

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

November 13, 2023
Meeting ID: 830 6435 9002

Attendance (Board Members): Erin Mazursky(Committee Chair), Augustine Blackwell, Ronisha La Barrie, Unella Rhone-Perry

Attendance (Community Resident Members): Diane Wheelless-Sheppard, Janice Grannum

Absent (Board Members): Yankee Pearson

Absent (Community Resident Members): Menachem Mahpour

Guests: Chester, Fred Baptiste (CB9), Lisa Etienne, Micheal Hanson, Noly Ronelus, Nicolas Almonor(CB9), Suki Cheong(CB9), Theresa Westerdahl(CB9), Marie Hoguet

Agency Representatives: Khalid J. Jemmott, Community Associate

I. Welcome/Introduction

- a. Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Chair Erin Mazursky
- b. The committee chair has been speaking to the district office to bring them up to speed on housing issues
- c. The Housing Committee’s mission is to be a liaison between community and elected officials

II. Landmarks Preservation Commission Application

- a. The Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) is responsible for protecting New York City’s architecturally, historically, and culturally significant buildings and sites by granting them landmark or historic district status and regulating them after designation - <https://www.nyc.gov/site/lpc/about/about-lpc.page>
- b. 168 Midwood Street
 - i. Upper-level windows are required to hear with the entire Commission
 - ii. Lower-level modifications are not required to be heard from the entire commission but from a passed “Staff level” where a staff member or preservationist could rule on the modifications
 - iii. Renovations
 - Changes to the top floor rear windows (changing the fabric and the nature of the rear window)
 - Removing one and adding 2 more + making a change in the pattern of the windows(windows will be identical windows that was approved by LPC a few years ago

- Equally sized bedrooms for each child
- Minor layout changes to the bathrooms

III. Report since the last meeting

- Contacted the Board office to get information on every development that is happening in the district
- Data on beds in the district
- Median income
- Homelessness population
- Vital Brooklyn
- State of housing in the district
- Contacted Assemblymember Brian Cunningham's office to meet and briefly discuss the scope of housing committee
- Contacted Councilmember Crystal Hudson
- Collect information from the Board office from outreach

IV. Discussion of housing priorities for the district and creation of a resolution

- Goals for the year
 - Create a resolution on the state of the district (concerns and what all community members like to see in Housing)
- How do the developments impact daily life in district
- Vision for housing in the district

V. Next steps from Vital Brooklyn Town Hall

- Site of the current Kingsboro psychiatric ward(2nd Phase), where they seek to add additional buildings (development)
- Kingsbrook Jewish (development)
- The church next to the old boy's playground (development)
- Housing development affects both Community Board 9 residents and Community Board 17 residents + communication between Community Boards
- Create a resolution
- Environmental impact on surrounding homes
- Outreach to elected officials and community stakeholders to become clear on specific concerns and figure out how to work together

VI. City of Yes liaison

VII. Prioritize invitations for next meeting

VIII. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned 8:33 PM

Submitted by Khalid J. Jemmott