

**Brooklyn Community Board 9**  
**890 Nostrand Avenue**  
**Brooklyn, New York 11225**  
**Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes**

May 16, 2022  
Meeting ID: 2340 876 0652

**Attendance (Board Members):** Warren Berke, Committee Chair; Bishop Hamilton-Gonzalez; Debbie Timothy

**Attendance (Community Resident Members):** Janice Grannum; Jonathan Marable

**Absent (Board Members):** John Beckles Jr; Michael Liburd

**Absent (Community Resident Members):** Corinne Allen; Greg Clarke; Jerry Kansis; J. Rock; David Turchin; Hart Uhl; Tiffany Yarde

**Guests:** Lauren Evers Collins, Rehananna Azimi; Francisca Leopold, CB9; Cuthbert Onikute; Matthew Pitt, Barbara Theus; Tiyanca Trusty;

**CB9 Staff:** Mia N. Hilton, Assistant District Manager

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- I. Call to Order
  - a. Chair, Warren Berke called the committee meeting to order at 7:05pm
- II. Presentation -Flatbush Ave. BID & Church Avenue BID
  - a. Flatbush Commercial District Needs Assessment
    - i. 2021 a group of Flatbush community organizations received grants to conduct a Commercial District Needs Statement
    - ii. Merchant and Consumer surveys conducted; 300 business owners and 312 consumers
    - iii. Findings
      1. Residents and owners agree that Flatbush is special accessibility, diversity, affordability
      2. Need for more community activities, landscaping and beautification and sanitation monitoring supported by merchants and consumers
      3. 80% of merchants saw profits declined during COVID-19
      4. Merchant concerns – crime/safety; lack of parking lease/rent prices; low foot traffic and access to foot traffic
      5. Merchants want information on credit and financing; support on landlord/tenant issues
      6. 12% store front vacancy; Storefront conditions - 61% in Excellent/good; 28% fair; 11% poor
      7. 50% of consumers shop on Flatbush at least 2-4 times a week

8. 60% of shoppers walk or take the bus
9. Most live in Flatbush and prefer to shop on weekdays.
10. Additional information can be found at [chruavenue.org](http://chruavenue.org) in full CDNA report

III. Grow NYC Farm Stand

- a. Moved to CROWN Street and Nostrand Avenue due to Associated demolition
- b. Foot traffic has increased
- c. Continued to fill in gap for the local availability off fresh produce

IV. CB9 Community Fair

- a. Date June 4, 2022
- b. Flyer has been sent to the committee, please distribute to stakeholders; Block association
- c. Currently have 50 vendors; 3 food vendors
- d. There will be live music and entertainment in addition to resources
- e. Continued volunteer recruitment

V. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:56p.m.