

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

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD
HELD ON October 23, 2018
MEDGAR EVERS COLLEGE
EDISON O. JACKSON AUDITORIUM
1638 BEDFORD AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11225**

Board Members Present	Board Members Absent	Board Members Absent
Patricia Baker	Michael Liburd	Taunglea Ambroise
Stuart Balberg	Mattijs Limberger	Greg Darby
Fred Baptiste	Menachem Margolin	Henry Greenidge
Yaacov Behrman	Musa Moore	Aron Hershkop
Simone Bennett	Vivia Morgan	Louis Johnson
Warren Berke	Patricia Moses	Carmen Martinez
Augustine Blackwell	Amy Pinkerton	Beverly Newsome
Ben Edwards	Riel Peerbooms	Mary Rollerson-Blackett
Rosemarie Evering	Pia Raymond	Rabbi Menachem Shagalov
Norabelle Greenberger	Unella Rhone-Perry	Aishah Smith
Tessa Hackett-Vieira	Rashidah Siddiqui	Rabbi Joseph Spielman
Bishop Hamilton-Gonzales	Rabbi Chanina Sperlin	Anthony Taylor
Olushegun Holder	Joyce Stewart	Eve-lyn Williams
Francisca Leopold	Debbie Timothy	

Elected Officials / Agency Representatives Present

U. S. Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke – Alpheia John
Borough President Eric L. Adams - Ryan Lynch
King County District Attorney Eric Gonzalez – Karen Crawford-Marcelle
NYS Assemblywoman Diana C. Richardson – Josephare Lector
NYS Senator Jesse Hamilton E. Hamilton, III – Reuven Lipkind
NYC Councilman Mathieu Eugene - Ramona Cabrera/ Soumia Chraibi
NYC Councilwoman Alicka Ampry-Samuel- Kim Robinson
State Committeewoman/District Leader, 57th A.D. – Olanike Alabi
DSNY – Andrew Hoyles
NYCDOT – Brooklyn Borough Commissioner, Keith Bray
MTA – Andrew Inglesby

PUBLIC SESSION

Call to Order: Chair Patricia Baker called the meeting to order at 7:25 pm. `

Chair Baker introduced a representative of the NYC Parks Department and a representative of the NYC Department of Transportation, who arrived to let the Board know of its objectives in the District concerning Bike lane expansion on the corner of Parkside and Ocean Avenues and along the west side of Flatbush Avenues along Prospect Park.

NYC Department of Transportation: Ocean Avenue/Empire Boulevard/Parkside Avenue

The Transportation representative stated that the City is interested in dramatically increasing the amount of mileage of bike lanes, citywide at 50 miles a year and in Brooklyn, an aggregate of 60 miles currently in order to give bike riders increased advantage on the road.

A member of the public stated that bike lanes should not be our priority. The representative stated that the rationale for this project was because Prospect Park is a major hub for biking and that the stretch of road involved along the Park was without many intersections, so as to provide two-way transportation along parks. Since its inception in 2010, protected lanes spurred a major rise in bicycling, and added that Borough President Eric Adams had requested this along with other rode improvements along the East border of Prospect Park.

Moreover, per the representative, more than 800 cars drive along Flatbush Avenue along rush hour, which mitigates against allocating another traffic lane. The representative stated that the Flatbush Avenue changes call for a width reduction of outer car lanes from 13 feet to 10 feet to allow for the protected Bike Lanes on the other side of a barrier beside the traffic.

The Ocean Avenue change would alter the direction of southbound traffic to compel the drivers to continue west only at the intersection by having a right-turn only sign. The next stage of the Transportation Department efforts will be a study of the future plans for the entire Eastern perimeter of Flatbush Avenue along the park in collaboration with the Parks Department.

Questions and comments taken from the public:

Rabbi Jacob Goldstein- The Parkside-Ocean intersection is a mess. The general plan is good, but not for this intersection. It takes several red-light stops to merely go the one block.

Yaacov Behrman-I bike, but I also drive, and in general, the amount of time it takes to drive one block is increasing. It takes 15 minutes to navigate 3 blocks along Kingston Avenue by car. It is becoming really difficult to drive. No vote was taken for this.

NYC DOT representative- Traffic impact is a major consideration.

Member of the public- Are these your plans for Kingston Avenue too?

NYC DOT representative- I don't know of such plan. We are not changing the number of vehicle lanes for Flatbush Ave.

Chair Baker- This presentation is not a voting issue but a presentation.

Derrick Nerell- My business is on Flatbush and Ocean Avenues. You are doing this to benefit your sponsors. I agree with the comment that "we don't need bike lanes but more parking spaces should be our priority. There is no need for additional biking accommodations on Parkside and Ocean, because bicyclists already have the amenities provided by the park itself. The corner is parallel to the park.

