

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

April 10, 2024

Attendance (Board Members): Erin Mazursky, Committee Chair; Augustine Blackwell, CB9 Member; Ronisha La Barrie, CB9 Member; Unella Rhone-Perry, CB9 Member; Rod Herbert, CB9 Member

Attendance (Community Resident Members): Janice Grannum, Daine Wheelless-Sheppard

Absent (Board Members): Yankee Pearson, Rod Hebert

Absent (Community Resident Members): Menachem Mahpour

Guests: Catherine Buccello, Kavya Cherala, Lisa Etienne

Agency Representatives: Dante B. Arnwine, District Manager

I. Welcome and roll call

- a. Board members and community resident members introductions
- b. Chair, Erin Mazursky, called the committee meeting to order at 7:13 PM

II. Roll Call

III. Furthering housing agenda (Issues to pursue)

- a. Affordable
 - i. The AMI equation needs to be reexamined. AMI should be CMI (community median index)
 - Include the number of years living in the zip code
 - Prevent transplants/ don't include people over a certain income
 - ii. Maintenance costs are based on wages in some coops
 - iii. People want to own but can't
 - iv. Go back to old rules and regulations. If you make more, pay more
 - v. Subsidy to acquire apartment based on income
 - vi. Sanction percentage of units for youth, single parents, etc.
 - vii. More considerations for seniors to age in place
- b. Holding landlords accountable
 - i. Conditions of buildings are being ignored by landlords/owners, leaving renters in untenable conditions
 - ii. Need investment in existing properties vs all new properties. Take care of the residents who live here
- c. Concerns about the amount of development in the neighborhood

- i. Concern about the way we are counting residents- new residents of new developments haven't been counted in the census
 - ii. Concerns about the ability of current services and infrastructure to accommodate the influx of residents
 - d. District (and New York) less and less friendly to families; Need family-first housing policies
 - i. New developments can't fit families
 - ii. Rent is not affordable for families
 - iii. AMI is no representative of family constraints (i.e. additional childcare cost, etc)
 - iv. Need more diversity in types of properties being developed and available for families
 - e. The main question is – how we keep people in the district

IV. New Business

- a. Elected outreach
 - i. Prioritize reaching out to Zellnor Myrie's office
- b. Try for a joint UULURP committee meeting for May or June
- c. Try for a combined meeting of Housing Committees across Brooklyn for this fall

V. Adjournment

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM

Submitted by Erin Mazursky