

**COMMUNITY BOARD 9
890 NOSTRAND AVENUE
BROOKLYN, NY 11225**

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
HELD ON FEBRUARY 25, 2014
MIDDLE SCHOOL 61 AUDITORIUM
400 EMPIRE BOULEVARD, BROOKLYN, 11225**

Members Present

Amy Albert
Pastor Robert Ambrose
Stuart Balberg
Fred Baptiste
Simone Bennett
Warren Berke
Aldith Clarke
Veta May Clarke
Josette Coicou-Brioche
Shirley Dor
Edmund Fanning
Shelia Foster-Golding
Rabbi Jacob Goldstein
Theopia Green
Rabbi Nochum Gross
Sylveta H. Gonzales
Aron Hershkop
Myra Holmes
Laura Imperiale

Members Present

Daniel Igvoidstad
Maurice Jean-Baptiste
Demetrius Lawrence
Frank Nicholas
Dwayne Nicholson
Rosemarie Perry
Gerald President
Diana Richardson
Mary Rollerson-Blackett
Roosevelt Rose
Brenda Scott
Chanina Sperlin
Rabbi Joseph Spielman
Victoria St. Clair
Yvonne Straker
Timothy Thomas
Jacqueline Welch
Evelyn Williams

Members Absent

Rev. Phyllis Brown - sick
Michael Cetera, AIA
Tessa Hackett-Vieira
Ruby Hodge - sick
Brenda Hutto-Lucas
Jacqueline Love
Samuel Marmulzsteyn – sick
Karlene Robinson

Elected Officials/Agency Representatives Present

Hon. Shirley Patterson
Brian Cunningham - Hon. Laurie Cumbo
Charles L. Jackson - Hon. Yvette Clark
William H. Boone - Medgar Evers College
Kicy Motley – Hon. Bill de Blasio

Richard Bearak – Hon. Eric Adams
Arna Lipkind - Hon. Darlene Mealy
Zulema Blair - Hon. Kevin Parker
Chris McCreight – Hon. Karim Camara
Reuven Lipkind – 20th Senate District Office

PUBLIC SESSION:

Consider application submitted by Alexis Van Lines to the Department of Transportation for a six year renewal and an expansion of the current fleet of twenty-eight (28) vans by an additional twenty (20) vans. Authorized territory: Saratoga Ave/Linden Boulevard/Caton Ave/Ocean Avenue/Empire Boulevard/New York Avenue/Eastern Parkway to Saratoga Avenue (which includes portions of Community District 9, Brooklyn)

Mr. Leroy Morrison, owner of Alexis Van Lines informed that they have been doing business in Brooklyn for over twenty-seven years. When they started out their customers were mostly younger people and children. Today the service extends to seniors as well. They started out during the bus strike and continued to be a service to the Brooklyn community. They are requesting to expand to the areas mentioned above. Their commuter vans are quick and safe for traveling. Mr. Morrison hopes his company will continue to serve the community for many years to come as they expand in other areas of the community.

Questions and Answers

Question: Inaudible **Answer:** What we are trying to do is to extend our service to the areas that are underserved that is why we are expanding our service to places like Utica Avenue, Saratoga Avenue. Expansion is growth; there is always demand where there is growth.

Question: Inaudible **Answer:** the buses we run for seniors are twenty passenger vans with wheelchair access. It's lower than the city buses.

Question: Do you pick up on the streets? **Answer:** Yes, we pick up on the streets; we have instances where friends tell their friends about the service.

Question: Do you have senior fares? Do you have discounts rates? **Answer:** Yes, we do. Sometimes they do not have all the money and we still pick them up.

Tim Thomas: What kind of relationship do you have with the cowboys? Is there a way we can curb them? What can we do to stop them? **Answer:** Some of the cowboys run with different plates from New Jersey or Pennsylvania. Mayor de Blasio is working on a program which will enforce the law. He is trying to clean up the cowboys. **Question:** What will happen to the cowboys? **Answer:** Once we put legitimate commuter vans on the street then there will be no room for the cowboys.

Mr. Morrison thanked the community for the opportunity to come before the Board, to represent Alexis Van Lines in extending their commuter van service to the areas in Community District 9.

Chairman Goldstein thanked Mr. Morrison for his services to the community.

Kicy Motley, Brooklyn Borough Director, Mayor's Office reporting on Mayor de Blasio's proposal for Universal Pre-Kindergarten

Ms. Motley informed that she is the new Brooklyn Borough Director in the Mayor's Community Affairs Unit; liaison to the Brooklyn Community Boards. The office is located at 250 Broadway, NYC if you have any issues feel free to come to the office. Ms. Motley asked how many people were aware of the Mayor's plan for Universal PreK; this is an issue that is perhaps closest to Mayor de Blasio's heart. The Mayor wants to make sure every four year old child in the city is entitled to full day Pre-Kindergarten. The issue is how to pay for it. This plan involves taxing the one percent.

We are thrilled that Governor Cuomo is in favor of Universal Pre-K. We need a funding stream for the program the Governor wants to have funding from the revenue from the state. How can you help? You can help by reaching out to your state legislators, to support the Mayor's plan. We want to stay in touch with you; March 27 will be the vote in the Assembly.

Questions and Answers

Chairman Goldstein: Is Universal PreK only for public school children? **Answer:** Yes, it is under the Department of Education.

Stuart Balberg: Among the proposals on the table which one do you think we should support, the one you present here tonight which do not have a thirty percent chance of passing the Assembly or the Senate or the Governor's proposal which have 50 or 55%. **Chairman Goldstein:** The speaker was very clear where the Mayor's proposal stands.

Amy Albert: I would like to hear more on the afterschool proposal. **Answer:** The afterschool proposal can be anything from arts to sports, etc. We want the Community Boards to come into the schools with their programs.

Chairman Goldstein thanked Ms. Motley for her presentation.

Consider application #C 100202 ZMK, submitted to the Department of City Planning by Jesse Masyr, Esq, Fox Rothshild, LLP, Attorneys at Law; on behalf of 529 Empire Realty Corporation, pursuant to Sections 197-c and 201 of the New York City Charter for an amendment of the Zoning Map, Section No. 17b:

1. eliminating from within an existing R5 District a C1-3 District bounded by a line midway between Montgomery Street and Empire Boulevard, Lamont Court and its northerly centerline prolongation, a line 100 feet southerly of Empire Boulevard, Brooklyn Avenue, a line midway between Empire Boulevard and Sterling Street, a line 100 feet westerly of Brooklyn Avenue, Empire Boulevard, and Brooklyn Avenue;
2. eliminating from within an existing R7-1 District a C1-3 District bounded by:
 - a) Empire Boulevard, a line 100 feet westerly of Brooklyn Avenue, a line midway between Empire Boulevard and Sterling Street, and a line 150 feet westerly of Brooklyn Avenue; and
 - b) A line 100 feet southerly of Empire Boulevard, Lamont Court, a line 150 feet southerly of Brooklyn Avenue;
3. Changing from an R5 District to an R7A District property bounded by a line midway between Montgomery Street and Empire Boulevard, Lamont Court and its northerly centerline prolongation, a line 100 feet southerly of Empire Boulevard, Brooklyn Avenue, a line midway between Empire Boulevard and Sterling Street, a line 100 feet westerly of Brooklyn Avenue, Empire Boulevard, and Brooklyn Avenue.
4. Establishing within a proposed R7A District a C2-4 District bounded by a line midway between Montgomery Street and Empire Boulevard, Lamont Court and its northerly centerline prolongation, a line 100 feet southerly of Empire Boulevard, Brooklyn Avenue, a line midway between Empire Boulevard and Sterling Street, a line 100 feet westerly of Brooklyn Avenue, Empire Boulevard, and Brooklyn Avenue.

Borough of Brooklyn, Community District 9, as shown on a diagram (for illustrative purposes only) dated December 16, 2013 and subject to the conditions of CEQR Declaration E-329.

District Manage Pearl Miles explained that the wording on the agenda is the legally required wording for the matter on the agenda. There is no other way for the matter to be presented but the way it is presented on the agenda.

Ms. Miles explained that a meeting was held to address the matter. The original application that was submitted by the owner was for the property at 529 Empire Boulevard. The matter now before the Board was included by the Department of City Planning to bring the existing properties on the south side of Empire in compliance with zoning. The applicant's property is on the north side of Empire Boulevard and includes four tax lots. The applicant would like to build a seven story mixed-use building with 68 dwelling units, accessory parking and commercial and community facility use. Board members who were present voted to recommend Community Board 9's support for the application. The owner's representative will explain the details of plans for the site,

Attorney Jody Stein, Fox Rothschild, explained that at the request of the New York City Department of City Planning they are presenting the application with the recommended zoning changes. The owner's property is located on the northern side of Empire Boulevard, it comprises four tax lots. Across the street are buildings that are currently overbuilt; this proposed zoning will bring these buildings into compliance.

The area to be developed is approximately 24,000 square feet, with a supermarket and a seven story building with 68 units along Empire Boulevard. The height is 80 feet high with a FAR of 4.0. There is 24,289 square feet of retail space.

Questions and Answers

Richard Bearak, representing Borough President, Eric Adams, informed that in addition to tonight's hearing, there will be a public hearing next month at Brooklyn Borough Hall. The date will be posted on the website so watch it to share your thoughts and concerns. You can email us at askeric@brooklynbp.nyc.gov. Check for the date of the hearing.

Joan Grant: As a longtime resident of Crown Heights, I would like to know who will have access to those 68 units and will they be opened to the general public, also what kind of access people looking like me would have to those buildings? **Answer:** It will be open to the public. There will be no restrictions. The owner will be looking into whatever programs are available for affordable housing; if that is available one can apply.

Laura Imperiale: Will the applicant receive public funding? **Answer:** No. **Question:** Will selections be based on lottery? **Answer:** no. **Question:** Where is the parking? I am not familiar with the area. **Answer:** Parking will be underground.

Question: What are you building? **Answer:** Currently, we are not building anything; we are here to present an application for a proposed seven story mixed-use building.

Question: What is the income of these people who you are planning to get in? **Answer:** Currently, when the program is developed we hope there will be affordable housing involved. It depends upon what is the income of affordable housing.

Chairman Goldstein: If this application is approved, then the issues will be taken to the Housing Committee. After that they will come back to Community Board 9.

Community Resident: It appears to me that who sent in this application, the proposed site is 529 Empire Boulevard. Now you have to tear down this that and the other. Will the City let you take the whole of Brooklyn? I don't know what to say. **Answer:** 529 Empire Realty states in the application that this is the owner's property. The other four lots are also the owner's property. It is four city tax properties that belong to the owner. That will be the outline of the building. The building will be 24,289 square feet with a height of 80 feet. I cannot speak to anything else, only about the property.

Evelyn Tulloch: I am a longtime resident of Brooklyn. I live on Union Street and my question to you is based on the architecture of the proposed building. We live in an area where the architecture is 19th century to 20th century structures. I would like to know: we would like to know from land marking what are the procedures in changing the architecture when I look at the building that was torn down on Lincoln Road to put up that monstrosity, what they call a modern building, they just don't fit in.

Community Resident: Could we put into effect a multicultural act that we come to a compromise that we should adhere to the zoning laws to build buildings comparable to the zoning district.

Theopia Green: First, I would like to know rezoning. The information I got from Community Board 9 is confusing. What is an R5, what is an R7? Until I know what is an R5 and what is an R7, I cannot make a decision. **Answer:** R7, allows for greater bulk, 80 feet high limitation and R5 doesn't have that height and bulk.

Tim Thomas: If you were to slenderize the building will you go higher? **Answer:** No. **Question:** Is the owner of the application of the proposed property here tonight? **Answer:** No **Question:** Why isn't he here? We don't know who he is, what he does? **Answer:** It is typical that law firms represent them. They are part of this community. **Question:** But he didn't think he should be present himself here tonight? **Answer:** He is a part of this community; he owns four lots of land in this community.

Fred Baptiste: My question is when he is allowed to build this building; the building will be as tall as allowed, right? **Answer:** Yes, correct. **Question:** What zoning is allowed as of right they can do whatever they want to do with the property; they can build affordable housing is that correct? **Answer:** so they could, Inaudible. **Question:** Is it that we can build more affordable houses? What is the government doing for us in this neighborhood? I don't see what they have done for us in Crown Heights.

Community Resident: Why don't they build more buildings? My question is what happens when the people enter the supermarket over there, where they are no signals or guards. A turn from the other side is illegal and that is the issue, that's my question.

Chairman Goldstein: That's a good question, that's a serious issue. That is a Department of Transportation issue.

Veta May Clarke: Are you putting up houses for people to live or just for the hierarchy that can pay. We don't have to look any further, on Flatbush Avenue and Fenimore Street, Lefferts Avenue and Flatbush Avenue you have modest pricing.

Sam Stern: Driving down Empire Boulevard at night is definitely an eye sore, with garbage, less commercial growth. You are here tonight to invest in the community. I can certainly appreciate that. I have children; I want my children to stay in the community. Ten years ago these houses were under \$500,000; today they are worth a million dollars. I am happy that my investment worked out but I am concerned about my community. Will the numbers be affordable when you come and pitch a building like this; it is the most disgusting thing I have ever seen. Put some color in it, let it look decent, and then you might get the support.

Consider a request from the Crown Heights Jewish Community Council for the re-zoning of a section of Community District 9, the parameters as follows: Eastern Parkway to Maple Street and Nostrand Avenue to Utica Avenue (an approximate 50-block area) from R-2 zoning to R-6 zoning – to allow for the expansion of building sizes not currently allowed under R2 zoning.

- **Also consider, within the stated parameters, the downzoning of those sections zoned R7-1 to R-6 (requested by community resident)**

Chairman Goldstein read a letter that was sent to the Community Board, the contents of which in part is to reduce the area previously submitted for rezoning. Chairman Goldstein explained what the issue was all about. He as a community resident, has a sister-in-law with eight children. She has a house with six bedrooms. The Chairman also when he bought his house on Montgomery Street, he had five children. He had to turn a closet into a bedroom for his son, for several years that closet served as a bedroom. The issue that he is trying to explain is that they are not trying to put up monstrosities but rather additional space for their families. The fact is that people are restricted from enlarging their houses.

Rabbi Eli Cohen said that he had written the letter on behalf of the Crown Heights Jewish Community Council. Rabbi Cohen said that his house is on Carroll Street between Nostrand and New York Avenues. On my arrival we were fortunate to have bought that house. My wife and I have nine children. My wife and I have one room and the other three for the nine children. We had a daughter who was challenged, we had to stick everybody in the space we had. My neighbor down the block who moved in recently, he has more than eight children living on the first floor which is 50 X 20 feet. Our block which is R-6 zoning was able to create living space out of his basement and he had room for his children, but had he lived on the next block on the other side of New York Avenue he couldn't do that because if you were to turn your basement into a living space on that block because of zoning, it is not allowed. This is the kind of issue we are dealing with where real people have a real problem of how many kids can be in one room. This is the proposal that we have on the table. I hope you will take the time to recognize it.

Questions and Answers

Shane Levi: I live in the community increasing the size of the house will increase the value of the property. I don't know why we couldn't go from an R-2 to an R-6 zoning (inaudible).

Fred Baptiste: This is a ULURP matter. The proposal should go to the ULURP committee.

Tim Thomas: I was at the ULURP meeting; I don't think we can vote on the proposal since we don't know what we are voting on. The ULURP committee voted to recommend. The question is, should we propose the zoning to City Planning?

Pearl Miles: This proposal was not there at the meeting.

Tim Thomas: I agree with you, Pearl, we did not have this proposal. Richard from the Borough President's Office is here, he should be able to clear up this R-2, R-6 zoning. What the Jewish Community Council is asking for is not something the ULURP committee can decide on. However, we recommend that to clear up some of these issues we do a study and send it to City Planning, for them to agree if some of the parts of the district can be rezoned. As Richard mentioned to me, R-6 is not the only option. There are other ways to make it possible to add on to buildings without making radical changes. We are not making a decision on this proposal we need more time. We cannot do this tonight.

Chairman Goldstein: We are not here tonight to make vast changes. We can only ask the people here tonight for their support.

Community Resident: I think the response is out of order. I heard it said that the February 5, 2014 meeting was voted on to recommend. That is incorrect; I was at the February 5 meeting. There was no such vote, so even now that the proposal has been changed, the consensus recommended that we conduct a study of the request. It was never voted on to recommend.

Community Resident: How does this zoning impact others in the area? **Goldstein:** Only the tax commissioner can tell you that. All I can say is things in the real world doesn't go straightforward.

Richard Bearak: I cannot tell you factually, but the census for example, tax you more on what your property doesn't have. We can look online to see and compare the difference in zoning. There can be problems with different zonings.

Theopia Green: There are many questions proposed here tonight. I recommend that a tax representative and a zoning representative attend our next meeting and explain these issues.

Community Resident: I agree what we need are case studies on these issues. At the last meeting I attended, they are against high rise buildings blocking Prospect Park in that area. We don't think it is unreasonable but we have to consider the cost. It takes money. We have to know our property. We cannot have a multiple that say you want to have an up zoning at one end and a down zoning at the other end. You have to stop everything. Is that true Richard?

Richard Bearak: Should the Board put in a request to City Planning for such studies; they would begin the study, schedule hearings in the community, then come back with a draft proposal for the Board; if the proposal is adopted, it then goes to the City Planning Commission and the City Council. Money is involved. Your tax dollars will be put to work. If this is what the Board wants it would have to be approved by the City Council.

Community Resident: Richard, is it correct to say that if the R-6 zoning is raised can you go up at the same time to have (inaudible) will that be feasible?

Richard Bearak: Yes, basically at the same time given the size of your district you cannot expect City Planning to do the district all at once. They probably will tell you to prioritize what you want to do first. Some blocks wouldn't be changed at all. Detached houses are the only ones that seem to make sense. There are equivalent differences in the R-6 that would allow this given if the houses are not detached. Mr. Bearak continued to

give a breakdown on the current issue in the district between detached houses and those that are not detached, and what can and cannot be done.

Evelyn Tulloch: I would like to raise the issue of landmarking which raises property value. In our community if we knock down the brownstones and build up R-7, what would we need then to start looking into landmarking? What are the options?

Dwayne Nicholson: Are we here to vote on something that we do not understand. I would like to get back to what Fred and Laura said, we need to send the proposal back to the ULURP committee. We should not be voting here on this issue tonight.

Public Hearing on the agencies responses to Community Board 9's FY 2015 Capital and Expense Budget Requests contained in the Mayor's Preliminary Budget.

Chairman Goldstein informed that the Mayor's Preliminary Budget was just released; copies were sent to board members, and copies are in the back for the audience tonight.

Pearl Miles: This is the time of year when we discuss the responses to our budget requests. Last year, when we had new members the attitude was that they didn't know how to do this. I emailed all the board members; I explained the process; and gave everyone an opportunity to go through the process from the beginning. Now is the time for the response and no one has anything to say? The hearing before the City Council will be on March 25, 2014 on this budget. This is the time that you have to say how you feel about the responses to the requests you made.

Amy Albert: Number three in the Expense requests, there is a need for after school programs. The response we need an RFP process. The services are not sufficient; the question is how we address what the RFP process is all about.

Diana Richardson: Number twenty-three in the Capital Budget, we put in for reconstruction of P.S. 91 and it is not recommended for funding. I suggest that we write a letter explaining why P.S. 91 should be placed in the budget for funding.

Rosemarie Perry: Priority 16, the Fire Department to provide funding for ten thousand CPR kits. The agencies response was, we no longer provide CPR kits. I would like to make an amendment to the request that training be provided for members of the community in CPR.

Tim Thomas: I don't think we are prepared to discuss the Budget requests. Pearl was right, I apologize. I thought I was supposed to look at the things in my community. I hope the district manager and chair will accept comments as we do get the chance to say them. I must say, I am sorry I did not study the comments of the budget.

Chairman Goldstein: It is important to have input. Those who don't have computers, the information was sent to them. We can't sit on the side and get things done. This is something that is done year in and year out. We have to push to get things done. We go one way it doesn't work, and then we go the other way. We just have to keep pushing every year; we put back the same items until the City decides to fund them.

Theopia Green: When were they sent out? **Pearl Miles:** They were submitted in October. The budget process begins two in advance of the fiscal year in question. The capital and expense requests are submitted in October to the Office of Management and Budget and the elected officials. The responses come back in the Mayor's Preliminary Budget and we hold a public hearing to respond to that. Ms. Miles continued to express the workings of the budget process.

Theopia Green: We need to have input, I think it is a good thing for the public to be informed and be involved.

BUSINESS SESSION

The business session began at 9:15 pm. with thirty-seven members present.

Minutes of the December 2013 Meeting.

The minutes of the December 2013 meeting was presented for adoption on a motion by Dwayne Nicholson, seconded by Ed Fanning.

Minutes of the January 2014 Meeting.

The January minutes were not available. A motion was made by Amy Albert, seconded by Fred Baptiste to table the January 2014 minutes.

District Manager's Report – Pearl Miles

District Manager, Pearl Miles announced the following:

- Councilmember Laurie Cumbo will be having a Budget Workshop on Wednesday, March 5, 2014, 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Pratt Institute, Higgins Hall, located at 1 St. James Place, Brooklyn, NY 11205 between Lafayette Avenue and Clifton Place.
- Councilmember Mathieu Eugene will also present his FY 2015 Budget Clinic at his district office, 123 Linden Boulevard, Brooklyn, NY 11226, on Thursday, February 27, 2014 at 6:00pm.
- The District Manager presented testimony on behalf of Community Board 9 at a hearing before the City Council's Committee on Technology on Monday, February 24, 2014, regarding Intro 21, proposed local law to require community boards to webcast their meeting. Ms. Miles read the testimony she presented and requested adoption by the Board.

Chairman Goldstein will ask the Board to adopt the testimony. Motion to accept the testimony presented to the Committee on Technology, and read to the Board by District Manager Pearl Miles, was made by Tim Thomas and seconded by Aron Hershkop. The testimony was adopted.

Acknowledgements – Elected Officials and Representatives

Chairman Goldstein acknowledged Richard Bearak representing the Borough President, Eric Adams, Reuven Lipkind representing the office of the 20th Senatorial District; Zulema Blair representing Senator Kevin Parker

Brian Cunningham representing Councilmember Laurie Cumbo; District Leader Shirley Patterson and Chris McCreight representing Assemblyman Karim Camara.

