

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

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
BOARD OFFICE
HELD THURSDAY, December 5, 2019

Committee / Board Members Present

Amy Pinkerton, Committee Chair
Becky Celestina, Community Board
Alicia Boyd, Community Member

Committee Members (CM) / Community Members Absent

Virginia Bechtold, Community Board
Lucas Woods, Community Member

Meeting called to order 7:40 pm

Agenda:

- Spice Factory (960 Franklin Avenue) Development Project
 - Confirm moving forward on Community Information Forum (Spring 2020)
 - Discuss Program / Format / Potential Speakers
 - Discuss scope / size of the Spice Factory development project
 - Develop action items for next meeting

This meeting was devoted entirely to discussing the Spice Factory Development project at 960 Franklin Avenue. The project developers have filed initial paperwork with the city and are currently working on its required environmental impact study. The ULURP process has not yet been initiated but is anticipated to begin in early 2020.

Committee discussion centered on the following:

- **Confirmed: Committee will move forward with its plans for a Community Information Forum, planning for an early spring date.**
- **Identify speakers; extend invitations**

[Amy, Alicia, Becky] to research organizations, Board of Directors, experts and public figures knowledgeable on: Land Use, Affordable Housing, Architectural Design / Building Environmental Impact, etc.

Goal is to each have 3+ names by the call. Plan to confirm and contact potential forum speakers in the next 2 weeks.
- **Forum Format:**

Introduction by the CB9 Environmental Committee, providing a brief background on the area, the BBG, the 1991 zoning change along Washington Avenue and the proposed new development. (10 mins)

4-5 speakers, each discussing a particular viewpoint / subject pertaining to large-scale development projects that require community zoning changes. Each of the speakers will present for 7-10 minutes then all will convene for a panel discussion / Q&A for the remainder of the program (50 mins presentations / 45 mins Q&A)

Committee is requesting the Medgar Evers Auditorium for this event. Waiting to hear back on availability. **Date requested: Tuesday March 3rd or Wednesday March 4th.**

Committee will ask the CB9 Executive Board for a budget to cover light refreshments at the event; printing expenses.

Doors will open at 6:30 pm / Panel Discussion will be followed by 30 minutes of refreshments and networking.

Program closes approximately 9:15 pm

Action Items for Next Meeting:

- Group conference call tentatively scheduled for Thursday 12/12 (8 pm) to discuss potential candidates for speakers and to confirm assigned outreach / speaker invitations
- Schedule additional (extra) December call to catch up on status of speaker invites.
- Start formulating questions / areas of interest that should be discussed (either through the presenter talks or through direct questioning during the Q&A)
- Next monthly meeting scheduled for Thursday January 3rd.

Meeting closed 9:00 pm