

# Brooklyn Community Board 9 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 15, 2022 7:00 p.m.

**I. Welcome**

Fred Baptiste, Chair of Brooklyn Community Board 9, called meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. The meeting was held via Zoom at the link below:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84733118656> ID: 847 3311 8556

The Chair moved a motion to amendment to the agenda: Item V will become the Treasurer’s Check-in/Report. The motion was accepted by all present.

**II. Public Comment: NONE**

**III. Roll Call of Executive Committee Members (see log below).**

**In attendance were: Primo Lasana (Chair- Public Safety); Beverley Newsome (Chair-Housing) Debbie Timothy (Chair -Environmental Protection) Naomi Baptiste (Chair-Education and Library) Suwen Cheong (Board Member) Felice Robertson (Board Member) Theresa Westrdahl (Board Member)**

<b>In the box, mark (X) if PRESENT; (A) if ABSENT; and (E) if EXCUSED</b>			
Fred P. Baptiste	X	Chair	
Warren Berke	X	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chair/	
Francisca Leopold	X	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair	
Linda Watson-Lorde	X	Executive Secretary	
Christian Loubeau	X	Treasurer	
Nicolas Almonor	X	Member-At-Large	
Khyrie Alleyne	X	Member-At-Large	
Dante B. Arnwine DM	X	District Manager	
Khalib Jemmot	X	CB9 Staff	

**IV. Action Items for this meeting: See X-Voting Items**

- **Public Safety- Liquor Licenses**
- **ULURRP – A vote on YES**

## V. Committee Chair Check-in/Reports

### *Public Safety: Primo Lasana- Chair*

- Officer Connors from the 71<sup>st</sup> Present reported on the level of crime in the district.
- FDNY can be a possible presenter for a future meeting, there was a requirement of at least 25 persons in attendance.
- Liquor Licenses: 3 for presentation, two from the last meeting.

- *ULURP/Land Use - Warren Berke*

- A request from the committee to create a sub-committee on the City of YES. The committee has voted for the creation of the committee.

- *Economic Development – Warren Berke*

- Requested that the Bridge Street Development Corporation is planning an event in December the 10<sup>th</sup> or the 17<sup>th</sup>, a request was made for this item to be placed on the December Meeting agenda for a vote from the Board
- Ms. Newsome mention the possibility of a Citizenship Neighborhood Grant, and promised to share further information with Mr. Berke.

***At this time in the meeting Khyrie Alleyne shared he was not feeling well and asked to be excused from the meeting.***

- *Housing – Beverley Newsome*

- No Action Items by the Committee
- Assemblyman (43) Brian Cunningham attended the committee meeting (held on November 14, 2022), sharing information on (1) the Kingsbrook Estate Housing Project and (2) his work on the committees of Housing and Health.
- A question was asked of any reporting on the Armory Housing, this can be a topic for the next meeting. Ms. Newsome noted that is there was any request to tour the facility, let her know.

- *Education & Library – No Report*

- *Environmental Protection – Debbie Thomas*

- The committee discussed short- and long-term goals.
- Concerns on the developments in the area.
- Rat population in construction areas.
- Wastebaskets missing in areas, especial close to the storage areas, (Empire Blvd)
- The recent trash pickup by the community a few weeks earlier (Rogers and Western Beef)
- Planning a Walk-Thru the neighborhoods.
- The Chair remarked on the rat control, noting that dumping is the responsibility of the business/buildings in the area.

- Chris Loubeau added that there were five locations in need of trash containers, will share information with the Committee Chair (Debbie)
- *Health and Social Services – Francisca Leopold*
  - At the committee meeting there was a presentation on Diabetes. Plans are in order for a Health segment on Diabetes in the new year. A budget for this will be submitted very soon.
  - Discussion on two sub committees (1) Planning and (2) Outreach.
  - A possible Senior’s Valentine’s event (Feb 2023).
  - Meetings with Brian Cunningham (Assembly0 and Rita Joseph (CW) for the possible partnerships on events for the seniors.
- *Parks, Recreation and Culture – Nicholas Almonar*
  - No quorum
  - No Action Items
- *Transportation - Nicholas Almonar*
  - No Report
- *Youth Services -Soul Creary*
  - No Report

*Primo Lasana asked to be excused from the meeting at this time*

#### **VI. Treasurer’s Check-in – Chris Loubeau**

- The treasurer promised that a longer report will be on the agenda for the next General Board meeting (November 17, 2022).
- CB9 is still in the waiting stages for info on the proposed Budget cuts from the Mayor’s office
- He encouraged the board members to send in questions on the needs of the community, on Participatory Budgeting to the workshop to be held on Monday hosted by the Civic Engagement Committee.
- The Chair asked if there was any indication of where the budget cuts can take affects? The District Manager noted that CB9 were in receipt of funding from the council members, which can cushion the district office when needed.