Justine Haller- Architect for Prospect Park Alliance, (The management of the Prospect Park). The Park received Federal funding to revamp the sidewalk. We will adhere to the DOT specifications. It includes trees, benches, and light poles.

Stuart Balberg- Will you then make additional traffic lane changes along (Washington Ave.) the east side of Botanical Gardens?

NYC DOT Representative- We have no plans to make bike lanes on the sidewalk.

NYC Department of Transportation: Street Seats at Erv's on Beekman

In collaboration with Erv's on Beekman, a business on Beekman Place, the NYC DOT is planning to construct structures for pedestrians / customers to sit on the street in front of the premises on Beekman Place corner Flatbush Avenue. The City's representative stated that he has a letter of support for this from the Flatbush Avenue Merchants Association. On this residential block (Beekman Pl.), there would be a reduction at the corner, of 1 ½ parking spaces to put structures there, for a total of 20 feet along the Beekman Place curb. We are asking the Board to approve the "seasonal" use, for 9 ½ months a year. Irv's will take care of any security issues, and will ban drinking, loitering, or noise on the street.

Questions and comments taken:

Member of the public- This is deliberately being done to decrease parking spaces.

Augustine Blackwell, CB9 Transportation Committee Chair - This 9 ½ months' time frame is perpetual, not "seasonal". This is unfair and it should be adjusted to 6 months.

Chair Baker- Can DOT make this accommodation to 6 months?

NYC DOT Representative - Yes.

Steve Fishman- I hear you, but it was presented to the Committee as a March to September trial. It can be worked out outside of this meeting."

Chair Baker- Try working this out now out of the meeting please.

MTA – ADA Elevator Installation at Eastern Parkway/Brooklyn Museum Train Station

Andrew Inglesby presented plans for renovation the street level of the Eastern Parkway-Brooklyn Museum station. There would be an elevator connecting the street to the mezzanine and 2 elevators connecting the mezzanine to the lower level. The project has been awarded. It would widen the staircase and be completed by 2020.

Questions and comments taken from the public:

Member of the public- Will it affect the West Indian Day Parade?

A. Inglesby- We do not know as of yet.

Warren Berke- How is it Funded and how was the site chosen?

A. Inglesby- Mostly Federal funds, and chosen 16 years ago with the support of local Elected Officials.

Warren Berke- There is more need than that for doing this at the Kings County Hospital (Winthrop Street) station. Please schedule escalator for Franklin Avenue station as well.

Rabbi Sperlin- Priority should have been given to the Kingston Avenue station, whose 2 nearby museums host children and need elevators for those with carriages. Did MTA do a feasibility and cost study before choosing Brooklyn Museum rather than Kingston Avenue or Franklin Avenue? Many things have changed in the 16 years while it was under consideration.

A. Inglesby - We expect that by the year 2020, between 100 and 135 stations will be A.D.A. compliant.

Member of the public- How can you claim that the West Indian Day Parade may not be affected by the construction?

S. Balberg- Will this impact rush-hour Eastern Parkway traffic?

A. Inglesby- We will let you know.

OLD BUSINESS

Fenimore Street Rezoning Change to R2X which was deferred from the September meeting due to lack of quorum.

Edna Mochette, Fenimore Street Block Association- As we pointed out at the last meeting, this needs to be approved so that the CPC can downzone it from the current R6, to the proposed R2X, instead of zoning it to an R2. Otherwise the CPC would not go along. CPC had said that the R2 status would result in a 28% compliance rate, whereas the R2X would result in an 89% compliance.

*To be considered at the voting session.

NEW BUSINESS

SLA Applications

- **1107 Nostrand Avenue Corp.** – 1107 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11226
Application for a new Wines, Beer & Cider License
- **Zed East & Drink Corp.** – 675 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11225
Application for a new Wines, Beer & Cider License
- **Oaxaca Rogers, LLC d/b/a Taqueria Rogers** – 406 Rogers Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11225; *Renewal application of a Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider license*
- **Kave & Landreth LLC, d/b/a Butter & Scotch** – 818 Franklin Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11225; *Renewal application of a Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider license*
- **Huegar LLC, d/b/a Silver Rice** – 575A Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, 11225
Renewal application of a Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider license

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VOTING SESSION

28 Board Members present, constituting a quorum.

- Motion to set the time frame for existence of the “Street Seats” on Beekman Place at 6 months to be determined by the Transportation Committee in conjunction with the sponsor, “Erv’s on Beekman seconded and **approved**, vote: 14 yes, 8 no, 5 abstaining.
- Motion to approve the Fenimore co-application for R2X designation, vote: **approved unanimously**.
- Motion to approve the three liquor license renewal applications, vote: **approved unanimously**.
- Motion to approve the two new liquor license applications, vote: **approved**, 25 yes, 2 abstaining.

Meeting Adjourned, 9:35 PM

Respectfully submitted, Stuart Balberg, Secretary

