

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

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
HELD ON JUNE 26, 2012
MIDDLE SCHOOL 61 AUDITORIUM
400 EMPIRE BOULEVARD, BROOKLYN, NY 11225**

Board Members Present

Robert Ambrose
Stuart Balberg
Fred Baptiste
Aldith Clarke
Veta May Clarke
Shirley Dor
Edmund Fanning
Shelia Foster-Golding
Rabbi Jacob Z. Goldstein
Theopia Green
Rabbi Nochum Gross
Tessa Hacket-Vieira
Ruby Hodge
Brenda Hutto-Lucas
Maurice Jean-Baptiste
Jacqueline Love

Board Members Present

Samuel Marmulzsteyn
Carl Morgan
Frank Nicholas
Dwayne Nicholson
Hilary Papineau
Rosemarie Perry
Gerald President
Diana Richardson
Karlene Robinson
Mary Rollerson-Blackett
Brenda Scott
Rabbi Joseph Spielman
Victoria St. Clair
Yvonne Straker
Timothy Thomas
Jacqueline Welch

Board Members Absent

Rev. Phyllis Brown - sick
Gwen Carter
Michael Cetera, AIA
Negous Clark
Josette Coicou-Brioche
Geraldine Dease
Flavia Francis
Charlene Gayle
Sylveta Hamilton-Gonzales
Aron Hershkop
Daniel Ingvaldstand
Demetrius Lawrence
Jen Phyllip
Myrtle Robinson
Roosevelt Rose
Chanina Sperlin
Evelyn Williams
Amy Albert

Elected Officials/Agency Representatives Present

Kevin Parris – Hon. Marty Markowitz
Reuven Lipkind – Hon. Eric Adams
Val Henry – UHB-Downstate
Arna Lipkind – Hon. Darlene Mealy

Andrea Mckoy – Hon. Karim Camara
Charles Jackson – Hon. Yvette Clarke
Debra Lesane – Kings County Hospital Center

PUBLIC SESSION

Ms. Mav Moorhead, NYH20, is seeking Community Board 9's support of a request to New York City Council Speaker Christine Quinn calling for City Council Hearings on the safety of "fracking" as it relates to the City of New York; as well as the proposal by Spectra, LLC, for the installation of a pipeline that will transport Marcellus Shale gas to the New York Area; bringing with it the potential for hazardous Radon gas levels to the City.

Mr. Buck Moorhead, the co-founder of the group NYH20, informed about "fracking" as it is related to the City's drinking water coming from the Marcellus Shale. This area is of great concern as it produces natural gas

to the City. The Marcellus Shale is located in Pennsylvania. The rock under the shale is radioactive. The gas that comes up from the shelf is Radon. Radon is the leading cause of death next to smoking which causes lung cancer. The gas is over one hundred and fifty times what is considered safe. The gas which is located at 50 feet will come up to a level of 60 feet. Mr. Moorhead needs Community Board 9's support to have the City Council conduct hearings so that the dangers involved in the transportation of Radon gas from Pennsylvania to New York City. For further information, Mr. Moorhead can be contacted at (212) 343-2735 and (917) 923-8048

Questions and Answers

Rabbi Goldstein: Has there been (inaudible) No

Resident: In bringing this gas to the surface can there be a shift underground? The drilling can cause earthquakes.

Resident: If the City says no to Marcellus Shale gas, is there another set of gas that can be used? We have about 10% of the Marcellus Shale gas coming into the City.

Ruby Hodge: What is the difference between using natural gas and solar energy? Natural gas is fossil fuel. They are getting us off of oil. Natural gas is a public health issue.

Chairman Goldstein thanked Mr. Moorhead for bringing the concern to Community Board 9. The matter will be discussed in the business session.

Ms. Verna Ademu-John, Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation, and Ms. Kimberly Bylander, New York City Department of Health, will discuss partnering with the Partnership for a Healthier New York for activities in support of healthy eating; active living; tobacco, and alcohol control. The project is funded through a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Ms. Verna Ademu-John informed that her organization was selected to work in partnership with Ms. Kimberly Bylander of New York City Department of Health for a healthier New York by promoting and supporting healthier eating habits, active living, tobacco and alcohol control.

Ms. Bylander, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene informed that their office is focusing on health throughout the City. Their goal is to promote the health of all New Yorkers. Ms. Bylander asked what were some of the pressing health issues: Obesity, Diabetes, Asthma. "We want the community to make healthier choices; access healthier foods; we are trying to tell people to eat healthier and to exercise more.

Questions and Answers

Ruby Hodge: Last year the City gave seniors vouchers to farmers markets; will the City continue this service to seniors this year? Yes, we will have the coupons given out this year; there will be a lot of coupons going out this year.

District Manager Pearl Miles: Are the coupons only for seniors? No; EBT cards can be used; Kings County has a coupon program.

Debra Lesane, Kings County Hospital Center – How can Kings County Hospital get involved in these efforts? Unless we all work together we cannot be successful what about the Green Market Program? Ms. Bylander will look into it. At the same time she encourages everyone to look at the program (CGF) she would like the community to know that this organization is providing food for healthier living in the community. For further information contact (718) 636-6962.

Ms. Nancy Thompson, Medgar Evers College will present information on the school of Professional and Community Development Adult & Continuing Education's new Web & Graphic Design Certificate Program.

Ms. Thompson informed that the web is one of the fastest growing media in the country. Medgar Evers College School of Professional and Community Development Adult & Continuing Education will be creating a web series. These are television series created for the web. One can create his/her web series in 15 weeks or even 10 weeks. It depends on what you want to promote. Some people are doing the web series for many different reasons. Since January 2012, the web series is connected to YouTube. Mobil Video has a lot of money in it at the (SPCDACE) you will learn to write scripts and to write and promote the concept. They are partnering with BCAT.

Alicia Foxworth informed that a new class of web series will be starting up soon. She has been with Brooklyn Cable Access for over ten years. There are many people using this medium; Brooklyn Cable is online every day of the week. Ms. Foxworth would like the community to give this venture some serious thought and to please share the information with others.

Questions and Answers

Resident: how much is the cost of the course (program) and how long does it take to complete? The cost of the course is four hundred dollars (\$400.00); the length of the course is ten weeks. The program does generate revenue. For further information log in to www.CUNY.edu

BUSINESS SESSION

The business session began at 8:07 pm with 31 members present

Minutes of the May 2012 Meeting

The minutes were adopted on a motion made by Sam Marmulzsteyn and seconded by Carl Morgan to accept the minutes as presented.

District Manager's Report

District Manager Pearl Miles made the following announcements:

- "Friends of Brooklyn Community Board 9" has filed their IRS 1023 application.
- There will be a workshop for Community Board members on June 27, 2012 at 6:00 pm, at Borough Hall, Brooklyn. Please make the effort to attend.

- The opening of the Parkside Playground and ribbon cutting will take place on June 30, 2012 and is open to the public. The street will be closed with lots of activities for the children.
- The Farmers Market at Hamilton Metz Park is open to the neighborhood every Thursday from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm. Location is Lefferts and Albany Avenues. The sponsors are looking for people to run the market in the community. If interested call Community Board 9 to get information on the market.

Ms. Miles wished everyone a safe summer and she hoped to see everyone in September.

Committees' Reports

Transportation Committee – Edmund Fanning (see written report)

Mr. Fanning reported that a joint meeting was held with the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee, on June 4, 2012. The meeting was to discuss future plans for the south-west corner of Ocean and Flatbush Avenues including the condition of the concrete and sheet metal trees. The trees have been in place for over thirty years and are suffering from metal work damage as well as fading of the painted finish. Private funding and a potential contractor have been identified for the repair of the trees.

Parks chairperson, Michael Cetera, suggested that the restoration of the trees could be undertaken as part of a public plaza project that would replace the Transit Authority employee parking lot which has been the subject of much criticism for its neglected appearance. The Joint Committee recommended that Community Board 9 send a letter to the Department of Transportation stating the board's support of the restoration of the trees and asking them to schedule a meeting to present a plan to the Design Commission. The joint committee recommended further discussion with the Department of Transportation to put together the presentation that should go before the Design Commission.

Regarding the Parkside Avenue Project there is a big problem with traffic movement.

