

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

Parks, Recreation, and Culture Committee Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2024

Attendance (Board Members) Present: Nicolas Almonor (Chair), Khurshid Abdul-Mutakabbir (Vice Chair), Denzel Oduro (Secretary), Lillian Swain

Absent (Board Members): Courtenay Loiselle, Melissa Severe

Attendance (Community Members) Present: Abigail Tim, Brenda Pagan, David Romeo

Absent (Community Members): Frank Hosein, Eric Llenas, David Walters, Naima Wood, Gloria Briggs

Guests: Joe Coello; Unella Rhone-Perry- Advisory Board, Major Owens

1. Call to Order

- a. Chair Nicolas Almonor called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM.

2. Presentation:

- a. Major Owens Health and Wellness Center
 - i. Abigail Timm introduced leadership from the executive team at Major Owens: Jose Coello; Unella Rhone Perry
 - 1. They gave an overview of the center's amenities: gym, pool, code center, dance rooms, LGBT center.
 - 2. They discussed challenges, such as limited swimming hours, and plans to optimize the schedule.
 - 3. Brooklyn Plaza Medical Center's ambulatory care will be added to the facility.
 - 4. They emphasized the importance of involving young people in leadership roles and invited board members to attend their monthly meetings.
 - 5. A new operator will take over the center's management in January.

3. Public Commentary

- a. None

4. Approval of minutes

- a. Due to technical difficulties with emails, last month's minutes will be re-sent and approved at the next meeting.

5. Parks and Cultural Institutions Liaison Assignments

- a. Abigail: Major Owens and Brooklyn Children's Museum
- b. Brenda: Prospect Park Zoo
- c. Julia: Brooklyn Botanical Gardens
- d. Romeo: Parks
- e. Lillian: BAM
- f. Naima: Brooklyn Museum

- g. Khurshid: Sports
- 6. Discussion & Reports**
 - a. Sports Representation (Khurshid): Discussion on improving access to sports facilities in the community by looking at available sports facilities and bringing this to the committee and the community at large.
 - b. The Chair is working with the district manager to explore Zoom call options for members unable to attend in person.
 - c. Plans to invite Brooklyn Botanic Garden to present its offerings.
- 7. Calendar of activities**
 - a. Committee to start gathering and planning events for the calendar year.
 - b. Tentative plan for resource fair to be held in June, with the biennial conference in September.
 - c. Plan to tour Prospect Park Zoo.
- 8. Resolutions & Voting Items**
 - a. Subcommittee Formation:
 - b. Motion to form a subcommittee to plan the biennial Parks and Recreation Community Conference.
 - c. Motion moved by Julia Bryant, seconded by David Romeo.
 - d. Opposition and abstentions: None
 - e. Passed unanimously
- 9. Sports Facilities Assessment:
 - a. Motion to conduct an assessment of nonprofit sports facilities in CB9 to increase awareness and accessibility for community members.
 - b. Motion moved by Khurshid Abdul-Mutakabbir, seconded by Julia Bryant
 - c. Opposes and abstentions none
 - d. Passed unanimously.
- 10. Old Business
 - a. None
- 11. New Business
 - a. None
- 12. Adjournment
 - a. The meeting was adjourned by Nicolas Almonor at 8:57 pm

Minutes Submitted by: Denzel Oduro
Minutes Approved by: Nicolas Almonor,
Member-At-Large,
Chair of CB9 Parks, /Recreation, and Culture Committee