

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

Parks, Recreation, and Culture Committee Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2024

Attendance (Board Members): Nicolas Almonor, Committee Chair; Khurshid Abdul-Mutakabbir; Denzel Oduro; Lillian Swain

Attendance (Community Residents): Gloria Briggs; Julia Bryant; Frank Hosein; Brenda Pagan; Eric Llenas; David Romero; Abigail Tiim; David Walters; Naima Wood

Absent (Board Members): Courtenay Loiselle; Vice Chair

Absent (Community Resident Members): None

Agency Representatives: None

CB9 Staff: Khalid Jemmott, Community Associate

- 1) **Call to order**
 - a. Nicolas Almonor called the meeting to order at 7:25 PM on September 12, 2024
- 2) **Approval of minutes from the last meeting**
- 3) **Welcome Greetings and introductions**
 - a. Introductions were conducted between old and new members
- 4) **Review of CB9 training: Rules and Procedures for Committees**
 - a. An email containing the rules was sent, and members were asked to do the due diligence of looking at the email and reading it thoroughly to understand the Rules and Procedures for Committees.
- 5) **Public Commentary**
 - a. No public commentary for this meeting
- 6) **Nominations and elections of Vice Chair and Recording Secretary**
 - a. Khurshid Abdul-Mutakabbir was nominated as Vice-chairperson and won uncontested.
 - b. Denzel Oduro was nominated as Recording Secretary and won uncontested
- 7) **Parks cultural institutions liaison selections**
 - a. Committee went over the current active liaisons and the roles of the liaison, which is to bring these institutions and their offerings to the community at large
- 8) **Planification for this fiscal year 2023-2024**
 - a. Parks and cultural institutions liaison selections
 - i. We went over the current active liaisons and the role of a liaison, which is to bring these institutions and their offerings to the community at large

9) Presentation from institutions

- a. Any member who is affiliated with an institution (like the Brooklyn Academy of Music) needs to get the institution to present at the committee meeting.

10) Prospect Park Zoo collaboration

- a. Prospect Park Zoo cannot attend in-person meetings as they cannot do that, but they can attend once or twice a year to present.

11) Collaboration with the Youth Committee

- a. Possibility of collaboration between the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Committee AND Youth Committee on park-related events: like Park clean-up was discussed.

12) Park tours

- a. Planning and scheduling of park tours of all different parks within the Community Board 9 as was done 2 years ago.

13) Vital Brooklyn

- a. Chair to send an email to committee members on Vital Brooklyn as it pertains to our committee.

14) Liaison for Brooklyn Children's Museum

- a. Possibility of making a liaison relationship between Brooklyn Children's Museum and the Committee.

15) Bringing entertainment (music, theater, etc.) into parks:

- a. Look into collaborating with the entertainment committee to bring music and theater into Parks, playgrounds, and community gardens.

16) Liaison for Major Owens Recreation Center

- a. Our resident member Abigail Timm is the secretary of the advisory board of the Old Business Major Owens Recreation Center and will facilitate liaison.

17) Old Business

- a. No old business as this is the first meeting of the fiscal year

18) New Business

- a. Union Street Community Garden's Children's event on September 14, 2024. Children's events are available on this date. Flyer to be sent through e-blast
- b. Maple Street Harvest Festival - October 19, 2024. 12 noon until 5 pm: Harvest festival is an annual gathering that pertains to gardening in the community. It happens on the third Saturday of October every year, before the weather gets
- c. Dodger playground on Sullivan Pl: Dodger playground is overgrown and neglected and needs support.
- d. First Friday in June – Date of Biennial Conference for all the Brooklyn community boards Parks, Recreation and Culture Committees. 9 am - 3 pm. The next event is on June 6, 2025.
- e. First Saturday in June - Resource fair. The next event is on June 7, 2025

19) Adjournment

- a. Nicolas Almonor adjourned the meeting at 7:48 pm

Minutes submitted by: Denzel Oduro

Minutes reviewed and approved by: Nicolas Almonor