

Brooklyn Community Board 9
890 Nostrand Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11225
ULURP/Land Use Committee Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2024
Clara Barton High School
901 Classon Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11225

Attendance (Board Members): Suki Cheong, Committee Chair; Rabbi Yaacov Behrman;

Attendance (Community Resident Members): John Craver; Esteban Giron; Beverly Newsome; Tom Thomas

Absent (Board Members): None

Absent (Committee Members): Nichola Cox

Guests: Mikki Afflick; William Antozzi; Fred Baptiste; Charles B.; Adrian Benepe, BBG; Rowan Blaik, BBG; Thoams Chisena; Susan Cooke; Paul Friedman; Helen Koh; Daniel Leonard; Barbara Lindsey; Davon Lomax; Alexander McQuilkin; Lenny Paul, BBG; Elizabeth Peters; Mike Piccirillo; Maria Ramos; Hector Robertson; Noel Toppin; Theresa Westerdahl; Sandy Wilder; Anthony Williams; John Woefling; Martina Victoria

Elected Officials: Andre Robinson for NYC Council Member, Crystal Hudson; 35th C.D.

CB9 Staff: Mia N. Hilton, Assistant District Manager; Dante B. Arnwine, District Manager

1. Call to Order

- a. Meeting was called to order at 6:40pm

2. Public Hearing 962-972 Franklin Avenue Rezoning Application Presentation

- a. Requesting a zoning amendment from R6A to R8A and R8A/C2-4
- b. 14 story tower (970 Franklin Avenue); 475 rental units
- c. Special permit to reduce number of parking spaces by half.
- d. Shadow massing / EIS
 - i. Jackie Robinson park affected
 - 1. Developer willing to work with NYC Parks and Recreation to upgrade lighting and refurbish playground amenities
 - ii. Shadow is still cast on the Brooklyn Botanic garden up to two hours/day
- e. Public Comment/Testimony

3. 962-972 Franklin Avenue Recommendation:

- a. Proposed- Esteban, Seconded - Tom Thomas: Disapprove rezoning request, including parking waiver. (See attached resolution, incorporating Parks committee resolution on shadows on Jackie Robinson playground)

- b. Committee Vote: 4 in favor, 1 abstention (Rabbi Behrman), 1 no (Beverly)
- 4. City of Yes for Housing Opportunity Resolution**
 - a. (see attached)
 - b. Committee Vote: 5 in favor; 1 abstention (Rabbi Behrman)
- 5. CD 9 Zoning Framework Discussion (see attached statement)