Environmental Protection Committee – Timothy Thomas (see written report)

Tim Thomas reported that everyone is getting tired of unwanted trash in our community. Thanks to the District Manager for her letter to the Department of Transportation regarding enforcement of the law. Most of the problems are caused by businesses dumping their garbage at the street corners. Ms. Veta Clarke suggested that we need more baskets at the street corners. Ms. Miles suggested the Adopt a Basket program with the community working with the Department of Sanitation.

Health and Social Services Committee – Dwayne Nicholson (see written report)

Dwayne Nicholson informed of the resignation of the President of SUNY Health Science Center. Several reasons were given for the resignation including the merger last year of Downstate and LICH and the reduction of the hospital beds. The committee focused on the FY 2014 Budget requests including Kings County Hospital Center for funding consideration to purchase critically needed medical equipment.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Rabbi Jacob Goldstein welcomed newly appointed board members.

- A moment of silence was observed for the demise of Elisha Gill, the husband of Joan Gill, former member of Community Board 9. The District Manager said that she had sent a letter of sympathy to Ms. Gill. Board members can send condolences to the family at 1491 President Street, Brooklyn, NY 11213.
- Orientation meeting for new board members is very important. New board members are strongly encouraged to attend to learn more of the Boards activities and participation on committees.
- The Bedford Avenue Armory – Borough President Marty Markowitz released a report on the Bedford Armory. The report can be seen at www.brooklyn_USA.org. The chairman further stated that the Bedford Armory is an ideal location for a youth center and senior citizens center. He also encouraged anyone with ideas to send them to the Borough President.

Voting Items

Motion was made by the Joint Committee that Community Board 9 send a letter to the Department of Transportation; to present a plan to the Design Commission stating the Board's support of the restoration of the trees at the south-west corner of Ocean Avenue and Flatbush Avenue in Community District 9. Vote: 31–yes; 0-no; 0-abstentions.

City Council Hearings on Fracking - Motion to send a letter to the New York City Council to hold hearings on the safety of fracking. Vote: 29-yes; 0-no; 2-abstentions.

Acknowledgements

The Chairman acknowledged the following representatives: Charles Jackson representing Congresswoman Yvette Clarke; Kevin Parris representing Borough President Marty Markowitz; Andrea Mckoy representing Councilmember Karim Camara; Reuben Lipkind representing Senator Eric Adams; Arna Lipkind representing Councilmember Darlene Mealy; Debra Lesane representing Kings County Hospital; Val Henry representing UHB-Downstate.

Announcement

Ms. Debra Lesane made the following announcement:

- Last week Kings County Hospital went through a certification process. They passed certification with "flying colors". They were given many compliments regarding their policies in place. They would like to extend some of these policies to other hospitals as best practices.
- Men's Health Month - June 27, 2012 the Men's Health Meeting will take place from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm Men please attend
- Friday June 29, Friday Film Night – Kings County Hospital Center Family Movie Night. This will be Men's Health Month Double Feature, T-Building, Auditorium, 2nd floor, 689 New York Avenue, enter on

Clarkson Avenue. Films are Madagascar which will be shown at 5:00 pm and Tuskegee Airmen at 7:00 pm. All are invited. Free popcorn and drinks.

The Chairman informed that Kings County is "tops" in Trauma Unit. He thanked Ms. Lesane for the report making the community aware of the important events taking place at Kings County Hospital Center.

Nominating Committee – Maurice Jean-Baptiste

Mr. Jean-Baptiste thanked the members of the Nominating Committee for their work on the election process. Since there are no challenges to the slate, Mr. Jean-Baptiste cast one vote for Shelia Foster-Golding for Secretary. The following incumbents were voted into office by Secretary Shelia Foster-Golding who cast one vote for each officer:

Rabbi Jacob Z. Goldstein	Chairperson
Gwen Carter	First Vice Chairperson
Demetrius Lawrence	Second Vice Chairperson
Carl Morgan	Treasurer
Rosemarie Perry	Member-at-Large
Karlene Robinson	Member-at-Large

Chairman Goldstein thanked the Nominating Committee for their work.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Rabbi Nochum Gross and seconded by Frank Nicholas. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
Shelia Foster-Golding
Secretary
September 18, 2012**