

Brooklyn Community Board 9
890 Nostrand Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11225
Youth Services Committee Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2023
Meeting ID: 813 9456 1957

Attendance (Board Members): Soul Creary; Alethea Best; Candace Edwards; Linda Watson-Lorde; Letwine Mavina; Natoya McGhie;

Attendance (Community Residents): John Beckles; Lean McClain

Absent (Board Members): Jamie Eckstein; Twyla Ware

Absent (Community Residents): Anna Lerner; Cynthia Rose

Guests: Akwasi Agyeman; Lisa Etienne; A. Greaves, Elite Learners; Pamela Payne; Felice Robertson

CB9 Staff: Khalid Jemmott, Community Associate

1. Last Meeting Follow-up

- a. Finalize event/program calendar
- b. Members to share contact information to CB9 office

2. New Business

- a. Brainstorm people/groups who can be guest speakers during meetings

3. Notes

- a. The meeting commenced and started recording via Zoom at 7:15 PM
- b. New and returning member introductions (5 New members)
- c. Finalize the timeline for the year
 - i. Community Cleanup
 - ii. Linda suggested that community clean-up could be a partnership with the Environmental Committee as they already have clean-ups planned
 - iii. Linda to communicate with the environmental committee
 - iv. Pamela suggested partnering with schools to combine both clean-ups and community garden-building
- d. **Clothing Drive**
 - i. Decision on whether we should have a clothing drive
 - ii. Natoya: The problem in the past has been where should the clothes go
 - iii. Pamela: Might be something to consider down the line. Can donate to migrant shelters
 - iv. Akwesi: Suggested places to have donation drives
- e. **Youth Summit**

- i. Soul suggested partnering with Jackie Robinson Middle School for Youth summit
 - ii. Soul will have the dates and more details by the next meeting
- 4. **Events scheduled for the year**
 - a. Community Clean-up
 - b. Youth Summit
- 5. **Guest speaker Tyler Stotts - US Army representative**
 - a. Army will be holding an event at West Point with bus pick up in Crown Heights
 - b. Extended support to CB9. Ex.; Chaperones, Food, Funding
 - c. Office located on Utica and Eastern Parkway
- 6. **Soul inquired if anyone had suggestions for guest speakers to join meetings**
 - a. Akwesi: A youth who runs his own gun violence prevention program
 - b. Soul: Jermaine Pilgram from ACS. They run many programs within ACS that many do not know about
 - c. Letwine: Sports coaches to speak about programs in the winter months
 - d. Linda: Suggested highlighting and awarding community members at the end of the year for the work they do in the community
 - e. Pamela: Educating youth on the rights they have. Have an attorney come in to speak about the laws.
 - f. General consensus: Encourage young people to join meetings
- 7. **Action Items**
 - a. Members are to contact **BK09-1@cb.nyc.gov** for information to compile a group chat for WhatsApp
 - b. Brainstorm people to come and speak during meetings and/or events
- 8. **Next Meeting Agenda**
 - a. Tuesday November 7th - 7pm - 8:30pm
 - b. Continue working on event and program calendar
- 9. **Adjournment**
 - a. Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm