductions

- Floor open for Nominations for Vice Chair and Secretary; Chair explained that the election take place at the end of the meeting
 - Nominations for Vice President Mayna Legoute and Naomi Baptiste
 - Nominations for Secretary Julia Bryant, no other nominations were raised.

Approval of minutes of October 2021 Committee meeting

- The committee reviewed the last meeting's minutes. A Motion to accept the amended minutes was made the minutes was made by Julia Bryant and seconded by David Romero and passed unanimously. Brenda Pagan abstained.

Presentations and Public Commentary:

Ethan Lustig-Egrably (Community Liaison from the Brooklyn Botanic Garden.

Highlights: He directed the community to take advantage of the free tickets on the website that are offered year-round. The Garden has received a grant from New York State Department of Environmental Affairs and will soon ask the public's assistance to help them count and evaluate their tree collection. He discussed all the programs that will be returning in 2022. They have a community greeting program and a garden resource program part of their Educational Assistance for community gardens. The Greenest Block contest. Garden training, and an intense select program for aspiring professional gardeners. Community Garden Alliance with community gardens. The Lightscape Trail which will take the place of the Cherry Bloom event is ongoing. Hopefully, it will make the revenue loss from not having the Cherry Bloom event.

Public Commentary

- **Brenda Pagan:** Asked the minutes reflect that presentation by the RSVP program from the last meeting
- **Julia Bryant:** Asked for clarification regarding the Bedford Armory not appearing nor rescheduling a presentation at Parks and Rec. Nicholas explained they presented to the General Board meeting.

Reports from the Community Liaisons:

Julia Bryant: Reported on the **Prospect Park Alliance** meeting. Highlights: the community would like the volunteer program to be streamlined. She asked the Alliance to help with an ongoing series of events in the park to lead up to the upcoming CB 9 Family Fun Field Day in Sept. 2022.

Julia: Reported on the discussions with **Brooklyn Academy of Music**. It was suggested that she ask for a way to send free tickets to the Community Board for distribution to youth and senior groups.

Richard: Reported on the **Brooklyn Museum** and recommend we each visit the Dior Show as well as the upcoming Andy Warhol Show. He is a constant at the Museum in the American Wing and says the museum is trying to address the community's diversity.

Brenda: Will become the new **Liaison to Community Gardens** to access the funding from the Botanic Garden

Ainslie: Will become the Liaison to **BRIC**

Richard: Will become the Liaison to **Brooklyn Brainary** on Underhill

V. Motion to table the discuss regarding the Family Fun Day Sept. 2022 was moved and tabled by N. Almonor, seconded by Naomi Baptiste and passed unanimously.

VI. Vote for the Vice President was held.

a) **Seven votes for Mayna; two votes for Naomi**

VII. Adjournment Motion made and seconded

Committee chair Nicolas Almonor adjourned the meeting at 8:49pm.

Minutes submitted by: Julia Bryant

Minutes approved by: Nicolas Almonor³