

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

December 4, 2023
Meeting ID: 813 9456 1957

Attendance (Board Members): Jean Rene Mbeng Nguema, Vanessa Raptopoulos

Attendance (Community Resident Members): Regina Clarke

Absent (Board Members): Shmuel Zfatman

Absent (Community Resident Members): Allison Samuels, Kristin Thomas

Guests: Felice Roberston(CB9) Lisa Etienne, Danny Goldshtein

CB9 Staff: Khalid J. Jemmott, Community Associate

I. Welcome/Introduction

- a. Committee meeting to order at 7:10 pm
- b. The purpose of Economic Development is to enhance the local community, assisting the residents, the community, and the city to create initiatives to enhance the beauty of the neighborhood

II. Public Comment

- a. City of Yes (Economic Opportunity) recap
- b. NYC plans to modernize and update our city’s zoning regulations to support small businesses, create affordable housing, and promote sustainability – part of Mayor Eric Adams’ vision for a more inclusive, equitable “City of Yes”. Learn more about City of Yes - <https://www.nyc.gov/site/planning/plans/brooklyn.page>
- c. CB9 Resolution on City of Yes for Economic Opportunity summary
 - i. Proposal 2: CB9 opposes eliminating the differences between C1 and C2 district
 - i. Proposal 3: CB9 opposes the expansion of non-accessory or noxious manufacturing activities into C1, C2 and C4 commercial overlay districts.
 - ii. Proposal 4: CB9 opposes adding Commercial Uses on Upper Floors of C1 and C2 Buildings
 - iii. Proposal 6: CB9 reserving comment pending discussions with stakeholders

- iv. Proposal 7: CB9 opposes special permits for bulk modifications (other than FAR) in C8 and M1 districts
- v. Proposal 8: CB9 opposes allowing dancing and live music in commercial districts
- vi. Proposal 9: CB9 opposes allowing large scale indoor entertainment in C1 and C2 districts
- vii. Proposal 13: CB9 opposes allowing ground floor retail with the proposed BSA special permit in residential zones within 100 feet of intersections or in large scale developments.
- viii. Proposal 14: CB9 opposes allowing unrestricted home occupations, recharacterizing home occupations as “small businesses” and increasing the allowable percentage of the home used to 49% from 25% and the number of non-resident employees from 1 to 3.
- ix. Proposal 16: CB9 opposes allowing wholesale and storage businesses in C1 and C2 retail districts
- x. Proposal 17: CB9 opposes allowing auto service uses in C1-C7 retail districts
- xi. Proposal 18: CB9 opposes the reclassification of Use Groups and the changes to the legislative intents section of the zoning text
- xii. CB9 opposes new CPC special permit 74-152 allowing transient hotels in C1 and C2 overlay districts

d. Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce

- i. Utica Ave Merchant Association – Representative will be able to assist

ii. Old Business

e. Small Business Guide from former Assemblymember in 43rd district

- i. Update Small Business Guide**
- ii. Internship opportunities to create and updated version of SBS guide with new business and services in district**
- f. Link Local Program (LinkNYC kiosk)**
 - i. Link NYC provides access to city services, maps and directions**
 - ii. Create a flyer looking for young entrepreneurs in the district**
 - iii. LinkNYC training for community members**
- g. Resources for financial literacy**
 - i. Outreach for free services for community members**

III. New Business

- a. Create a survey to see where business needs support**

IV. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned 8:45 PM**