

Brooklyn Community Board 9
890 Nostrand Ave
Brooklyn, New York 11225
Environmental Protection Committee Meeting

December 5, 2023
Meeting ID: 827 2407 4571

Attendance (Board Members): Debbie Timothy, Committee Chair; Rod S. Herbet, Sylveta Hamilton-Gonzales, Theresa Westerdahl

Attendance (Community Resident Members): N/A

Absent (Board Members): N/A

Absent (Community Resident Members): N/A

Guests: Twyla Ware(CB9), Pamela Payne

Agency Representatives: Khalid J. Jemmott, Community Associate

- I. Call to order:**
 - a. Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm by Chair Debbie Timothy
- II. Words of Encouragement**
 - a. Bishop Hamilton-Gonzales
- III. Acceptance of the Minutes of October 16, 2023 & Meeting Agenda for December 5, 2023**
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- IV. Introductions/ Roll Call**
 - a. Committee members and guest
- V. Old Business: Outstanding issues/ updates**
 - a. Drainage system
 - i. Inundated with water
 - ii. Ponding is hazardous to pedestrians at crosswalks
 - iii. Paving of the street has been problematic causing water stagnation
 - iv. Leaves have been problematic and causing drainage buildup
 - v. DEP (Department of Environment Protection) has a leaves cleanup schedule that has been sporadic
 - vi. Contact DEP for removal of significant buildup in catch-basin
 - b. Presenter
 - i. Chair Debbie Timothy is working with the District Manager (Dante Arnwine) to have a DEP representative to the EP committee meeting regarding water system problems
 - ii. The committee will develop questions to ask the presenter
 - iii. The committee will set up an outreach to the water complaints
 - c. DEP Capital Improvement Project - <https://capitalplanning.nyc.gov/capitalprojects>
 - i. ADA compliance will implement more restrictive catch basins to stop the buildup

- ii. Email correspondence will be sent to the board office regarding the DEP & DOT joint project
- d. Construction projects
 - i. Collapse Sewer Bedford & Sullivan place
- e. Street sweeping schedule has not been accurate
- f. Car services becoming problematic
 - i. Zip cars not moving for alternate side parking
 - ii. Contact DSNY when the street sweeper has routes that are negatively affected by vehicles
 - iii. Aiding the water issue
 - iv. Follow up with Dante Arnwine to bring up problematic issues in district cabinet meetings
 - v. List of carshare locations in the district, The Transportation committee has been working on a document
 - vi. Carshare locations are not efficient for community members
 - vii. Carshare locations are found in residential areas and not the commercial areas of the district

VI. New Business: Open discussion

- a. Environmental Protection Committee goals for 2024
 - i. Drainage system recovery effort due to rainwater
 - ii. Outreach to city agencies regarding issues in the district
 - iii. Parking and towing issues
 - iv. Removal of vehicles to clean the street
 - v. Create a task force with DSNY & NYPD to create a strategy to address EP issues
 - vi. Rat issues created due to garbage misplacement

VII. Adjournment

- a. Meeting was adjournment 8:35 PM

Submitted by Khalid J. Jemmott