

**Brooklyn Community Board 9**  
**890 Nostrand Avenue**  
**Brooklyn, New York 11225**

**Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**November 6, 2024**

Attendance (Board Members): Vanessa Raptopoulos, Committee Chair; Jolee Cobb; Lisa Etienne; Joseph Volney

Attendance (Community Resident Members): Zalman Chayo; Anthony Gay

Absent (Board Members): Cat Buccello; Shalisha Johnson; Jean Rene Mbeng Nguema

Absent (Community Resident Members) Louisa Higgins

Guests: None

CB9 Staff: Dante B. Arnwine, District Manager

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**I. Call to Order**

- a. Committee Chair. Vanessa Raptopoulos called the meeting to order at 7:07pm

**II. Committee Updates/Open Discussion**

- a. Discussed the Utica Ave meeting with Bridge Street and Chase Bank. Hoping to get Bridge Street back to one of our meetings to see how the outreach is going and if they will include CB9 in the Utica Merchants work.
- b. Discussed our shop small list. We had agreed to Flatbush and Nostrand Avenues to begin but we discussed that it wasn't fair to leave the other corridors out and we want to now do all the businesses and all the corridors in our list.
- c. Discussed renaming categories for consistency.
  - i. We came up with a naming system for the categories below:
    - 1. Food & Drink
    - 2. Beauty & Barber
    - 3. Bodega & Groceries
    - 4. Retail (includes dollar store, wine shops, pawn shops, smoke shops. clothing and gifts)
    - 5. Business Services (includes banks and computer repair)
    - 6. Government Agencies
    - 7. General Services (laundromat, hardware stores, shoe repair)
    - 8. Medical
  - ii. We decided that we would tackle renaming the categories and we would add a new column in the document where we can all input that info. The thought is that we will pull this information onto a web page once we finish categorizing it.
- d. We assigned renaming to corridors as follows:
  - i. Flatbush - Vanessa & Volney

- ii. Rogers - Vanessa & Volney
- iii. Nostrand - Kat ? & Louisa?
- iv. Utica - Anthony & Lisa
- v. Kingston - Anthony & Lisa
- vi. Schenectady - Jolee
- vii. Troy - Jolee
- viii. Albany – Zalman

III. **Adjournment**

- a. Meeting adjourned at 8pm