

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

September 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, Menachem Mahpour

Absent (Board Members): Yankee Pearson

Absent (Community Resident Members): N/A

Guests: Frank Hosein, Jay Sorid, Lisa Etienne, Regina Thomas , Rod Herbert

Agency Representatives: Khalid J. Jemmott, Community Associate

I. Welcome/Introduction

- a. Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chair Erin Mazursky
- b. The committee chair is being brought up to speed on housing issues

II. Critical priorities

- a. Housing inequalities in the community
 - i. Affordability
 - AMI (Area Median Income) understand how AMI is derived
 - ii. Community residents stay in the neighborhood
- b. Researching initiatives coming to district
 - i. Vital Brooklyn Project
 - The original plan for the project has been altered
 - ii. City of Yes
- c. Homeowners and tenants
 - i. Reach out to landlords and homeowners to see if there are resources that could assist with quality of life
- d. Create resolutions and recommendations that are representative of community members in district

III. Creating Community Goals

- a. Defining affordability means to our community
- b. Current residents are given the resources to keep their properties to high standards
- c. Building relationships with the city agencies connected to housing issues

IV. Rollover items from last year

- a. Vital Brooklyn Plan
 - i. Vital Brooklyn is an ongoing community development program for underserved neighborhoods in Central Brooklyn. Central Brooklyn is one of the most vulnerable areas in all of New York State, with measurably higher rates of obesity, diabetes, and high blood pressure; limited access to healthy foods or opportunities for physical activity; high rates of violence and crime; wide economic disparities due to unemployment and high poverty levels; and inadequate access to high quality health care and mental health services. Vital Brooklyn offers a holistic approach that focuses on eight integrated areas of improvement: open space and recreation; healthy food; education; economic empowerment; community-based violence prevention; community-based health care; affordable housing; and resiliency. (<https://www.ny.gov/programs/vital-brooklyn-initiative>)
- b. As-of-right development
 - ii. An as-of-right development complies with all applicable zoning regulations and does not require any discretionary action by the City Planning Commission or Board of Standards and Appeals

V. Next steps and action items

- a. Connect with Assemblymember Brian Cunningham
- b. Connect with tenant association leaders, homeowners associations

VI. Motion

- a. Developers provide a design spec checklist where any new construction the owner must take that into consideration and a constant sunlight obscures the solar panels you can't build or the project has to go on for further review
- b. Motion tabled for new month's Housing committee meeting

VII. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned 8:33 PM

Submitted by Khalid J. Jemmott