

**Brooklyn Community Board 9**  
**890 Nostrand Avenue Brooklyn, New York 11225**  
**Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**April 8, 2024**

**Attendance** (Board Members): Ethan Norville, Committee Chair; Felice Robertson; Benny Rosenberger;  
**Attendance** (Community Resident Members): Paco Abraham; Andrew Magnus

**Absent** (Board Members): Lorianne Wolseley

**Absent** (Community Resident Members): Stanley Greenberg; Calista DeJesus; Valerie Fleming; Jeffrey Grannum;

**Guests:** Zach Youngren; Halycon Spooner

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## 1. Welcome/Greetings

- a. Committee Chair, Ethan Norville called this year's first in-person meeting to order at 7:20 pm
- b. Chair Norville noted that we did NOT have a quorum & will NOT be able to officially vote on any motions.

## 2. Review of Previous Decisions

### a. Resolutions on Traffic Calming on Washington Avenue

- Chair Norville recapped that the previous committee resolution, as written, passed the CB9 full board without comment and has now been posted to the CB9 website. The CB9 board office will forward it to the respective agencies.
  - Committee continued discussion about the street safety issues along the Washington Avenue corridor.
  - Felice Roberston reiterated concerns for safety. Andrew Magnus noted many of the concerns mentioned were itemized in the already approved resolution.
  - Consensus agreement that the committee & board office can continue the advocacy by asking the 71st precinct to add a radar speed sign for drivers to see their speed, asking the Brooklyn Botanic Gardens to write a letter to DOT in support of our resolution, and asking the local PTA at PS 241 on Washington to write a letter to DOT in support of our resolution.

### b. MTA Station Accessibility

- i. Franklin Avenue
- ii. Winthrop Street
- iii. Parkside Avenue

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  - Committee discussion about MTA outreach overall and how, as a state agency, it is different from the requirements of City agencies.
  - Andrew Magnus asked if we ever heard back from MTA about the previous B49 resolution made. No reply has been heard from the MTA on it.
  - General discussion that if we were to add more stations to our ADA Wishlist, Kingston would likely be the next one in priority order after the 3 already included in our resolution.

### c. Outstanding Resolutions

- i. Lincoln Road
- ii. Empire Blvd
- iii. Brooklyn / Kingston

- Chair Norville recapped that the previous committee resolution has still NOT gone to the full board. He led us in reviewing the existing proposal in their draft forms and noted that committee member online comments had been incorporated into the text.
- Group discussion about the proposals. Benny Rosenberger noted his concern about the resolution to consider an extension of bike lanes on Kingston & Brooklyn Avenues. He wondered about other north/south corridors, potentially using the existing bus only lanes instead. Committee looked at a map and noted that this pair of avenues already has ridership north in CB8 and so this would be a very

reasonable extension of existing infrastructure and build upon DOT's previous work whereas directing cyclists to other avenues might be challenging or impractical.

- If further comments come up, Paco Abraham noted they can still be included via email discussion on the google doc versions of these resolutions, but that people have already had many weeks to offer input and we should not risk further delay in getting these to the full board.

### 3. Unfinished Business:

#### a. Community Fair Planning

- Determination of cost, location, and other needs.
- Group discussion about the specifics. While there is not yet a set date or a firm budget, the committee agreed to order a small number of bicycle safety items to give away (reflective strips/ decals), as well as an easel, sticky notes & pins, and will look into plotter options to make a CB9 map for residents to note the spots in the area with they have transportation concerns or comments.
- Felice Robertson asked about ordering supplies and acknowledged the board office could reimburse.
- Paco Abraham asked if the work done during the community fair could perhaps continue online, in perpetuity, so that CB9 has a feedback map portal much like DOT has used to gather community input when evaluating corridor wide projects.

#### b. Personal bike rack installation at Major Owens Community Center

- Paco Abraham commented that he has noticed bike racks have now been installed.

#### c. FDNY Sidewalk Parking 249/113 – Rogers Avenue

- Committee continued the conversation about the ongoing issue of illegal sidewalk parking by the firehouse.
- Chairman Norville suggested we could remove parking elsewhere and give it to them or seek physical barriers that yields some sidewalk space & enables 'combat parking' but still allows for proper pedestrian clearance & reduces the chance the vehicles could injure someone when backing up.
- Andrew Magnus noted strong hesitation with formally approving a transfer of public sidewalk space to illegal sidewalk parking. He also noted that the pass these cars get for illegal parking also corresponds to other dangerous driving that is linked to many of the license plates parked there.
- Benny Rosenberger commented that he did not feel the firefighters' personal vehicles deserved more privilege than the average taxpayer.
- Chairman Norville said he has yet to talk to the firefighters themselves, but he and Paco would seek a way to meet them at the firehouse or have a representative come to committee meeting to discuss.

### 4. New Business:

#### a. Traffic Calming – Lefferts Avenue

#### b. Traffic study on Remsen Ave – East New York Avenue- Utica Avenue- Empire Blvd intersection including light

- Lacking quorum and time this evening, Chair Norville said we'd push these agenda items to the May meeting of this committee.

### 5. Adjourn

#### a. Chair Norville makes a motion to adjourn at 8:55p.

#### b. Motion is seconded by Benny Rosenberger. Motion passes by unanimous consent.