

**Brooklyn Community Board 9**  
**890 Nostrand Ave**  
**Brooklyn, New York 11225**  
**Environmental Protection Committee Meeting**

February 1, 2024  
Meeting ID: 827 2407 4571

**Attendance (Board Members):** Debbie Timothy, Committee Chair; Rod S. Herbert, Theresa Westerdahl

**Attendance (Community Resident Members):** N/A

**Absent (Board Members):** Sylveta Hamiton-Gonzales

**Absent (Community Resident Members):** N/A

**Guests:** Corazón Valiente

**Agency Representatives:** Khalid J. Jemmott, Community Associate

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- I. Call to order:**
  - a. Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm by Chair Debbie Timothy
- II. Words of Encouragement**
  - a. Bishop Hamilton-Gonzales
- III. Acceptance of the Minutes of January 4, 2024 & Meeting Agenda for February 1, 2024**
  - a. Chair Debbie Timothy motion to have minutes accepted
  - b. Rod Herbert seconds
- IV. Introductions/ Roll Call**
  - a. Committee members and guest
- V. Old Business: Outstanding issues/ updates**
  - a. Request for DEP representative to present on flood mitigation
  - b. Zip Cars Locations in District
    - Commercial corridors contain the Zip Cars
    - Sanitation enforcement
    - What is the policy for removal of vehicles
    - Transportation committee is looking for a solution for Zip Cars
    - Residents have questions pertaining to Zip Cars
    - Contractual obligation to keep the streets clean
  - c. DEP Capital Project
    - All major infrastructure and information technology projects with a budget of \$25 million or more that are currently active(in the design, procurement, or construction phase).
  - d. Committee on Environmental Protection, Resiliency, Waterfronts (NYC Council)
    - Jurisdiction over New York’s Department of Environmental Protection, the Office of Recovery and Resiliency, and the Office of Long-Term planning and sustainability as it relates to efforts to make New York City more resilient in the face of climate change, and preparing for, and recovering from emergencies, and matters relating to the waterfront

- e. Green infrastructure – <https://www.nyc.gov/site/dep/water/greeninfrastructure> + collective stormwater from street, sidewalks and other hard surfaces before it can enter the sewer system or cause local flooding.
- f. Green Fast Track for Housing
  - Green Fast Track for Housing will streamline the environmental review process for small- and medium-sized residential developments
  - Upcoming Public Meeting – February 7, 2024, 10:00 am - <https://www.nyc.gov/site/nycengage/events/city-planning-commission-public-meeting/461665/1>
- g. DSNY (Department of Sanitation) representative present resources and information at a future committee meeting
- h. Community Board 9 Community Fair

**VI. New Business: Open discussion**

- a. Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
  - Flood mitigation review
  - Scorecard of Environmental – help municipalities protect water resources while maximizing the additional community benefits available through green infrastructure
- b. Department of Sanitation (DSNY)
  - Scorecard as their only performance measure for monitoring the cleanliness of New York City streets and sidewalks (DSNY) does not obtain detailed information from the project scorecard or the mayor’s office to effectively deploy its resources to the project scorecards
  - Identify the root causes for the recurring dirty streets or dirty areas and develop solutions to address them including seeking community, department or cross agency engagements
  - New York City Comptroller office recommendations
  - Process of cleaning streets & sidewalks
    - i. Alternate side street rules
    - ii. Mechanized cleaning and enforcement

**VII. Proposed resolution**

- a. Proposed Resolution: Community Board 9 is requesting DSNY’s Response to the NYS Comptroller’s NYC Dept. of Sanitation Street & Sidewalk Cleanliness Audit ([Report 2019-N-1](#))
  - i. Motioned by Rod Herbet
  - ii. Seconded by Theresa Westerdahl

**VIII. Adjournment**

- a. Meeting was adjournment 8:38 PM

Submitted by Khalid J. Jemmott