Brooklyn Community Board 9 890 Nostrand Avenue Brooklyn, New York 11225

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Committee Meeting Minutes May 9, 2024

Attendance (Board Members): Nicolas Almonor, Committee Chair; Courtenay Loiselle, Vice Chair

Attendance (Community Residents): Julia Bryant, David Romeo, Abigale Timm; Niama Wood,

Absent (Board Members): None

Absent (Community Resident Members): John St. Bernard, David Walters, Brenda Pagan (Excused), Gloria Briggs,

Agency Representatives: None

CB9 Staff: Khalid Jemmott, Community Associate

I. Presentation

a. Councilmember Cystal Hudson cancelled

II. Call to Order

a. Nicolas Almonor, Committee Chair called the committee meeting to order at 7:17pm on Zoom and in person

III. Public Comment

IV. Mt. Prospect Park Skateboard Garden/Stadium:

- a. Haley from Friends of Mt. Prospect Park: CB8 will be the governing board of the parks redesign. They want to know who they should be addressing; Horizon Skates wants to build they want to make other places greener. They believe the project was 1. A Ramp which is dangerous; 2. Professional Lobbyists who pay for them; 3. the skateboard designers should indemnify the city of the injurers that will occur on the site; 4. Pouring the proposed amount of concrete will cause hot spots and problems to other natural elements. 5. Tony Hawks should tell us what the best practices for building this project, since he has done others
 - i. The committee requests the group returns in June with a resolution that can be presented to the Executive Board after review.
- **b.** Alicia Boyd, community member said that there is a proposal from DOT to cut down trees along Ocean Avenue to put in a bike lane and take out the parking. She added that the playground at Jackie Robinson Playground will be in shadows if the adjacent building application is certified.

i. The committee requests Ms. Boyd returns in June with a resolution that can be presented to the Executive Board after review.

V. Roll Call

VI. **Minutes** – Motions moved and seconded make an amendment to the March minutes and take out the names in the public comment section. There are no April minutes the meeting was cancelled

VII. Culture Liaisons:

- a. Major Owens Recreation Center Abigale Timm will be the liaison
- b. Prospect Park Alliance Courtenay Loiselle, Liaison reported that PPA Open Air Health Care Fair see website for details
- c. PLG Art Fair Nicolas Almonor, Liaison reported it will be held in various locations in the district June 22 23.
- d. Brooklyn Botanic Garden Julia Bryant, Liaison reported the schedules for the Summer Evening members events is posted.
- e. Maple Street Garden via email from Brenda Pagan: Regarding Maple Street Community Garden, upcoming events/activities
 - i. Green Thumb Open Garden Day Saturday, June 1, 10 am 1 pm
- f. Prospect Park Zoo No report
- g. Park Assessment Tool No updates
- VIII. **Old Business**: Resource Fair will be on June 1. Activities need to be planned as well as asking Youth groups to participate. Borough wide Biannual Parks and Recreation Committee meeting needs a sub-committee.
 - **a.** Nicholas needs to coordinate with Councilmember Hudson when she is able to meet with the committee regarding the proposed skateboard garden/stadium

IX. New Business

a. None

X. Actions Items List

a. No action

XI. Adjournment

a. Motion to adjourn moved and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm