

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

October 16, 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: James, KC Coryatt, Nicolas Almonor (CB9), Rod Herbert (CB9), Alexandra Cameron

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 Minutes of September 7, 2023 & Meeting Agenda for October 16, 2023**

- IV. Introductions/Roll Call**
 - a. Committee members and guests

- V. New Business**
 - a. Infrastructure drainage system capacity is being exceeded! How do we advocate on behalf of our community?
 - b. Record-setting rain overwhelmed New York City's sewer system Friday, September 29, 2023, sending a surge of floodwater coursing through streets and into basements, schools, subways, and vehicles throughout the nation's most populous city.
 - c. The water rose fast and furious, catching some commuters off guard as they slogged through Friday morning's rush hour. First responders jumped into action where needed, plucking people from stranded cars and basements filling them like bathtubs.
 - d. More rain fell in a single day at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport – nearly 8 inches – than any other since 1948. A month's worth of rain fell in Brooklyn in just three hours as it was hit by some of the storm's most intense rainfall rates Friday morning.
 - e. Scientists say prolific totals are a symptom of climate change with a warmer atmosphere acting like a massive sponge, able to sop up more water vapor and then

- b. Water ponding throughout our community is still an ongoing issue in various areas throughout the community. See DOT Brooklyn Milling and Street Paving Schedule 10/15/2023 – 1-/21/2023 below.
<https://nycstreets.net/PavementWorks/Project/WeeklyResurfacingSchedule/B>
- VII. Prospect Park Zoo remains closed due to zoning/flooding issues.
- VIII. Zip cars parked on street in community – Khalid will follow up on protocol and get back to EP Committee.
- IX. Commercial vehicles parked on streets in the community – Rod Herbert has been in contact with 311. He currently has 95 tickets; his goal is 250 before inquiring further about next steps. Tractor Trailer parked on Winthrop Street, the owner lives in Bushwick, Brooklyn.
- X. Alternate side parking remains an issue as parked cars remain on the streets without moving or being issued a summons. Enforcement is necessary as this poses a problem when the sweeper is scheduled.
- XI. Mr. Herbert will bring up safety concerns at the next 71st Precinct Safety Committee meeting.
- XII. Theresa Westerdahl expressed concerns about some developments in the community (Bedford Avenue btw. (Sullivan & Empire Blvd.) that are non-union regulated.
- XIII. Recent shooting at Major Owens Housing Complex; two people shot. No further information was disclosed.
- XIV. **DSNY Compost Giveback Event** – Ronald McNair Park – Eastern Parkway between Washington Avenue and Classon Avenue< Brooklyn, NY 11238
 - a. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dsny-compost-giveback-event-ronald-mcnairpark-tickets-695551702867?aff=oddtcreator>
- XV. Old Business
CB9 Environmental protection Committee will continue to steer on those issues which directly and indirectly impact our community.
- XVI. Adjournment
 - a. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

Submitted by Khalid J. Jemmott