

Brooklyn Community Board 9
890 Nostrand Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11225
Parks, Recreation and Cultural Committee Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2023
Zoom Meeting ID: 893 3360 2630

Attendance (Board Members): Nicolas Almonor, Community Chair; Celeste Chase, CB9 Member; Courtenay Loiselle;

Attendance (Community Residents): Julia Bryant; Brenda Pagan; Niama Wood; David Walters; John St. Bernard, David Romeo

Absent (Board Members): Paul Pascal

Absent (Community Resident Members): Gloria Briggs;
Steven Shimamoto

Guests: David Abram, New Yorkers for Parks; Hollish Headrich, PLG Arts Fair

Agency Representatives: None

CB9 Staff: Khalid Jemmott, Community Associate

- I. Call to Order**
 - a. Chair, Nicolas Almonor called the committee meeting to order at 7:05pm

- II. Roll Call**
- III. Presentations:**
 - a. **New Yorker for Parks, David Abram**
 - i. Explain their advocacy program: Play Fair Coalition 1% for Parks Impact Program
 - ii. Request for a letter of Support from CB9; ask that the committee votes and that the committee request the Board to write a letter of support (a template can be provided) And he further ask that we start a petition campaign to sign the petition.
 - iii. The deadline for the letter is the end of the year 2023/

 - b. **PLG Arts Fair, Hollish Headrich**
 - i. He is the community engagement coordinator regarding The PLG Arts Fair September 30, 2023, from 12-5 rain or shine The location is Nostrand and Rogers from Sterling to Hawthorne
 - ii. They have events all year round.

IV. Public Comments

- a. Julia reported that are disturbing noises in the Vale; they are disturbing the migrating birds and would like it to be reported to the Prospect Park Alliance
- b. Discussion followed regarding Parks recreation list for improvements began.
- c. Discussion regarding goals for liaisons with the committee and the community gardens in our district. They are Union Street; Maple Street; and Lincoln Street

V. Assignment for liaisons from the of Committee to Parks and Cultural institutions subcommittees: (See Nicolas' Graph)

- a. **Visual Arts: Brooklyn Museum; PLG Arts; Gallery Particular on Maple Street; Sugarcane and Cotton Gallery; Betzalel**

VI. Assignments:

- i. Courtenay Loiselle - Prospect Park Alliance
- ii. Julia Bryant – Brooklyn Academy of Music
- iii. Brenda Pagan and Julia Bryant – Brooklyn Botanic Garden
- iv. Naima Woods – Brooklyn Museum

VII. Visual Arts: Brooklyn Museum; PLG Arts; Gallery Particular on Maple Street; Sugarcane and Cotton Gallery; Betzalel

VIII. Nicolas suggests we invite other Community Board Parks Committees to have a roundtable meeting regarding best practices.

IX. Resolution:

- a. The CB9 Board sends a letter to the 1% of New York City budgets gets spent on New York City Parks. (Their deadline is the end for 2023)
- b. Resolution was voted and passed September 14, 2023
- c. Nicolas oversees getting the 1% for Parks Petition gets signed by the community at Community Board meetings.

X. Old Business

- a. Julia will resend the email regarding construction materials in Jackie Robinson Playground to the community.

XI. New Business

- a. None

XII. Adjourned

- a. Motion to adjourn moved and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

Submitted by Julia Bryant, September 18, 2023

Minutes updated and approved by Nicolas Almonor, September 19, 2023