

Brooklyn Community Board 9 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

January 18th, 2022, starting at 7PM

I. Welcome

Fred Baptiste, Chair of Brooklyn Community Board 9, called meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. The meeting was held via Zoom at the link below:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_p7bBD2_PQ-6tvpe2U6ebZQ

II. Presentations (if any): None

III. Applications to the New York State Liquor Authority, filed by the following businesses within Community District 9:

- None submitted.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

V. Roll Call of Board Members

In the box, mark (X) if PRESENT; (A) if ABSENT; and (E) if EXCUSED			
Khyrie Alleyne		Menachem Margolin	
Nicolas Almonor	X	Carmen Martinez	X
Stuart Balberg		Vivia Morgan	
Fred P. Baptiste	X	Patricia Moses	X
Naomy Baptiste		Beverly Newsome	
John Beckles Jr.		Yaakov (Yankee) Pearson	
Rabbi Yaacov Behrman		Riel Peerbooms	
Warren Berke	X	Amy Pinkerton	
Augustine Blackwell		Unella Rhone-Perry	
Suwen "Suki" Cheong		Dexter Roberts	E
Verleen Dozier		Felice Robertson	
Rosemarie Evering		Mary Rollerson-Blackett	
Tessa Hackett-Viera		Melissa Severe	
Bishop Sylveta Hamilton-Gonzales		Rashidah Siddiqui	
Shloma Zalman Hecht		Rashida Sykes	
Primo Lasana	X	Rabbi Chanina Sperlin	
Mayna Legoute	X	Debbie Timothy	
Francisca Leopold	X	Linda Watson-Lorde	X
Melanie Lewis	E	Eve-lyn Williams	X
Mattijs Limberger		Lorianne Wolseley	
Christian Loubeau	X	Cheryl Wright	

VI. Committee Chair Report

- **Economic Development:** *Warren Berke, Chair*

The committee met on January 10, 2022. Lisa Ennis of the NYC Small Business Services presented on the “Quick Start Program for Small Businesses”. The GrowNYC Farm Stand will resume operations every Friday through the winter. A standing request for a NYCHHC Vaccination/Testing van to be onsite, next to the Food Stan on Fridays, was submitted by the District Office. The committee unanimously voted to approve the “Shop Local” project which can assist the small business in the area during the Spring.
- **Environmental Protection:** *Christian Loubeau, Chair*

The Committee meet on January 11, 2022. The Chair reported as follows; (1) The Committee has submitted a request to participatory budget in support of additional rain gardens for CB9. (2) The submission of a Citizens Committee grant request in support of the environmental fair. (3) A letter for a proposal to Councilmembers Crystal Hudson and Rita Joseph addressing four issues including trash pickup in the community. The proposal speaks to a modernized trash collection program similar to the of councilmember Eric Bottcher in Manhattan. (4) A motion for the replacement of trash cans in the district and where to place these cans was passed by the Executive Committee (Cost approximately \$900.00) (5) There was a concern of the possibility, that a dumping ground for chemicals, might be in the soil at the old Seacrest plant (across from 960 Franklin Ave), this can cause persons in the area to be affected with cancer. It was decided that more research in the soil should be done, and that information should be sent to the District Office immediately.
- **Health and Social Services:** *Francisca Leopold, Chair*

The committee met on Jan 6, 2022, with a favorable turnout in attendance. Planning was on the way for the first and scone quarter of the year. Update on further public relation with Kings County Hospital. The Mental Health Awareness and the Suicide Clinic programs will be revisited especially with a greater awareness and emphasis on our young people.
- **Parks, Recreation and Culture:** *Nicolas Almonor, Chair*

The committee met on January 13, 2022. Mama Maryland of Ifetayo Cultural Arts was the guest presenter for the meeting. www.Ifetayo.org The organization is located in the Major Owens Health and Fitness Center. The Cultural Institute Liaison reporting covered the following: The Prospect Park Alliance cancelled the Holiday Party due to Covid-19; to date there was no response from the Brooklyn Academy of Music, the District Office will be requested from assistance in this matter; The Brooklyn Museum was opened to visitation but the tours of the museum had not restarted; BRIC has reviewed the list of classes with a possible Film Festival in their planning; the Maple Street Garden will reopen in April; the Lightshow held at the Brooklyn Botanical Garden promises to be back by the next two years.

- **Transportation:** *Carmen Martinez, Chair*
Carmen Martinez shared that there was no report at this time from the Committee. Discussion on the speeding situation in the Lefferts/Bedford/Washington Aves areas followed, reporting revealed that instead of the area getting a Speed Bump a Speed Camera was installed. The speed of the vehicular traffic has reduced, but the concern continues on the installing of the camera instead of the bump.
- **ULURP/Land Use:** *Patricia Moses, Chair*
The Committee meet on January 11, 2022. The major agenda items were: (1) The Fenimore Street Application - to date there is no new action on the application by applicant and DCP. The committee shared the website for the zoning information www.zola.planning.nyc.gov ; (2). 990 Franklin Ave - Statistical update was shared.
- **Youth Services:** *Primo Lasano, Chair*
The Committee met on January 10, 2022. An increase of the Covid-19 infection rates affected the plans for the hosting of the Youth Job and Career Expo. The date of the event was postponed until May 2022. There are a few location options being considered for the hosting of the event.

VII. District Office/ Administrative Report

- CB9 District office re-opened to any in need of the office services.
- District Service Cabinet did not meet in January but will reconvene in February.
- Newly elected Council Members will be invited to the February meeting. The List of the newly elected officials will be share with the Board shortly
- Template for the recording of committee meetings minutes is available to all committee chairs.
- The Audit for the 18 Community Boards has been made available to the community. Community Board 9 was cited with a small number of new issues, such as our website. The Board is working toward correcting/updating all the mentioned issues. The report is available to the community, please reach out to the office for copies.
- Budget: Board Office currently has \$14, 680.00 in OTPS. Committee are encouraged to “dream big” in their planning of events.
- Community Board 9 Board Zoom license is due to expire on February 7, 2022, the renewal cost is \$2,500.00. The Governor has extended the use of Zoom for board meeting.

VIII. Chair's Report

- Acknowledgement of the receipt the Audit.
- Appreciative of the use of technology which enables us to continue to meet.
- Review Proposed Bylaws Amendment to conduct virtual meetings and electronic voting at this time for the election for the post Secretary without the use of paper ballots. This would have been the third time a request was made for an amendment, tonight's meeting as well as the months of February, March and April.
- Gratitude for two board members who step up: Patricia Moses to chair of the ULURP/Land Use Committee and Beverly Newsome to Chair the Housing Committee. Also, to Linda Watson-Lorde to the nomination of Interim Secretary at the January Meeting.
- Community Board 9 Membership – The Office of the borough President has released the application process to the community for membership for 2022-2023.
- Open House for the Board to be held on January 31, 2022. This would provide the opportunity to showcase the operations of the Board.
- Grow NYC Crown Height Farmstand was a success and received well by the community. Support came from Elected officials such as Senator Zellnor Myrie; Assemblywoman Diana Richardson, Mayor Eric Adams and City Councils members.
- On the Cease-and-Desist Zones, testimonies are accepted until the month of June. Neighbors are encouraged to submit their properties. More information shall be shared when such becomes available.

IX. The accomplishments of 2021 are proud moments and events to be mentioned are: the hiring of a great District Manager, Dante Arnwine; The Chair of the ULURP/Land Use, Patricia Moses for her commitment to the issues surrounding the 960 Franklin Avenue Development; Francesca Leopold Chair of the Health and Social Service; the distribution of mask by the CB9 office, a favorable Audit Report and to the Board members of CB9 for their transparency, membership commitment and dedication.

X. Agenda for General Board Meeting for January 18, 2022

- a. Public Session**
 - i. Call to Order
 - ii. Rules of Conduct
 - iii. Presentations
 - iv. SLA Applications
 - v. Public Commentary
 - vi. Acknowledgements
- b. Business Session**
 - i. Roll call
 - ii. Approval of Minutes
 - iii. Committee reports
 - iv. District Manager's Report
 - v. Treasurer's Report
 - vi. Chairman's Report
 - 1. By-Law Amendment
 - 2. 2021 Accomplishments
 - 3. Board Membership
 - 4. Cease and Desist Zones
 - vii. Old Business
 - viii. New Business
 - ix. Adjournment

XI. New Business: None

XII. Adjournment

Fred Baptiste, Chair of Brooklyn Community Board 9, adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Linda Watson-Lorde

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The following link to the recording of the meeting:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MbbMiNy9Kys&t=36s>