

**Brooklyn Community Board 9**  
**890 Nostrand Avenue**  
**Brooklyn, New York 11225**  
**Environmental Protection Committee Meeting Minutes**

December 1, 2022  
Meeting ID: 861 8203 1710

**Attendance (Board Members):** Debbie Timothy (Chair); Bishop Hamilton-Gonzales; Theresa Westerdahl

**Attendance (Community Resident Members):** Kristine Azzoli

**Absent (Board Members):** Vivia Morgan; Riel Peerbooms

**Absent (Community Resident Members):** Matthew Brumback

**Guests:** Jay Sorid; Marlee Tavlin, Prospect Park Zoo; Eric Wiseman

**Agency Representatives:** Khalid Jemmott, Community Associate

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- I. Meeting called to order at 7:12pm Committee Chair, Debbie Timothy
- II. Greetings and Introductions
- III. Word of Encouragement, Bishop Hamilton-Gonzales
- IV. Acceptance of meeting minutes and meeting agenda
- V. Community Resident interests/concerns
  - a. Resident Eric Wiseman raised an issue ongoing on the southwest corner of Troy Avenue and Fenimore Street. After the DEP changed a curb and sewer grate to one of a different design on that corner, he reports experiencing flooding due to garbage build up and unmanaged leaves from City planted trees which block the new sewer grate due to a lack of proper street sweeping. Mr. Wiseman also reported being unable to leave his house due to ponding and excessive ice conditions.
  - b. Resident Rob Herbert expressed concerns regarding an issue near Troy Avenue and Fenimore Street regarding abandoned cars that are leaking fluids which are then entering the drains and the storm system.
  - c. Visitor Marlee Tavlin spoke regarding post-Doctoral work she is doing in trying to reimagine the Prospect Park Zoo as a "community hub for conservation." She came to ask for suggestions on how best to engage the community. Ms. Westerdahl made a recommendation to begin a middle school aged program, Bishop Gonzales made a recommendation to start a composting program, and a recommendation was made for her to appeal at the general Community Board Meeting for the best opportunity to gain ideas. Ms. Tavlin mentioned that she can be reached at the Prospect Park Zoo on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- VI. Committee concerns

- a. As for the EPC, the list of locations with ponding complaints grows and complaints of improper street sweeping continue. These both appear to be Community wide issues that need to be addressed.
- b. A tentative date of 1/21/23 was set for the EPC and residents to walk an area of CB9 TBD.

VII. Adjournment

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm.