

Brooklyn Community Board 9 Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Debbie Timothy, Chair

Community Members Present: Greg Clarke

Excused: Robert Mitchell

Absent: Pia Raymond; Sylveta Hamilton Gonzales; Tiffany Yarde

Guests: Dale Charles, Director of Economic Development and Commercial Leasing, IMPACCT Brooklyn; Frederick Johnson

The December 16, 2019 Economic Development Committee Meeting of Brooklyn Community Board 9 was called to order at 7:15 p.m. The meeting was chaired by Ms. Timothy who welcomed committee members and guests to the meeting. Minutes of the November 12, meeting was accepted followed by an update from Dale Charles on the November 30, 2019 shop local event.

Update: Ms. Charles stated that information was provided to 40 businesses in the Parkside/Empire/Flatbush Merchants Association including door to door conversations. American Express was also involved with the event celebrating its 10th year this year with many businesses in Brooklyn participating. Shop local is an approach to get more customers to shop small and with 67 cents of each dollar spent at a small business remaining in the community, the event has become a win-win for both shoppers and merchants during this holiday weekend.

In Brooklyn, there were many businesses participating, many of which were offering sales and discounts throughout the day. You can find maps of businesses who participated by neighborhood or merchant name here. Dale also mentioned that banners will be hung on poles within the Parkside Merchants area; upcoming events information will be forthcoming to CB9. Ms. Timothy thanked Ms. Charles for attending the meeting and expressed an interest in partnering with IMPACCT Brooklyn for future events as well as PLEGNA whom she highly recommended.

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Ms. Timothy commented on committee member's attendance and hoped to discuss with committee members, however; due to the fact that everyone was not in attendance, there will be another attempt to address the issue.

Community Resident Greg Clarke requested information on schools pertaining to a project that he is working on with youth, he was referred to Mathis Limberger for further information, Khalid will provide him with information to contact Mathis.

Frederick Johnson provided contact information for Lindiwe Kamau, President of the Nostrand Avenue Merchants Association.

All in attendance came to a consensus that they will play a role in working with small businesses in the community in the coming year.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.