

Brooklyn Community Board 9
890 Nostrand Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11225
ULURP/Land Use Committee Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2022
Meeting ID: 833 2952 6954

Attendance (Board Members): Pat Moses, Committee Chair; Warren Berke, Vice Chair; Suki Cheong, recording secretary; Felice Robertson; Lorianne Wolseley

Attendance (Community Resident Members): Nicola Cox; John Craver; Esteban Giron; Thomas

Absent (Board Members): None

Absent (Community Resident Members): None

Guests: Virginia Bechtold, Eva and Marilyn Gordon, Barbara Lindsey, Matthew Pitt, Alicia Boyd

CB9 Staff: Mia N. Hilton, Assistant District Manager

- I. Meeting called to order by Chair Moses at 7:05pm
 - a. Chair Moses waives reading of Rules of Order and provides general meeting etiquette
- II. Old Business
 - a. Fenimore Street Rezoning – Chair Moses and Mia Hilton state that there have been no updates on the rezoning from either the Department of City Planning or the Fenimore Street Block Association
- III. CB9 End of Year community Fair
 - a. Pat – Date: June 4. Place: Ronald McNair Park, Washington Ave near Eastern Parkway
 - b. Esteban agrees to be our coordinator for the fair
- IV. New Business
 - a. Prospect Park Project
 - i. Vale Restoration
 1. Pat: Parks rep was supposed to come to our meeting, but they canceled, and they will present at the parks committee meeting on Thursday
 2. Warren: planning sessions were held several years ago
 3. Alicia : they never came to CB9. They said they were asking for our opinion and now suddenly something is supposed to be done.

Its 27 acres of park land where they plan on destroying trees. There was no environmental impact done. They're planning on taking public land and putting concrete on it.

4. Suki: Participated in a community workshop a couple of weeks ago on the Vale Restoration project and overwhelming majority of participants did not want new buildings for activities, just restoration of the natural areas.

ii. Clarkson Estates.

1. Pat: There will be a presentation at our next meeting on May 10 by CAMBA. What they're proposing is affordable housing. 291 units at 329-369 Clarkson Avenue. Formerly homeless young adults, formerly incarcerated individuals. Eight stories.
2. Suki : This is the third site in the Vital Brooklyn project which is a total of 1500 units of housing. Mia obtained an environmental assessment from the developers for part of Clarkson estates - Kingsbrook and Kingsboro West. The assessment came back negative – that seems unlikely.
3. Alicia: they try to minimize the impacts by not including everything

iii. 1750 Bedford Avenue

1. Pat – Where the old Firestone building is – they will be putting up a 7-story building. Demolition permits for a 1 story structure were filed in September. 57 apartments
2. Mia: I'm assuming some remediation will have to be done at this site.
3. Alicia: The square footage of the R6 zone cannot justify 57 apartments. Where's the plan?
4. Nichola: They would need to file for a variance or rezoning and nothing has come before us.

V. Open Discussion - Community Resident Concerns

a. 250-254 Winthrop Street

- i. 1. Eva and Marilyn Gordon - a single family home is now being split up. One building will be very high. 49 housing units for seniors. Another one 57 units where you see one single family house. There has been a stop work order on the development. The infrastructure impact - water, power, sewage. Our block is clean, we don't have a big rat problem and we just want to keep it single family. We have a weak power grid. We've already had three buildings converted to apartment houses. when a family sells a house, another family isn't buying it. It's an LLC. A family can't buy a house because they can't outbid by an LLC.
 1. Suki – large building is probably due to ZQA, Zoning for Quality and Affordability which allows up zoning without going through ULURP.

ii. Empire and McKeever laundromat

1. Barbara Lindsey – what is going on there? There were plans,
nothing happening.

VI. Next Meeting – May 10

VII. Adjourned – 8:15 pm

Minutes submitted by: Suwen Cheong