

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

March 1, 2024
Meeting ID: 827 2407 4571

Attendance (Board Members): Debbie Timothy, Committee Chair; Rod S. Herbert, Sylveta Hamilton-Gonzales, Theresa Westerdahl

Attendance (Community Resident Members): N/A

Absent (Board Members): N/A

Absent (Community Resident Members): N/A

Guests: Tonya Hollingsworth (NYC-DOHMH), Karen Fung

Agency Representatives: Khalid J. Jemmott, Community Associate

- 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 February 1, 2024 & Meeting Agenda for February 1, 2024**
 - a. Chair Debbie Timothy motion to have minutes accepted
- IV. Introductions/ Roll Call**
 - a. Committee members and guest
- V. New Business**
 - a. Presentation
 - i. Tonya Hollingsworth, MPA, Public Health Educator
 - o Safe Gardening in New York City: How to Reduce Your Exposure to Contaminated Soil
 - o Soil Contamination
 - i. Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs) – chemicals produced during the incomplete burning of coal, oil, gas, garbage, tobacco
 - o Exposure and Health Risks
 - o Tips for Safe Urban Gardening
 - o Raised Garden Beds
 - o Resources

www.Nyc.gov/parks/greenthumb
www.Nyc.gov/agriculture
www.Nyc.gov/oer
www.Nyc.gov/dsny
www.Usi.nyc

VI. Old Business

- a. Rat Academy information: <https://www.nyc.gov/site/doh/services/rats-control-training.page>
 - i. You can learn about safe and effective methods for rat prevention in your home and community at one of Rat Academy's scheduled free trainings.
 - ii. You can learn about safe and effective methods for rat prevention in your home and community at one of our scheduled free trainings.
 - iii. To sign up for community-based training or for more information on hosting or sponsoring a training, email ratportal@health.nyc.gov or **call 311**.
- b. CB9 Community Fair updates
 - i. No updates at the moment, as the board gets closer to the date information will roll out
 - ii. The committee chair will contact the District Manager, Dante Arnwine to provide updates
- c. 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](#))

VII. Other Business

- a. Clothing Bins on public sidewalks
- b. 311 Service request type for clothing bins
 - i. Obstruction – Donation Collection Bin

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Meeting was adjournment at 8:08 PM
 - i. Chair Debbie Timothy motioned to adjourn the meeting
 - ii. Theresa Westerdahl seconded the motion

Submitted by Khalid J. Jemmott