

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

May 18, 2023

Meeting ID: 850 6358 9854

YouTube URL: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=luhm3GADIYE>

Attendance (Board Members): Beverly Newsome (Committee Chair); Unella Rhone-Perry

Attendance (Community Resident Members): Jay Sorid

Absent (Board Members): Lorianne Wolseley, Leslie Farrar

Absent (Community Resident Members): Janice Grannum, Diane Sheppard

Guests: Celeste Chase(CB9), Theresa Westerdahl (CB9) Angel Santana (Empire State Development) Doug McPherson (Empire State Development),

Agency Representatives: Khalid J. Jemmott, Community Associate

I. Call to order: Welcome/Introduction

- a. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Beverly Newsome Timothy

II. Doug McPherson, Empire State Development – Utica Crescent

- a. Vital Brooklyn Project (Follow-up from the Vital Brooklyn Hearing in April)
- b. Proposed Modified GPP can be found at: <https://esd.ny.gov/utica-crescent>
- c. ESD adopted a General Project Plan (GPP) for the Utica Crescent Mixed Use Project (a Land Use Improvement and Residential Project) on February 17, 2022. The GPP allows for the redevelopment of a surface parking lot (832 Rutland Road) in Brooklyn’s East Flatbush neighborhood into a new multi-use building that includes new affordable housing, retail, a healthcare facility, and social services spaces.
- d. The proposed project is part of the State of New York’s Vital Brooklyn Initiative, a comprehensive community development initiative that addresses chronic social, economic, and health disparities in Central Brooklyn. The Initiative aims to break down barriers to health and well-being through eight integrated areas of investment: open space and recreation; healthy food; education; economic empowerment; community-based violence prevention; community-based health care; affordable housing; and resiliency.
- e. As part of Vital Brooklyn, HCR released a Request for Proposals in November 2018 to develop eight sites in Central Brooklyn with new affordable housing and ancillary facilities to advance the initiative’s goals. HCR designated 832 Rutland

Road as 'Site K' in the RFP and, in partnership with ESD, conditionally designated the Utica Crescent proposal as the winning Site K bidder.

- f. Residential – 322 Units affordable to households at 80% AMI or below (89 units for seniors)
- g. Up to 38,000 Gross SF of combined commercial space and community facility
- h. Parking for 317 Vehicles
- i. ESD's Directors are currently seeking comments from the public on the proposed Utica Crescent project. Additional information on the public hearing and other opportunities to provide comment are below. <https://esd.ny.gov/utica-crescent-gpp> - <https://esd.ny.gov/utica-crescent-public-meetings>

III. Adjournment

- a. Meeting Adjourned 8:47 PM