

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

Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2025

Attendance (Board Members): Vanessa Raptopoulos, Committee Chair; Jean Rene Mbeng Nguema

Attendance (Community Resident Members): Shalisha Johnson

Absent (Board Members): Cat Buccello, Jolee Cobb, Lisa Etienne, Volney Joseph

Absent (Community Resident Members): Zalman Chayo, Louisa Higgins, Wendy Thompson

Guests: Meon Graham

CB9 Staff: Khalid J. Jemmott, Community Associate

1. Call to Order
 - a. 7:05 pm Meeting started
2. Approval of February 2025 Committee Minutes
 - a. The minutes were approved with one change; Shalisha Johnson was present last month.
3. Happy Hour Date & Time: April 28, 2025, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
4. Flyers are ready for pickup
5. Reminder of Distribution
 - a. Rogers Ave – Volney
 - b. Bedford & Franklin – Anthony
 - c. Utica – Lisa
 - d. Kingston – Shalisha
 - e. Schenectady & Troy - Jolee
 - f. Nostrand (Empire to Clarkson) - Cat
 - g. Nostrand (Empire to Eastern Parkway) – Jean Rene
 - h. Flatbush - Vanessa
6. Run of Show
 - a. 6:00 - 7:00 PM: Mingle and Socialize
 - b. 7:00 PM: Introductions
 - c. Brief intros of who we are and what we do.
 - d. Introduce the Shop Small Guide if attendees haven't seen it yet.
 - e. Talk about upcoming events: Scavenger Hunt & Community Fair (Dante may want to mention this).
 - f. Ask everyone to fill out the survey.
 - g. Thank attendees and announce the end of the formal program.
 - h. 7:15 - 8:00 PM: More Mingling

7. Survey Details

- a. Business Name
- b. Contact Name
- c. Business Address
- d. Business Email
 - i. Questions
 - 1. What is your biggest challenge as a business owner?
 - 2. What is your biggest need as a business owner?
 - 3. How do you think we can help?

8. Supplies Needed for Event

- a. Clipboards
- b. Nametags

9. Action Items:

- a. Volunteers will pick up the flyers and distribute them as outlined.
- b. Ensure all supplies are collected before the event.
- c. Confirm Dante's involvement in mentioning the Scavenger Hunt & Community Fair.

10. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm