

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

April 17, 2023

Meeting ID: 890 274 7195

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

**Attendance (Community Residents):** Brenda Pagan, Julia Bryant, David Romero, Naima Wood

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

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

**Guest:** Theresa Westerdahl, CB9

**Agency Representative:** Marlee Tavlin, WCS Prospect Park Zoo

**Community Board Staff:** Khalid J. Jemmott, Community Associate

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- I. Call to Order**
    - a. Chair, Nicolas Almonor called the committee meeting to order at 7:12 PM
  - II. Review and approval minutes**
    - a. Motion made by Julia Bryant and seconded by Courtenay Loiselle
  - III. Presentations**
    - a. N/A
  - IV. Public Commentary**
    - a. N/A
  - V. Parks & Cultural Liaisons report**
    - a. Community Gardens & Brooklyn Botanic Garden
      - Committee will reach out to Collective Kind for guidance on their partnership with community gardens
      - Sub-committee will coordinate follow-up
      - NYC Community Gardens opened on April 1<sup>st</sup>
      - Citywide GreenThumb “Open Gardens Day” June 3<sup>rd</sup>
    - b. Prospect Park Alliance

- Paving has been finalized on East Drive to Park Circle to Grand Army Plaza
  - Collecting public commentary
  - Prospect Park Soiree (June 24, 2023)
  - Theatre dates are TBD
  - BRIC courses are starting in the spring
- c. WCS Prospect Park Zoo
- Looking to partner with community events and fairs
  - Marlee Tavlin is still familiarizing herself with the community to provide support in areas in the district
  - Employment opportunities will continue to be sent to the board office to be shared with community
  - Looking for guidance on where to post WCS literacy in the community
- d. Arts & Music happenings in CB9
- Committee members discussed the meeting hosted by Brooklyn Museum
  - “Museum of Wheels” was the focus of the meeting
  - Committee members are working on being involved in meetings that affect community members
  - Brooklyn Museum celebrating 200 years of service
  - Brooklyn FAM Patchwork Quilt “Healing Through Storytelling and Art Making Saturday, April 22, 2-4 PM – 2123 Caton Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11226
- e. Neighborhood parks assessment visit schedule
- Nicolas Almonor Committee Chair, Committee members David Romero and David Walters are visiting community gardens in the district and providing feedback for improvements

**VI. Action items for voting**

- a. Articulation and exploration of collaborative projects with sports and cultural institutions

**VII. Old Business**

- a. Community Gardens in district and how the committee can assist on bringing improvements

**VIII. New Business**

- a. Discussion of Committee plans for CB9 fair on June 3, 2023
- b. Local artist showcase their art at community fair

**IX. Adjournment**

- a. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM

**Respectfully submitted, Khalid Jemmott – April 20, 2023**

