

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

March 11, 2023  
Meeting ID: 890 274 71795

**Attendance (Board Members):** Nicolas Almonor, Community Chair; Courtenay Loiselle,

**Attendance (Community Residents):** Julia Bryant; Brenda Pagan; Naima Wood; Gloria Briggs, Chloe Lucan, David Walters, David Romeo

**Absent (Community Residents Members):** Chloe Lucan, David Romeo, David Walters

**Absent (Board Members):** N/A

**Guests:** Kisha Bari (Hey Neighbor NYC), Duane Joseph, Jasmin Chang (Hey Neighbor NYC)

**Agency Representatives:**

**CB9 Staff:** Khalid Jemmott, Community Associate

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**I. Call to Order**

- Chair, Nicolas Almonor called the committee meeting to order at 7:07 pm

**II. Roll Call**

**III. Review of the February 2023 minutes;** motion made by Community Resident Member Julia Bryant to accept and Brenda Pagan seconded. Minutes accepted

**IV. Presentations:** Hey Neighbor NYC

- a. Hey Neighbor NYC connects New Yorkers across cultural communities and boroughs, using photography, storytelling, and public art.
- b. Community Workshops to inform community residents of updates
- c. Searching for local organizations, performers, and businesses to partner with
- d. Parkside Plaza has been nominated to be the location for Hey Neighbor NYC to display artwork.
  - i. Parkside Plaza location would display storytelling on 3-5 triangular shape sculptures
  - ii. Design artwork Portraits, stories, and QR codes for access to further online content, including audio, text, map, and behind-the-scenes content
  - iii. 1-2 events that engage the public, our nominations hubs, connectors, and local businesses
  - iv. Approx 4x 6 ft made from steel pipe
  - v. Visuals are printed on waterproof canvas
  - vi. Fall '23 is the targeted start date for the display

**V. Motion**

- i. Julia Byrant makes a motion that we take the consideration for this project such as we understand it to the executive committee to vote in a positive fashion so that Hey Neighbor NYC could move forward and attain permits required for this project to move forward
- ii. Board Member Courtenay Loiselle seconded the motion
- iii. Motion approved for the Hey Neighbor NYC unanimously

**VI. Public Commentary**

- i. Link 5G Towers

**VII. Parks and Cultural institutions liaison reports**

- a. Community Gardens and Brooklyn Botanic Garden
  - i. Follow-up meeting with Brooklyn Botanic Garden
  - ii. Outreach to community gardens (Maple Street Community Garden)
  - iii. Brooklyn Botanic Garden supports the community gardens by providing resources such as tools, training, site visits, instructions, lessons, etc.
  - iv. Outreach to the schools in the district to build connections and share the mission of the committee
- b. Neighborhood parks assessment visit schedule
  - i. Discuss the best date for the committee to meet
  - ii. 11 am Wednesday, May 17, 2023
- c. Prospect Park Alliance
  - i. Lefferts House ribbon cutting May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023
  - ii. Events opening to the public in May
- d. Brooklyn Museum
  - i. Laval Bryant's presentation to the general board is rescheduled for June
  - ii. Community Fair outreach for participation
- e. WCS Prospect Park Zoo
  - i. Learning from community members
  - ii. Participation in the CB9 community fair
- f. Arts and music happenings in Community Board 9
  - i. BAM will not be able to participate in the community fair
- g. Sports and recreation happenings in CB9
  - ii. N/A

**VIII. Action items for voting**

- a. Discussion and resolutions of committee plans for CB9 Fair on June 3, 2023

**IX. Old Business**

- a. N/A

**X. New Business**

- a. Committee's motion on the Hey Neighbor NYC project is move to the May executive board meeting

**XI. Adjournment**

- a. Meeting adjourned at 8:32PM

