

Brooklyn Community Board 9
890 Nostrand Ave., Brooklyn, New York 11225

Environmental Protection Committee Meeting

April 3, 2023

Meeting ID: 861 8203 1710

Brooklyn CB9 Members Present: Debbie Timothy, Committee Chair; Theresa Westerdahl, Sylveta Hamilton-Gonzales

Brooklyn CB9 Resident Members Absent: Kristine Azzoli

Guests in Attendance: Alicia Boyd, Jay Sorid, Julie Mardin, Odette Wilkens, Wired Broadband, Rabbi Baruch Yeshiva, Sue Peters, Doreen Thomas, Fenimore Street United Methodist Church; and Theodora Scarato, Executive Director, Environmental Health Trust

Brooklyn Community Board 9 Representative: Khalid Jemmott, Community Associate

- Meeting called to order at 7:12 p.m. by EPC Chair, Debbie Timothy
- Words of Encouragement by Bishop Hamilton-Gonzales
- Acceptance of the Minutes of March 2, 2023 & Meeting Agenda for April 3, 2023, by committee members.
- Introductions by all / Roll call of committee members

Old Business:

- Committee members reached quorum to move on with the old business on the agenda for the following items:
 - Attendance - Continues to be a challenge for the committee. Community Board 9 Office staff should be notified whenever a member will not be attending a scheduled meeting.
 - Pending design - **“Keep Crown Height Clean”** laminated sign, for posting throughout community.
 - Everyone should continue taking pictures of problematic areas in the community; forward the information to CB9 staff for follow-up and feedback to the EPC members.
 - Community clean-up / walkthrough project – Date/time / location is still pending.
 - EPC Monthly scheduled mtg. – Meeting is scheduled for the 1st Thursday of each month @ 7:00 pm. 9all changes to the meeting schedule will be communicated to committee members by CB9 staff).

New Business:

Complaints: Committee members would like to receive feedback on 311 complaints; and all other community related issues sent to CB9 office in a timely manner.

Open discussion on LinkNYC 5G Network Poles:

Residents continue to express concerns about the proliferation of the LinkNYC 5G wireless installations in Brooklyn Community Board 9 and the potential impact on residents' health. There are significant doubts about the safety of potentially widespread human exposure.

Following an open discussion on 5G at our April 3, 2023, meeting; the EPC members have questions about the timeframe in which information pertaining to LinkNYC proposal was presented to CB9 and what transpired during that time until now to make a favorable decision on behalf of the residents of the community that we represent as volunteers/advocates. To find the underlying cause of this heated topic; the following questions has been sent via email to CB9 Chair/staff for clarification on April 3, 2023: (See email chain below).

LinkNYC 5G Network in CB09 Brooklyn Community

Mon, Apr 3, 2023, 10:50 pm

D.Timothy

Good night / Good morning CB9 Staff,

As the Chair of the Environmental Protection Committee of Brooklyn CB9, I write on behalf of the EPC members to obtain clarification on the questions below pertaining to LinkNYC 5G proposal asap:

- Did Brooklyn Community Board 9 receive any written information about the roll-out of the LinkNYC 5G Network?
- When was this written/verbal notice received?
- What were the details in the notice if CB9 did receive notification?
- Was the Chair of CB9 notified?
- Was the former Chair of the Environmental Protection Committee or any other committee notified?
- Was the community notified?
- If residents of CB9 community were not notified; why not?
- Did BK-CB9 community have any input in the 5G installation process?
- How many 5G Poles have been installed within Community Board 9?
- How many poles are pending installation?
- Is there a reason the ULURP process was not taken into consideration on this 5G issue before now?

****If CB9 is unable to provide answers to the enclosed questions, the Environmental Protection Committee recommend a moratorium on the 5G installation process allowing the community to give input on the health concerns raised about 5G installations. ***

Thank you in advance for your prompt feedback on this matter.

Best,

Debbie Timothy, Chair

Environmental Protection Committee

Brooklyn Community Board 9

Re: [EXTERNAL] LinkNYC 5G Network in CB09 Brooklyn Community

-----Original Message-----

From: Dante B. Arnwine

To: D. Timothy

Cc: Baptiste, Fred

Sent: Wed, Apr 5, 2023, 3:18 pm

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] LinkNYC 5G Network in CB09 Brooklyn Community

Good afternoon, Debbie,

Hope you are well! The Board Office has received FOIL requests from outside actors regarding the 5G poles. Once the information has been compiled, it will be disseminated accordingly.

Sincerely,

Dante

Tue, Apr 11, 2023, 1:30 pm

Dante,

Thank you for looping me in on this information. The EP Committee look forward to learning more.

Best,

Debbie

Fred Baptiste chimed in....

Re: LinkNYC 5G Network in CB09 Brooklyn Community

Tue, Apr 11, 2023, 2:36 pm

Baptiste, Fred

Thanks for sending Dante.

@Debbie - let us discuss when you have a chance. Want to make sure we are clear on the chronology and get a sense of what the committee's next steps are.

Best regards,

Fred

Fred P. Baptiste

Chairperson, Community Board 9 - Brooklyn

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Resolution CB9 Re: LinkNYC 5G – Drafted by Theresa Westerdahl and others outside of the Environmental Protection Committee.

Date: Mon, Apr 3, 2023 (EP Meeting took place the same evening, resolution not on agenda).

Time Sent: 6:53 pm

From: Tara (Theresa Westerdahl)

To: Debbie Timothy, Kristine Azzoli, Bishop Sylveta Hamilton-Gonzales

cc: CB9

Hello All,

Here is resolution document for EP meeting tonight as discussed. (No discussion on drafting a resolution until further review of what steps were taken by CB9 chairperson / office pertaining to LinkNYC 5G roll-out).

(5G resolution written by Theresa Westerdahl and others outside of the EP Committee is attached).

Currently the EP Committee is awaiting information from CB9 office as promised by our email chain on 5G issue. We remain hopeful that as a board we can address the 5G issue and move on with all other business of residents we represent.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM