

**Community Board 9
890 Nostrand Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11225**

**Minutes of the Reconvened
October 28, 2014 Meeting of Community Board 9
Held on November 3, 2014
Alumni Auditorium, SUNY Downstate Medical Center
450 Clarkson Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11225**

Members Present

Amy Albert
Patricia Baker
Fred Baptiste
Simone Bennett
Warren Berke
Michael Cetera, AIA
Veta May Clarke
Josette Coicou-Brioche
Rabbi Jacob Goldstein
Rabbi Nochum Gross
Tessa Hackett-Vieira
Sylveta Hamilton-Gonzales
Aron Hershkop
Laura Imperiale
Daniel Ingvoldstad
Louis Johnson
Demetrius Lawrence

Members Present

Carmen Martinez
Musa Moore
Patricia Moses
Beverly Newsome
Dwayne Nicholson
Rosemarie Perry
Pia Raymond
Unella Rhone-Perry
Diana Richardson
Mary Rollerson-Blackett
Roosevelt Rose
Brenda Scott
Rabbi Joseph Speilman
Ada Terry
Timothy Thomas
Jacqueline Welch

Members Absent

Stuart Balberg
Rev. Douglas Banks
Augustine Blackwell
Rev. Phyllis Brown – sick
Shelia Foster-Golding
Avi Lesches
Michael Liburd
Denise Mann
Nacala Mitchell
Frank Nicholas
Gerald President
Kenya Sollas
Chanina Sperlin – sick
Yvonne Straker
Evelyn Williams

ELECTED OFFICIALS/AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Kicy Motley – Hon. Bill DeBlasio
Brian McLaurin – Hon. Letitia James
Jesse Campo-Amor – Hon. Scott Stringer
Reuven Lipkind – Senator Elect Jesse Hamilton
Arna Lipkind – Hon. Darlene Mealy
Judge Jeanne Edwards
Soumia Chanoubi – Hon. Mathieu Eugene

Matthew Pitt – Hon. Laurie Cumbo
Kenya Handy – Hon. Scott Stringer
Dale DeGale – Hon. Yvette Clarke
Hon. Geoffrey Davis
William Boone – Medgar Evers College
Judge Toussaint

BUSINESS SESSION

Chairman Nicholson called the Meeting Called to order: 7:15 pm.

Minutes of the June 2014 Meeting

Chairman Nicholson explained there are no minutes for the month of June due to an equipment malfunction and then secretary excused absence.

Minutes of the September 2014 Meeting

Tim Thomas made a motion to adopt the September 2014 meeting minutes; the motion received a second from Veta May Clarke. The Board vote to accept the September minutes: Yes 28 – No 0- Abstentions 0

District Manager's Report

- c) Select Bus Service is being proposed for Utica Avenue; meetings are beginning, the public is invited. A meeting has been scheduled for November 13, 2014, at PS 167, 1025 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn. Please RSVP to Krystin Hence, DOT Community Outreach Coordinator, at (212) 839-6684, or email khence@dot.nyc.gov by September 12, 2014.
- d) District 17 Community Education Council will be holding a forum on November 15, 2014. Chancellor Farina will be in attendance. Parents are encouraged to attend. The forum will be held at MS 61, 400 Empire Blvd, Brooklyn.
- e) Council member Darlene Mealy will be honoring our Veterans with a forum to mark "Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance" at the Christopher Blenman Center, 720 East New York Avenue, Brooklyn, on December 9th, 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Call 718-953-3097 for more information.
- f) Council member Mathieu Eugene announces vacancies at the newly reconstructed Kings Theatre. Vacancies exist for Receptionist/Administrative Assistant, reporting directly to the Director and Associate Director. Vacancy also exists for a Marketing Associate. Submit cover letter, resume and 3 references.
- g) The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce is reminding everyone that the enrollment period for health insurance under the Affordable Care Act will begin in November. People without health insurance are encouraged to apply because the fines will go up next year. Contact the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce at 718-875-9300.
- h) The building at 329 Lincoln Road is completed and apartments rented. Currently, there are two vacancies for apartments there: one is a studio apartment, the rent is \$703.00 per month; the other is a two-bedroom apartment, the rent is \$916.00 per month. Applications are online at www.communityaccess.org.

Committees' Reports

Youth Services Committee – Amy Albert

There will be a joint meeting to address community issues involving sex offenders; Ms. Miles is trying to locate space to have the meeting

Issues involving sixteen and seventeen year old youth in Central Booking with adults in cells filled with 30-40 people are being discussed with the committee and community

Homeless youth in the district have no place to go in Brooklyn. The Covenant House and Horizons in Harlem are not very close and may not be available for these youth. This is a significant situation and getting worse. This will be discussed further at the next committee meeting.

Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee – Michael Cetera, AIA

The Community Board's approval is being requested for the following:

Design for the Historic Marker for Clove Road – the installation of a stone historic marker for Clove Road – Granite or Blue Stone, or other stone – was already approved by the Community Board. Mr. Cetera was now presenting the proposed design for the Historic Marker for Clove Road (located between Montgomery/Empire Blvd/Nostrand/New York).

The Artist Mr. Henishi Hiratsuka, (whose work will be pro bono to the community) will be telling the stories of Brooklyn from the beginning of time to present day – a story rock. Mr. Cetera invited the audience to take a look at a model of the design which he had in the auditorium. Mike Cetera Shows images to all on the story stone and herb man.

The Herb Man Project is a herb garden in the shape of Leonardo Da Vinci's "Universal Man" that is being proposed to be placed on the site of the former building 10 on the grounds of the Kingsborough Psychiatric Center. New York State, which has jurisdiction for the site did not think that anything could be planted in the earth as it stood right now; so the proposal is to plant the herbs in pots instead. More outreach will be done with the state regarding the use of plant pots instead of planting in the earth.

The committee is exploring the development of a passive park at the intersection of Flatbush Avenue/Empire Boulevard/Ocean Avenue.) Current the space is being used as a parking lot for the Transit Authority.

Transportation Committee – Simone Bennett

Meeting 10/21 - Dept of transportation, Franklin Avenue Bike Lane extension; the community voted NO on an extension of the Franklin Avenue Bike lane from Eastern Parkway to Empire Blvd

The Crown Heights Slow Zone - Speed reduces to 20 MPH and speed bumps. A vote is needed for community approval.

Lefferts Manor Association's Transportation Forum; discuss issues regarding subways, the traffic on the avenues, Franklin Avenue, Slow zones

Economic Development Committee – Warren Berke

The purpose is to keep dollars flowing in the community for our local merchants. Buy local has Flatbush Ave, Parkside Ave, Empire Blvd merchants; In addition, Pia Raymond has involved Nostrand Avenue and a few merchants from Utica Avenue. This the first time this buy local program has been done in our district and the committee is pleased to welcome any merchant in the district who wants to join.

The Committee will also begin work on an E-directory of independent contractors and merchants in the next few months.

Pia Raymond discussed the promotion for Shop Local CB9 on the Flatbush and Nostrand Avenue Corridor. There may be red balloons and signage on merchants' doors on the corridors Flatbush/Nostrand, from

Parkside Ave to Empire Blvd on 12/13 and 12/14 keep shop local days and improve sustainability. Pia also spoke about hosting community artists and has reached out to PLG Arts online.

Request for a vote on the Shop Local program

February is love your neighborhood month
Carver Bank is providing printing proceeds
Money is needed from sponsorship
The funds will go to Friends of Community Board 9

Chairman's Report

We need a vote to open the By-Laws

Reminder to the community:

When streetlights are out or you see a pothole, traffic lines in the street are faded don't forget to call
Community Board 9 was rated the dirtiest community district in Brooklyn last year we can improve by supporting some of the Sanitation department programs

We will be exploring the various neighborhood grants available for block associations, and community groups

Affordable Housing Seminar 11/13, Walter Mosley Office, 88 Hanson Place, Brooklyn, RSVP.

Council Member Cumbo - Make an appointment with the council member to meet at CB9 office. Call the council members office to schedule. Third Tuesday of the month

Board Votes on Motions

Vote on Slow Zone in Crown Heights
Motion to accept DOT proposed slow zone for
YES- 6 NO- 28 Abstention-0
FAILED - DID NOT PASS

Vote Wine and Beer
Buckley's
Move to support by Tim Thomas
Second by Veta May Clarke
YES- 30 NO-4 Abstained - 0
PASSED
Letter to be sent to state liquor authority

Buttercup
Wine and Beer application
Rabbi Gross made a motion to support the wine and beer application
Second by Warren Berke
YES- 22 NO- 12 Abstentions-0
Carries
Letter to be sent to the state liquor authority

Enduro

51 Lincoln Rd

Mr. Mammary

Motion made to support renewal of liquor license

Second by Tessa Hackett-Vieira

YES 33- NO-0 –Abstention-1

Carries

Capital Budget

Warren Berke made a motion to accept the capital budget

Diana Richardson second the motion

Capital budget request discussion

Amy Albert expressed her concern as it relates to housing for homeless youth in the 16 and 17 year old age group. Funds must be set aside for community development or space at LICH or KCH for the homeless youth in this age group in our district.

YES-34 NO-0 Abstentions-0

Carries

Expense Budget

Motion to approve the expense budget by Rabbi Gross

Second by Veta May Clarke

YES-34 NO-0Abstentions-)

Carries

Shop Local Program

Motion was made by Aaron Hershkop to support the shop local program

Diana Richardson second the motion

YES-35 NO-0 Abstention-0

Motion was made by Warren Berke to approve the story stone design

Second by Jacqueline Welch

Discussion from the floor by Beverly Newsome regarding the need for more community outreach for future projects

YES-34 NO-1-Abstentions -0

Herb man

Jacob Goldstein made a Motion to accept the Herb man project

Laura Imperiale second the motion

By-Laws Committee

Motion was made to establish a by-laws committee by Warren Berke

Second by Laura Imperiale

Yes-34 NO-0 Abstentions-0

Carries

Transportation

Franklin Avenue Bike lane

Letter must be written to DOT reminding them that the community has already voted against extending this bike lane

Motion made by Simone Bennett to request no further community outreach on the bike lane matter on Franklin Avenue

Second to the motion by Warren Berke

YES-31 NO-1 Abstention-1

Carries

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 PM by Roosevelt Rose; Ada Terry second the motion

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Perry

Secretary

November 18, 2014