

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

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
HELD ON SEPTMEBER 24, 2012
MIDDLE SCHOOL 61 AUDITORIUM
400 EMPIRE BOULEVARD, BROOKLYN, NY 11225**

Board Members Present

Amy Albert
Robert Ambrose
Stuart Balberg
Gwen Carter
Veta May Clarke
Josette Coicou-Brioche
Shirley Dor
Edmund Fanning
Shelia Foster-Golding
Rabbi Jacob Z. Goldstein
Tessa Hackett-Vieira
Aron Hershkop
Ruby Hodge
Brenda Hutto-Lucas
Daniel Ingoldstad

Board Members Present

Maurice Jean-Baptiste
Demetrius Lawrence
Samuel Marmulzstetn
Carl Morgan
Hilary Papineau
Jen Phyllip
Diana Richardson
Myrtle Roberson
Brenda Scott
Rabbi Joseph Spielman
Victoria St. Clair
Timothy Thomas
Jacqueline Welch
Evelyn Williams

Board Members Absent

Fred Baptiste
Rev. Phyllis Brown - sick
Michael Cetera, AIA
Negous Clark
Aldith Clarke
Geraldine Dease
Flavia Francis
Charlene Gayle
Theopia Green
Rabbi Nochum Gross
Sylveta Hamilton-Gonzales
Jacqueline Love
Frank Nicholas
Dwayne Nicholson
Rosemaire Perry
Gerald President
Karlene Robinson
Mary Rollerson-Blackett
Roosevelt Rose
Chanina Sperlin
Yvonne Straker

Elected Officials/Agency Representatives Present

Boris Noble – Hon. Marty Markowitz
Andrea Mckoy – Hon. Karim Camara
William H. Boone – Medgar Evers College
Hon. Shirley Patterson
Darryl White – NYC Comptroller’s Office
Aja Worthy-Davis – Hon. Letitia James

PUBLIC SESSION

Public hearing on BSA application #197-08-BZ, Volume II, submitted by Stuart A. Klein, Esq., seeking to amend the previously approved variance by the Board of Standards and Appeals on March 16, 2010. The extent of the amendment requested would be to allow for a rooftop mechanical space which is beyond the dimensions set forth in the New York City Zoning Resolution for a permitted obstruction; to decrease the number of dwelling units by creating larger apartments to meet the neighborhood demand; and to reduce the number of parking spaces accordingly at 341/349 Troy Avenue a/k/a 1515 Carroll Street, corner of Troy Avenue and Carroll Street, Brooklyn.

Mr. Jay Goldstein informed that the proposed project for 341/349 Troy Avenue, between Carroll Street and Troy Avenue was previously approved in 2010 as a residential building. At that time the previous architect did

not propose or put in the mechanical spaces. They are now currently seeking to amend the application that would allow for the mechanical space.

The proposed building will be set back six feet on the ground floor and parking garages will be set back on Troy Avenue. There is also an amendment for the smaller apartments to be converted to larger apartments. Mr. Goldstein is hoping that the project will create jobs for the community.

Chairman Goldstein explained that the plan for the new structure was supported by the Community Board 9. The proposal was for smaller apartments and at that time we suggested that the apartments should be larger. He is glad that someone listened and now they have decided on larger apartments.

BUSINESS SESSION

The business session began at 7:30 pm with 29 members present

Minutes of the June 2012 Meeting

The minutes were adopted as presented, on a motion made by Gwen Carter and seconded by Demetrius Lawrence.

District Manager's Report

District Manager Pearl Miles made the following announcements:

- Leader to Leader Youth Summit for youths with leadership qualities. The summit will be held for high school students on November 15, 2012. Students are encouraged to go online for more detailed information and application to www.youthbridgeny.com. Registration deadline is October 26, 2012.
- Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz will be hosting a summit at Borough Hall on September 27, 2012. To register go online to www.surveymonkey.com or call (718) 802-4488.
- There is a correction to the information on Board meeting dates sent out by email. The April 22nd date was incorrect, the correct date is April 23rd.
- Budget consultations with various agencies will be held on Thursday, September 27, 2012 at the Brooklyn School of the Arts, 345 Dean Street at 4:30 pm. This meeting is where we get to discuss the district's needs. Board members are expected to attend.
- A few years ago communities in New York City were encouraged to form CERT (Certified Emergency Response Teams) to help in times of disaster or emergencies. Mr. Aron Hershop is the co-chair of District 9's CERT Team. Ms. Miles was happy to announce that the CERT Team responded to the fire on New York Avenue and worked under the FDNY and OEM to provide assistance to the victims. Ms. Miles encouraged the audience to join CERT.

Ruby Hodge expressed how delighted she was to hear about the CERT Team at this time. She went to a meeting with the state where they spoke about a "Go Bag". She is concerned in times of emergency about people in wheelchairs.

Committees' Reports

Youth Services Committee – Amy Albert (see written report)

The Committee hopes to work with adults who work with young people, parents, community members, and youth from the community. The committee also plans to work closely with the Education and Parks, Recreation and Culture Committees as well as the 71 precinct.

The focus will be on:

- Holding open forums for young people aged 10 years and up to discuss their concerns about living in Community District 9.
- Addressing the need for collaboration with the business community regarding jobs for youths in the community.
- Encouraging youth/Police dialogue
- Play streets
- Addressing safety concerns for youths
- Developing a youth mural project
- Developing youth leadership

Education Committee – Hilary Papineau

Ms. Papineau reported that the Committee will focus on:

1. Identifying issues for 197a forum.
2. Working with Seeds in the Middle, principals, teachers, parents and students to develop planting/gardening activities in the schools.
3. Developing play street initiatives.

Acknowledgements

Chairman Goldstein acknowledged the following representatives: Boris Noble representing Borough President Marty Markowitz; Andrea Mckoy representing Councilmember Karim Camara; Darryl White representing New York City Comptroller's Office; Aja Worthy-Davis representing Councilmember Letitia James; William H. Boone representing Medgar Evers College; Hon. Shirley Patterson

Chairman's Report

The Chairman announced the ribbon-cutting and opening of the new supportive housing at 805 East New York Avenue between Schenectady and Troy Avenues, which is a project of Institute for Community Living. The opening will take place on Friday, September 28, 2012 at 12 noon.

Rabbi Goldstein is the grandfather of a new baby girl. "Congratulations granddad".

Voting Items

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Discussion

Chairman Goldstein informed that the ULURP Committee met and recommended support for the amended plan, the motion was seconded by Edmund Fanning to recommend approval to the Board of Standards and Appeals for the application submitted under BSA #197-08-BZ, Vote: 29 - yea; 0 - no; 0 - abstentions.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Gwen Carter and seconded by Carl Morgan. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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