

BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 9
890 Nostrand Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11225

Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2025

Attendance (Board Members): Nicolas Almonor; Abigail Timm; Melissa Severe

Absent (Board Members): Denzel Oduro

Attendance (Resident Members): Ainslie Binder; Lillian Swain

Absent (Resident Members): Brenda Pagan; David Romeo; Yoni Ronn; Courtney Loisel; Gloria Briggs

Guests: None

CB9 Staff: Allison Henry, Community Associate

1. Call to Order
 - a. Nicolas Almonor called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM.
2. Welcome, Greetings, Introductions
 - a. The Committee was introduced to Ainslie Binder from AYSO. AYSO would like to host a **Soccer Fest** on **May 16, 2026, from 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM** at the Eagles Academy Field (formerly the Old Boys High Field).
 - b. There was also a Zoom meeting held by AYSO regarding the event details.
 - i. The event will include 4–8 mini games and possibly smaller scrimmages.
 - ii. AYSO is requesting Community Board 9’s endorsement and assistance with applying for the Department of Education permit required for use of the facility.
3. Roll Call
 - a. There was no quorum established.
4. Discussion Items:
 - a. Recreation Center Review
 - i. The committee will research NYC Parks Department recreation center operations for comparison to the Major R. Owens Community Center. Reference site: St. John’s Recreation Center (Albany Ave & St. Marks Place).
 - b. Honoring Community Board 9 Members
 - i. The committee would like to work toward placing historical markers in front of the homes of the distinguished Community Board 9 members.
 - c. Biennial Conference – March 28, 2026 Update
 - i. The draft agenda is being finalized.

- ii. A presentation at the next Brooklyn Borough Board meeting is scheduled for January 2026.
 - d. Exploring Parks in Community Board 9
 - i. The committee is planning a series of community events highlighting local parks.
 - ii. Proposed activities include:
 1. Film festival
 2. Concerts
 3. Spoken word performances
 4. Soccer matches
 5. Basketball tournaments
 6. Yoga
 7. Art shows
 8. Fashion shows
 9. “Taste of Community Board 9” featuring local restaurants and bakeries
 - e. BRIC Presentation
 - i. BRIC will attend the next committee meeting to discuss the podcasts, videos, arts programming, and other resources available to the community.
- 5. Adjournment