#### **VII. District Office/ Administrative Report**

- The DM opened with words of thanks for Ms. Debbie Thomas and Ms. Theresa Westerdahl for joining in the recent community cleanup.
- Applications for the Brooklyn Community Boards (2023) are available on the Brooklyn Borough Hall website and CB9’s website.
- Upcoming public hearing on the Public Act on Climate Change (Thursday), representatives from National Grid will be the presenters.
- Participatory Budget was still open, committees are encouraged to submit ideas/projects, using the City Council website.

- New invitation to elected officials to attend CB9 meeting were sent out
- On the behalf of the Transportation Committee the District Office were in the compiling letters to DOT on safety measures that were outstanding for a number of years.
- The District Office was in the process of scheduling the December calendar.
- Issued and invitation to the community to sign up for the CB9 E-Blast.
- Discussion on the following followed the District Manager’s report:
  1. Plans on the Grand Army Plaza shut-down
  2. The DOT’s liaison and the relationship with CB9.
  3. The removal of speed cameras from Sullivan Place to Montgomery.
  4. A suggestion to put in a project to the Participatory Budget for trash/garbage cans.

### **VIII. Chairman Check-in Committee Chair Report**

- Request that committees have their agendas schedule for the coming year; identifying resources needed. The Chair was willing to schedule time to meet with the committee chairs.
- Attendance at meetings drives the board. Members were reminded to inform the District Office on their attendance at meetings.
- Scheduling of the December meetings, in regards to the various holiday of the month
- Grand Army Plaza shut-down and its effect on the district.
- A Town Hall meeting with DOT & MTA on the B41 Bus Corridor Project, CB9 has the opportunity to make a contribution to the debate.
- Announcement to fill Committee Chair Assignment: Economic Development – Warren Berke and Transportation Committee – Fred Baptiste
- On the amendment of the current By-Laws, fourteen items were submitted but there is the opportunity to submit more as the link was still open. The next step will be taken at the Executive level. Following was a discussion on the feelings of Board members on how they feel about the discussion of the bylaws. There was a suggestion that the Chair should not be the Chair of the By-Laws Committee. After discussions the Board Chair responded that there’s still the options for submissions to the committee.  
There was an inquiry about the process used to choose the month’s Public Comment topics. The response: there was none in place presently but recommendations can be submitted to the office.

**IX. Unfinished Business:** A motion was moved by Warren Berke and seconded by Francisca Leopold to bring from the table the recommendation for the creation of a By-Laws Committee. After discussion the vote was called. The results were a vote NOT to create a committee: All in favor: Yes - Objection: None Abstention: None. The motion was denied.

**X. Voting Items – (Additions to the Agenda)**

- SLA Applications: there were three applications – two were renewals and one new application.
- ULURP – The creation of a sub-committee for the City of YES.
- CB9 participates in a Shop Local with Bridge Street Development Corporation on December 10, or possibly the 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Street Co-Naming at President and Nostrand in the name of one of the Founding Members of the West Indian Day Parade. Ms. Joyce Quamina.

**XI. Set Agenda for General Board Meeting for November 2022**

- Public Hearing
- Call to Order
- SLA Applications
  1. Island Xscape, LLC
  2. 1285 Coffee and Cocktails, LLC d/b/a The Haus
  3. Barfour LLC/Bar Bayeux
- Public Commentary
- Acknowledgements
- Business Session
- Roll Call
- Approval of November 2022 Minutes
- Committee Reports
- District Manager’s Report
- Treasurer’s Report
- Chairman’s Report
- Voting Session
  1. SLA Applications
  2. Street Co-Naming ( Joyce Quamina of WIADCA)
  3. Shop Local – CB9 and Bridge Street Development Corporation
  4. City of YES Sub-Committee
  5. By-Laws for Jan Meeting
- New Business
- Adjournment

**XII. Adjournment**

Fred Baptiste, Chair of Brooklyn Community Board 9, adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

**Linda Watson-Lorde**  
**Dec 2022**

**For a recording of the November Executive Committee Meeting can be viewed on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LIHzBzQ82DU&t=257s>  
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