

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

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
HELD ON NOVEMBER 27, 2012
MIDDLE SCHOOL 61 AUDITORIUM
400 EMPIRE BOULEVARD, BROOKLYN, NY 11225**

Board Members Present

Amy Albert
Robert Ambrose
Aldith Clarke
Josette Coicou-Broiche
Shirley Dor
Edmund Fanning
Flavia Francis
Shelia Foster-Golding
Rabbi Jacob Z. Goldstein
Rabbi Nochum Gross
Tessa Hackett-Vieira
Sylveta Hamilton-Gonzales
Ruby Hodge
Brenda Hutto-Lucas
Maurice Jean-Baptiste

Board Members Present

Jacqueline Love
Samuel Marmulzsteyn
Carl Morgan
Frank Nicholas
Dwayne Nicholson
Hilary Papineau
Rosemarie Perry
Diana Richardson
Karlene Robinson
Mary Rollerson-Blackett
Brenda Scott
Timothy Thomas
Jacqueline Welch
Evelyn Williams

Board Members Absent

Stuart Balberg
Fred Baptiste
Rev. Phyllis Brown - sick
Michael Cetera, AIA
Negous Clarke
Veta May Clarke
Charlene Gayle
Theopia Green
Aron Hershkop
Daniel Ingvaldstad
Demetrius Lawrence
Jen Phillip
Gerald President
Roosevelt Rose
Chanina Sperlin
Rabbi Joseph Spielman
Victoria St. Clair
Yvonne Straker

Elected Officials/Agency Representatives Present

Reuven Lipkind – Hon. Eric Adams
Charles Jackson – Hon. Yvette Clarke
Aja Worthy-Davis – Hon. Letitia James
Ernest J. Baptiste – Executive Director, Kings County Hospital Center
Rowena Blackman Stroud – SUNY Downstate Medical Center
Val Henry – SUNY Downstate Medical Center
Hope Mason – Kings County Hospital Center
Debra Lesane – Kings County Hospital Center

PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Tom Anderson, President, Anderson Associates, will present to the Board and community his plans for a new affordable housing development, providing 133 units of rental housing at 33 Lincoln Road, Brooklyn, between Ocean and Flatbush Avenues.

Mr. Anderson in his presentation informed that he is an Architect and the developer of the proposed multi-use building at 33 Lincoln Road, Brooklyn. The building will have two entrances, one on Lincoln Road and the other on Flatbush Avenue. The plan is to put up a single structure with a maximum height of 80 feet. It will be a mixed-use building. There will also be retail spaces, one 6,000 square feet and one 4,000 square feet. There will be a cellar as well as a café and storage room in the building.

The building will have a roof garden. They will get a grant from New York State for the installation of a green roof. Mr. Anderson said that he had approval of the project from New York State and wanted to inform the board and community of the new development that was coming to the district. Mr. Anderson said that he has been an architect for over 30 years and is very proud of this project.

Regarding financing, most of the money will be funded through the New York State Homes and Community Renewal (Housing Trust Fund) at a low interest rate. The developer will contribute the rest of the money. Twenty percent of the apartments will be for moderate income tenants.

Questions and Answers

Rabbi Goldstein: What will be the size of the apartments? Mr. Anderson: two bedrooms. Approximately 20% of the apartments will be rent stabilized with the remainder will be market rate.

Resident: What is the meaning of rent stabilized? Rabbi Goldstein: He is saying that for example a two bedroom would go for the cost of a one bedroom. This would be like ten percent below market price.

Timothy Thomas: Why would you use the term affordable? It is not really affordable. It goes with ones' income. It is ten percent below an appraised value.

Timothy Thomas: What happens if the financing does not go through? Mr. Anderson: It will be done as a condo.

Rabbi Goldstein: Will this be done by lottery? Mr. Anderson: a lottery will be done for the twenty percent; this would be based upon income and credit worthiness.

Hilary Papineau: In terms of the community space which you spoke about earlier, how will that function? Mr. Anderson: it is not a space for the community. He is talking to the Maple Street School and hopefully a deal can be worked out with them.

Edmund Fanning: The location of the building is on the subway track, how will you deal with that? Mr. Anderson: we have discussed this with NYC Transit. There will be flagmen to watch out for trains during the construction.

Samuel Marmulzsteyn: How safe is that intersection? Mr. Anderson: It is relatively safe.

Resident: Has anyone taken into consideration the halfway house is on the block? Will people want to live next to a halfway house? They have been there for many years. District Manager: There is no halfway house on Flatbush Avenue; there is a residential facility and the Community Board has not had any complaints about the facility.

Resident: Has the market price been established already? The price would be about \$2,500.00.

Resident: These seem to be luxury apartments. Mr. Anderson: this is a new building we are talking about.

Resident: Will there be work for community residents? The requirement is that there must be at least one percent of community residents working on the project.

Resident: How many apartments are set aside for Community District 9 residents? Rabbi Goldstein: This is a private development. Mr. Anderson: we have no commitment to make apartments available to community residents; we would however give preference to Community District 9 residents.

Ruby Hodge: Will the building be under DHCR. We need to investigate in the event of seniors having SCRIE program. This is not an assisted living facility.

Chairman Goldstein thanked Mr. Anderson for bringing his plans to the community's attention.

Mr. Ernest Baptiste – New Executive Director for Kings County Hospital Center

Mr. Ernest Baptiste introduced himself as the new Executive Director for Kings County Hospital, and has been there now for two months. Mr. Baptiste said he was happy to be there and looked forward to working with the Board and community in the future. He is a former resident of the community, having gone to PS 269.

Ms. Toluwalashe Davies – Crown Heights Mediation Center

Ms. Davies informed of the new programs for young men at the Crown Heights Community Mediation Center CHCMC currently has two vacancies to work with the "Save Our Streets" program. To work in this program, one has to live in the community, be street smart, and be between the ages of 16-24 years of age.

CHCMC is once again sponsoring the "Art to End Violence" 3rd Annual Festival in Crown Heights. The art program is designed to inspire artists of all ages in the non-violence movement. Create artwork of your choice that depicts the cost of gun violence or celebrates triumphs of the people in the community. The artwork should be submitted between January and March, 2013. For further information, see flyers in the back of the room or call (718) 773-6886.

Timothy Thomas: There are kids on my block whom I have known from the time they are very young. I have watched them change over the years. If we can identify that profile, would you come out and reach out to them?
Ms. Davies: we would have to look into it and get back to the Board.

BUSINESS SESSION

The Business Session began at 8:00 pm with 28 members present

Minutes of the October 2012 Meeting

Due to the malfunctioning of the tape recorder the October 2012 minutes were unavailable. The matter was tabled.

District Manager's Report

District Manager Pearl Miles informed on the following:

- Ms. Miles thanked all those who attended the forum at the Botanic Gardens on Sunday, November 18, 2012. It was a great program and was well attended by the community.
- The New York City Districting Commission completed redistricting plans for the city and has sent those plans to the City Council for approval. Anyone interested in viewing the plans can log on to www.nyc.gov/html/dc/html/maps/maps.shtml or go to Borough Hall, 209 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn,

NY 11201. In the event that the City Council does not accept the district plans, they will be sent back to the commission for further attention.

- Prospect Lefferts Gardens Association meeting will take place at Grace Reform Church located at 1800 Bedford Avenue on December 3, 2012

Committees' Reports

Joint Education-Youth Services Committees - Amy Albert and Hilary Papineau (see written report)

Plans have been finalized for the Babysitting Training Program; the presentation of two identical three-hour classes to be held at Play Kids, one on a Saturday; one on a Sunday. The program will consist of basic CPR/First Aid training by the Fire Department; Basic Child Development by an area Pediatrician. The training will be provided to youth 12-16 years of age with parental permission. The names of young people completing the program will be on a list to be kept at Play Kids Toy Store and the Community Board's office, indicating their availability for babysitting jobs. The committee is seeking the Board's approval to move ahead with the proposal.

Resident: There should be a component on signs of child abuse.

Public Safety Committee – Rosemarie Perry (see written report)

The committee reviewed application from Sherrand McLean Hawker for a Wine and Beer only license and licensed outdoor space (garden) for Camsha Place, 230 Rogers Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11225.

Report by the 71 precinct, Sgt Alfred Kelly, crime is up 64.6% this includes robberies/grand larceny. All other crimes are at a low of 57%. Only 3 murders to date.

Transportation Committee – Edmund Fanning (see written report)

The committee reviewed application submitted by Archie Soodhoo, President, Flamingo Transportation and Limousine Service to renew a For Hire license at 860 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11225. Flamingo Transportation and Limousine Service relocated from 1226 Nostrand Avenue to their current location 860 Nostrand Avenue earlier this year. Their license is up for renewal in January 2013. According to the Taxi and Limousine Commission report, there are no outstanding violations. There is no Police report. The committee members found no reason to object the renewal of the license.

Chairman's Report

The chairman reported on the following items:

- Absenteeism at committee meetings – members are not attending their assigned committee meetings. This is cause for the removal of a member from the board.
- The 197a Envisioning forum was a success. The community was able to discuss their neighborhood and engage in ways they would like to see their community develop.
- The board meeting for December will take place on Tuesday, December 18, 2012; rescheduled because the 4th Tuesday falls on Christmas Day.

- Hurricane Sandy has left thousands of people with no place to live. Anyone with an apartment or house for rent please call the Board office. There are people with vouchers waiting to get a place to live.
- Senator Adams will hold an Open House on Saturday, December 15, 2012 from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm at 1669 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn (corner of Montgomery Street).
- Election for 1st Vice Chairperson will be conducted at next month's meeting, to fill the vacancy left by Ms. Gwen Carter who resigned from the Board.

Voting Items

A motion to support the proposal to conduct a Babysitting Training Program at Play Kids Toy Store was presented to the Board. Discussion: information on the Agency for Children Services (ACS) guidelines regarding signs of child abuse and child endangerment should be added. The motion was unanimously approved.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Carl Morgan and seconded by Frank Nicholas. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

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