Committees' Reports

Parks Recreation and Culture Committee – Michael Cetera, Chairperson (See written report)

Youth Services Committee – Amy Albert, Chairperson (See written report)

Amy Albert, Chairperson, reported that at their last committee meeting, they were visited by a group called "Youth on Board". Youth on Board supports legislation now in the NYS Assembly and Senate that would allow 16 year olds to become members of community boards. They brought their proposal to the meeting. We will discuss the issues and bring it to the attention of the Board.

Economic Development Committee – Warren Berke, Chairperson (See written report)

Chairman's Report

Chairman Rabbi Goldstein spoke on the terrible tragedy which took place in our district on Carroll Street and Kingston Avenue, where a young man from the Ukraine was hit and killed by a sanitation truck on Sunday, February 23, 2014. There was ice on the ground and the young man fell and lost his life. His body will be sent to his country, Ukraine for burial.

The Chairman cautioned that people not ignore tax letters from the City, because if you owe taxes or other liens, the City will sell your property. Look at your bills. If you owe taxes, call the city to make plans to pay up. If you know of anyone who is in this situation, have them call the Department of Finance and make plans to pay up their taxes.

Voting Items

Consider application submitted by Alexis Van Lines to the Department of Transportation for a six year renewal and an expansion of the current fleet of twenty-eight (28) vans by an additional twenty (20) vans.

A motion to support Alexis Van Lines proposal was made by Ed Fanning and seconded by Warren Berke.
Voting: Unanimous.

Consider application #C 100202 ZMK, submitted to the Department of City Planning by Jesse Masyr, Esq, Fox Rothschild, LLP, Attorneys at Law; on behalf of 529 Empire Realty Corporation (please see full text of matter)

Motion was made by Ed Fanning to support the application. The motion was seconded by Fred Baptiste who wanted to add an amendment to the motion to include housing.

Pearl Miles: This is a ULURP matter. When the applicant is ready to build he has to come back to Community Board 9. We have to deal with what is stated in the application.

Richard Bearak: The recommendation can be yes or no. I will have to go back to Borough Hall for further information.

Ed Fanning: I will withdraw my motion.

Fred Baptiste: Motion to include, any buildings should include affordable housing apartments. Motion to approve with condition to include affordable housing was seconded by Laura Imperiale. **Voting:** Yes-29; No-3; Abs-4.

Consider a request from the Crown Heights Jewish Community Council for the re-zoning of a section of Community District 9.

Chairman Goldstein proposed that the Board makes a motion to have its Planning Intern continue to develop an analysis of the existing zoning compared to the actual way buildings exist; and continue to prepare analysis to share with the Land Use Committee and Board to help guide a future request to the Department of City Planning to undertake a zoning study to achieve community objectives.

Pearl Miles: The Board should be looking at what is best for the community. Ben is working on mapping that will show what we currently have in the district with regards to zoning; it should be what is best for the community as a whole. We need to say what we want and City Planning will do a study to address those needs.

Laura Imperiale: We need for Community Board 9 to have workshops on zoning.

Tim Thomas: Motion that the Community Board sends a letter to the Mayor and the Borough President requesting a moratorium on non-contextual development in R7-1 designated areas, particularly as it relates to the coming 23 story tower along the eastern side of Prospect Park, pending a zoning study. The motion was seconded by Laura Imperiale. **Voting:** Yes-26; No-5; Abs-4.

FY 2015 Preliminary Budget Response

Tim Thomas: Motion that Pearl Miles submit appropriate comments on behalf of Community Board 9, including whatever was said or discussed at the meeting. The motion was seconded by Amy Albert. **Voting:** Yes-33; No-0, Abs-0.

Motion

A motion was made by Fred Baptiste to accept Diana Richardson as Treasurer of Community Board 9 to replace Carl Morgan. The motion was seconded by Demetrius Lawrence.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Pastor Robert Ambrose and seconded by Veta May Clarke. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
Shelia Foster-Golding
March 24, 2014**