

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

September 20, 2023
Meeting ID: 818 8160 1335

Attendance (Executive Members): Fred Baptiste; Primo Lasana; Francisca Leopold

Attendance: (Committee Chairs): Nicolas Almonor; Suki Cheong; Max Coen; Soul Creary; Ethan Norville; Debbie Timothy

Absent (Executive Members): Mayna Legoute; Dexter Roberts; Linda Watson-Lorde (Excused)

Absent (Committee Chairs): Jenelle Bazil-Charles; Erin Mazursky

Guests: Alicia Boyd; Maxine Barnes; Cheryl Bernard; Nicola Cox; Khadijah Hall; Rod Herbert, CB9; Theresa Westerdahl, CB9;

CB9 Staff: Dante Arnwine, District Manager; Khalid Jemmott, Community Associate

I. Welcome/Introduction

Fred Baptiste, Chair of Brooklyn Community Board 9, called meeting to order at 7:10pm

II. Committee Chair Check-in

a. ***Youth Services/Education: Soul Creary – Chair***

- i. Youth Services and Education & Library Committee has combined board business
- ii. Assemblymember Phara Souffrant Forrest Community Townhall at the Major R. Ownes Health and Wellness Community Center **Sept 13th; 6-8pm;**
- iii. Monthly meetings involving grassroots organizations , nonprofit and community organizations
- iv. Events for youth – community clean-ups, food pantry and clothing drive
- v. Community garden
- vi. Youth Summit
- vii. Police Athletic League (PAL)
 1. Committee positions
 - Linda Watson-Lorde – Celia Green (Co-Vice Chairs Education Committee)
 - Billie Wroteit – Letwine Mavina (Co-Vice Chairs Youth Services Committee)

b. ***Environmental Protection – Debbie Timothy – Chair***

- i. community Residents Members outreach
- ii. Troy Avenue Community residents have expressed concerns from the Vital Brooklyn Project in need of guidance
- iii. Presentation on Vital Brooklyn Project to community members in the southern part of the district
- iv. Parking concerns
- v. Sanitation concerns
- vi. Environmental Impact Statement
- vii. Flooding issues within district
- viii. Zoning issues affecting district environmentally (Brooklyn Botanical Garden and Spice Factory)

c. ***Parks, Recreation and Culture – Nicolas Almonor – Chair***

- i. Vice chair and recording secretaries along with backups to those positions
- ii. Presentation: New Yorkers for Parks
- iii. Resolution was passed (refer to committee meeting minutes)
- iv. Citywide event including all the Parks and Recreation Committee Chairs
- v. Neighborhood Parks Assessment
- vi. Arts and performance activities with various community organizations

d. ***Health and Social Services: Francisca Leopold- Chair***

- i. New membership
- ii. H&H partnership to deliver mask and hand sanitizers to shelters and senior centers
- iii. Senior Wellness Event (Venue issue)
- iv. Senior Spa Day at Kings County Hospital
- v. Appreciation to former secretary Milford Prewitt
- vi. Diabetes awareness forum virtually
- vii. Virtual Healthy cooking event
- viii. New Secretary and back up
 - 1. WhatsApp group to continue communications
 - 2. Action items N/A
- e. ***Economic Development – Max Coen – Chair***
 - i. Brainstorms opportunities to advance the community
 - ii. Initiatives to support small business in district (Mentorships, Financial literacy programs)
 - iii. Introduce more technological innovations to the community
 - iv. Propose ideas to create action items to pursue
- f. ***ULURP/Land Use – Suki Cheong – Chair***
 - i. Outstanding ULURP applications 1. 975 Nostrand Ave (Fresh Supermarket application) (applying for additional 14 feet in height)
 - ii. City Planning Commission certificates consist of assessing other supermarkets in district, undue impact on light and air for surrounding buildings
 - iii. Congestion and parking are issues that have been express with project (975 Nostrand Ave)
 - iv. Vital Brooklyn Project
 - v. CB17 proposed rezoning could affect some corridors in CB9
 - vi. Concerns of supportive housing
 - vii. Upcoming General project plan (Kingsbrook)
 - viii. Old Business – City of yes carbon neutrality (changes the rules on mechanical equipment on rooftops, parking lots etc.)
 - ix. New Business – City of yes for Economic Opportunity (Addressing commercial zoning rules
 - x. Action item – proposing the formation of subcommittee on City of Yes Economic Opportunity to make recommendations to ULURP committee/ no vice chair has been elected
 - xi. Concerns of the effects of added density and development
 - xii. Environmental impact statement will have public hearing once decision is made from results
- g. ***Transportation – Ethan Norville – Chair***
 - i. Election of committee leaders Felice Robertson (Vice Chair) Paco Abraham (Committee secretary)
 - ii. Bus Redesign (B49)
 - iii. DOT Carshare locations
 - iv. Push back from Citibike expansion locations
 - v. Recommend car share locations be place in commercial zones
 - vi. Create a comprehensive list off where should the relocation occur (car share)
 - vii. Parking concerns (FDNY station)
 - viii. Partnership with Brooklyn Botanic Garden
 - ix. Traffic concerns with traffic coming around Flatbush, Beekman, and Maple
 - x. Safety precautions for pedestrians and drivers
 - xi. Major Owens Community Health (Bike racks requested)

III. CB9 Administrative Check-in - Dante Arnwine, District Manager

- i. Requesting update from the 71st Precinct on recent Carroll St. shooting
- ii. CB9 District Needs Survey will be sent to community residents
- iii. Free weekly compost service will begin October 2nd
- iv. Free compost bins from DSNY are available until October 13th
- v. DSNY Compost event October 21st at Dr. Ronald McNair Park 10 AM – 2PM
- vi. Alternate service to the MTA's Q Line on various weekends
- vii. Department of Health Neighborhood Wellness Survey (Mail-based)
- viii. Utility road work scheduled on Hawthorne Street and Empire Boulevard next week notices will be in the E-blast

- ix. Bus stop relocation at Utica Ave to across the street (eastern side)
- x. Ghost bike relocation 10 feet from original location
- xi. Bus shelter installed at the eastern side of Utica Ave
- xii. Next NYC marathon schedule for December at Prospect Park/notices will go out once received
- xiii. Pick block party dates in advance
- xiv. E-blast outreach for community engagement

IV. Chairman's Report – Fred Baptiste

- i. Youth Services/Education & Library committee is the act of trying new things at the Board
- ii. Committee chairs and members should be checking their email regularly
- iii. ULURP/Land Use workshops to gain understanding on the processes and terminology
- iv. Brooklyn Borough Hall Housing workshop on September 28th
- v. Business of the Board Virtual/In person

V. Set Agenda for General Board Meeting on September 26, 2023

Public session

Call to order

SLA Applications 1. [Quincie's Hospitality Inc. d/b/a The Green Room – 408 Rogers Avenue \(Lefferts Avenue/Sterling Street\) Brooklyn, New York 11225](#) Application for a new Liquor,

Wine, Beer, and Cider license

Public Commentary

Acknowledgements

Business Session

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

Special Orders (Members at Large Elections)

Committee Reports

District Manager's Report

Chairman's Report

Voting items:

1. Resolution from Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee)

2. Establishment of a subcommittee for City of Yes)

3. SLA application

Other Business

Adjourn

VI. Motion Other/ New Business

VII. Chairman agenda for General Board meeting is adopted

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned 8:55 PM

Submitted by Khalid J. Jemmott