

Brooklyn Community Board 9 General Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 24, 2024 - starting at 7:00 PM
Middle School 61
400 Empire Boulevard (Corner of New York Avenue/Empire Boulevard)
Brooklyn New York 11225
Livestream – CB 9 YouTube

PUBLIC SESSION:

1. Call to Order – Announce Rules of Order for the Meeting

- Fred Baptiste, Chairman of the Brooklyn Community Board 9, called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. The Chair invited CB Board members to introduce themselves, the invitation was accepted by all the introductions were made by those in attendance.
- The Chair read the Rules of Order for the night’s meeting

2. Application to the New York State Liquor Authority:

- a) Agi’s Counter -818 Franklin Avenue (Union Street/Eastern Parkway) Brooklyn New York 11225; Class Change from Wine, Beer and Cider License to Liquor, Wine, Beer and Cider License.

3. Street Co-Naming Application:

- a) President Street (between Brooklyn/New York Avenue) to “Lubavitcher Rebbe Way”

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:

Cheryl Bernard
Tyrone McDonald
Erica Kwan
Nick Smith
Hector Robertson
Leona Hartley
Dion Ashman
LaShawn Ellis
Alicia Boyd
Suki Cheong
Benny Rosenberger

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: Elected Officials & NYC Agency Representatives

Ed Cen – BK Boro Director
Karen Chambers – Brooklyn DA’s Office
Paurcha Edwards – District Director, Senator Zellnor Y. Myrie
Andre Robinson - Councilwoman Crystal Hudson
Anthony Beckford- District Leader #43
Justin Freeman – Phara Souffran-Forrest
Xin-rui Lee – NYC Independent Budget Office/Community Engagement Officer
Eli Slavin – Congresswoman Yvette Clarke office
Shana Shaw – Heart Share Human Service
Michael Schnall-Brooklyn Botanical Garden
Irna Lipkind - IDDC

BUSINESS SESSION:

Fred Baptiste, Chair of Brooklyn Community Board 9, called the Business Session of the meeting to order with the Roll Call at 8:10 p.m.

1. Roll Call of Board Members

		X = Present	A=Absent	EXC= Excused		
1	Abdul Mutakabbir, Abdul	X	26	Yisroel Lehrer	X	
2	Nicolas Almonor	X	27	Francisca Leopold	X	
3	Fred P. Baptiste	X	28	Courtenay Loiselle	X	
4	Rabbi Yaacov Behrman	x	29	Letwine Mavima	X	
5	Alethea Best	A	30	Erin Mazursky	A	
6	Augustine Blackwell	x	31	Jean Rene Mbeng Nguema	A	
7	Catherine Buccello	X	32	Ethan Norville	X	
8	Suwen “Suki” Cheong	X	33	Denzel Oduro		

9	Kendall Christainsen	X	34	Yankee Pearson	X
10	Jolee Cobb	X	35	Vanessa Raptopoulos	x
11	Max Coen	A	36	Unella Rhone-Perry	X
12	Eve Chavi Cohen	X	37	Felice Robertson	X
13	Soul Creary	X	38	Binyomin Rosenberger	X
14	Max Roland Davidson	X	39	Dionne Saab	A
15	Candace Edwards	A	40	Melissa Sever	X
16	Brittny Ellington	A	41	Lillian Swain	A
17	Lisa Etienne	X	42	Bakary Tandia	X
18	Raphaela Godoy	A	43	Kristin Thomas-Barrington	A
19	Bishop Sylveta HamiltonGonzales	X	44	Joshua Thomas-Serrano	X
20	Shaunya Hartley	X	45	Debbie Timothy	A
21	Rod Herbert	X	46	Twyla Ware	A
22	Yosef Hershkop	X	47	Linda Watson-Lorde	X
23	Volney Joseph	X	48	Theresa Westerdahl	X
24	Ronisha LaBarrie	X	49	Lorianne Wolseley	X
25	Mayna Legoute	X	50		

Totals: Present: 38 Absent: 11 Excused: 0

2. Approval of the June 2024 General Board Meeting Minutes.

The acceptance of the minutes held on June 25, 2024 was duly moved and seconded and approve by all in attendance.

3. Special Orders: Election of one Member-at-Large:

On a motion moved by Rabbi Yaacov Behrman and seconded by Theresa Westerdahl, the election proceeded with a vote of “No” against; one abstention and a “Yes” majority.

4. **Committee Chair Reports:**

Minutes and reports of the following committees were submitted by the Committee Chairs, and distributed to the Board Members.

*Parks and Recreation
Public Safety*

Economic Development ULURP Land Use

5 **District Office/ Administrative Report** □

District Service Cabinet Notes:

1. 71st precinct is down in major categories except sexual assaults 2.
Down 40% in robberies
 3. Public Safety Team – took 12 guns off street prior to Labor Day
 4. 71st – zero incidents for Labor Day. Shooting technically occurred in 77th precinct.
 5. DCWP – Home Improvement Wall of Shame - A person or business must have a Home Improvement Contractor license to do work (home improvements or repairs) that costs more than \$200 to any residential building in NYC. The wall is a list of all home improvement businesses that received a violation for operating without a DCWP license within the last 12 months.
 6. Requested for Dodger (Sullivan) and Winthrop (Rogers) Playgrounds to receive maintenance from Parks Dept.
 7. 703 Midwood Street – elevated to Manhattan DOB
 8. HEAP – The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) can help eligible New Yorkers heat and cool their homes. Application opens November 1st
- CB9 will be holding a FY25 District Needs Statement/ Session on Thursday, September 26th, 2024, at 6PM here in the board office to hear community concerns AND ideas.
 - NYC Department for the Aging (NYC Aging) Service Needs Assessment is a survey examining the needs of older adults living in New York City to assist with program planning and to allow for a better understanding of potential unmet needs. Completing the survey ensures that all of the city’s diverse communities are represented. All responses to the survey are anonymous; however, NYC Aging will randomly select 50 households to receive a Visa gift card worth \$50. Those who wish to be considered for this drawing should provide contact information by September 30, 2024. For more information, call Aging Connect at 212-AGING-NYC (212-2446469). (e-blast)
 - City Planning Commission will be holding its VOTE for the City of Yes – Housing Opportunity, which this board opposed, tomorrow morning, September 25th, 2024, at 11AM. The virtual participation details will be posted on NYC Engage prior to the hearing.
 - Upcoming NYC Rules Hearings:

