

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

March 13, 2024
Meeting ID: 830 6435 9002

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

Absent (Community Resident Members): Menachem Mahpour

Guests: Jay Sorid, Suki Cheong, CB9 Member

Agency Representatives: Dante B. Arnwine, District Manager

I. Welcome and roll call

- a. Board members and community resident members introductions

II. Roll Call

III. Resolution

- a. What is the goal of this resolution?
 - i. Compile concerns
 - ii. Create demands
 - iii. Advocate to those accountable
- b. What to add
 - i. oversaturation of neighborhood, overcrowding; how many shelter beds do we really have within the district both private and city? Fair share audit – make sure things are evenly disbursed amongst Brooklyn. So item #10 to understand fair share
 - ii. Understand the follow-up compliance items or findings or recommendations to the findings that were in the Feb 9 fair share audit. So what are the follow-ups that the city agencies have to respond to the audit? there are findings and recommendations, and they were supposed to respond to those items.
 - iii. Vital Brooklyn
 - a. What is the security plan? still concerned about housing for shelter residence of seniors in the same complex as the homeless and MICA. Our job is to protect children and seniors.
 - No access to Winthrop Street

- 12 new buildings, Winthrop is not wide enough
- Need a police precinct
- Bringing a project
- E-bikes and mopeds lined up
- Density very concerning
- Move the men's shelter
- Don't let E 43rd Street pass through the complex and exit on Winthrop
- Proposal is not taking into account traffic flow
- Mixing vulnerable populations
- 1090 units without parking- need to have a parking survey
- Oversaturation of social services. Need investigation on how many residential beds are in this area for social services

c. Feedback:

- i. Urgency - change the tone of the resolution to emphasize the urgency
- ii. Follow up with the city agencies on the findings and recommendations listed in the audit and need a response to those recommendations before implementation. For the audit that was conducted, BK9 had the highest and longest response time for in-progress crimes.
- iii. Police precinct – The 71st precinct needs major renovations so proposing a new building might be well-received
- iv. Vital Brooklyn
 - Don't move the men's shelter – move it back to the front; keep it in the original location
 - Winthrop is not a through street. E43rd Street does not pass through the complex and exits into Winthrop Street. So need a traffic flow assessment/study. This was not included.
 - Security plan – want to understand post orders and security plan before breaking ground for the site.
 - Parking survey for the facility and the surrounding areas
 - ▪ Include a neighborhood advisory committee for Vital Brooklyn to work with the entity to make sure there is an amicable rollout with input into the community;
 - Height of buildings – density + housing value, light, air quality

d. Services

- i. Post office- need another one
- ii. Is there a way to say all the services that would be available in a community

e. Housing resolution changes

- i. Developers need to come back in front of the community before every phase starts
- ii. Number of shelter facilities in the area – need to cite this. Consider the density of shelter beds – city-owned and privately owned.
- iii. Include a fair share
- iv. restructure, change the tone
- v. Height of the buildings – can no longer get solar panels. Respecting the needs of existing residents concerning their light and air

f. Vote on resolution with incorporated changes per the feedback above

- i. 5 – Yes (Erin Mazursky, Augustine Blackwell, Ronisha La Barrie, Unella Rhone-Perry)/ 2 – No (Janice Grannum, Daine Wheelless-Sheppard)

IV. New Business

- a. Share emails – Rod Hebert, Lisa Etienne, Ronisha La Barrie, Augustine Blackwell, Unella Rhone-Perry
- b. Bcc Janice Grannum and Diane Wheelless-Sheppard

V. Adjournment

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM

Submitted by Erin Mazursky