- Campaign Finance Board is proposing amendments to the Campaign Finance Board’s (the “CFB”) rules regarding: • complaints, • Conflict of Interest Board filings, • contributions, • disclosures, • expenditures, • independent expenditures, • loans, • public funds payments, • registration and certification, • statements of need, • training, and • transition and inauguration entities. The CFB will hold a public hearing on the proposed rules in person and online. The public hearing will take place at 1:00 p.m. on September 27, 2024, at 100 Church Street, 12th Floor, New York, New York 10007. You can email written comments to Rules@nycffb.info.
- The New York City Human Resources Administration (“HRA”) proposes to amend the Fair Fares program by increasing the income eligibility standard from 120 to 145 percent of the federal poverty level. The public hearing will take place remotely via Zoom on Monday, October 21, 2024, at 10:00 am. You can email comments to NYCRules@hra.nyc.gov. Please include “Fair Fares Amendments” in the subject line.
- The Taxi and Limousine Commission (“TLC”) is proposing to amend its rules to require that all taxicab vehicles hacked up must be Accessible Vehicles in order to comply with a federal court order requiring that fifty percent of the City’s taxicab fleet be attached to a Wheelchair Accessible Taxicab. TLC will hold a public hearing on the proposed rule. The public hearing will take place at 10:00 am on October 10, 2024. The public hearing will be held online using Zoom. There will be no in person public hearing. The public hearing will be livestreamed on TLC’s website at www.nyc.gov/tlc. To participate in the public hearing, please e-mail the TLC at tlcrules@tlc.nyc.gov or call TLC at 212-676-1135 by 5:00pm on October 9, 2024. After you have signed up to speak, TLC will provide you with a Zoom URL to enter in on your computer or dial-in via phone number if you prefer to call in.
- The New York City Department of Transportation (“DOT”) is proposing an amendment to Section 4-08 of the Traffic Rules to establish and implement a permit for the use of microhubs as part of a pilot program mandated by Local Law 166 of 2021 to aid in congestion reduction and increase freight sustainability. DOT will hold a public hearing on the proposed rule online. Members of the public may access and participate in this hearing online or by telephone. The public hearing will take place on Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 10:00am. You can email comments to rules@dot.nyc.gov.
- In Community District 9 – the Brooklyn Roadway Resurfacing schedule is as follows: Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday – Lincoln Road between East NY Ave and Washington Ave; Friday only for Classon Ave between Eastern Parkway and President Street
- CB9 has not received additional information on the Prospect Heights skate park. We will work with CB8 if any public sessions are commenced.

- Major projects in the district pertaining to housing and transportation. Be on the lookout for information.
- Continue to direct people to sign up for the CB9 E-Blast.
- Yesterday, September 23rd, Gov. Hochul State Issued Declaration of Imminent Threat to Public Health for the Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus (EEEV) and urges New Yorkers to follow recommendations to reduce risk of mosquito-borne illness: measures include mosquito spraying, more insect repellent for visitors at state parks and campgrounds, and greater outreach to residents.

6. Treasurer’s Report:

Treasurer Mayna Legoute report on the financial wealth of Community Board 9, with a few needed clarifications the report we accept by all board members.

7. Chairman’s Report:

The Chair welcomed all members of Community Board 9:

- Both Board and Committee attendance are required
- Adherence to the Rules of Conduct at all times
- Serving as Ambassadors of the Board
- Assisting the Board in expanding outreach

Committees

- Combo committees expanded: Education & Library / Youth Services; Land Use / Housing
- Committees will be meeting jointly but remain distinct committees
- Allows for information transfer and collaboration
- Intent is to evaluate the committee structures later in the year

Land Use

- 962-972 Application modified by DCP and approved
- Issues of text amendments after the approval
- Reports that the developer may withdraw application
- Continue process of evaluating each application with the goal of achieving maximum benefit for the community

Community Engagement / Needs Assessment

- Scheduled for 9/26 at St Francis School for the Deaf 6-8PM

Downstate

- Advisory committee waiting to be formed

- Sent communication to CB17 about convening a joint town hall to discuss

West Indian American Day Carnival Follow-up

- Seeking data from NYPD
- Facilitate discussion on ways to improve safety and mitigate community impacts

8. Voting Items

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9. Unfinished Business: Report of the Special Orders/Election.

The result of the election was as follows:

Bibyomin Rosenberger	15 votes
Unella Rhone-Perry	13 votes
Theresa Westerdhal	1 vote
Failed Vote	1 Vote

10. New Business None

A motion for the following reports from the Chairman, the Treasurer, and the District Manager, be in a written format and shared before the monthly board. On a motion moved by Fred Baptiste and seconded by Melissa Severs, this motion was – "tabled"

11. Adjournment.

Fred Baptiste, Chair of Brooklyn Community Board 9, adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Linda Watson-Lorde
Executive Secretary CB 9
September 2024