

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

**Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**February 13, 2024**

**Attendance (Board Members):** Khurshid Abdul-Mutakabbir (Vice Chair); Denzel Oduro (Secretary); Courtenay Loiselle; Lillian Swain

**Attendance (Community Residents):** Gloria Briggs, Julia Bryant, David Romeo

**Absent (Board Members):** Nicolas Almonor, Committee Chair – (Appeared online)

**Absent (Community Resident Members):** Frank Hosein, Eric Llenas, David Walters, Brenda Pagan

**Guests:** Justin Freeman (Gallery Particulier)

**Agency Representatives:**

**CB9 Staff:** Khalid J. Jemmott, Community Associate

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**I. Call to Order**

- Khurshid Abdul-Mustakabbir Committee Co-Chair called the committee meeting to order at 7:05 PM

**II. Parks and Cultural Institutions Liaison Assignments**

- Lillian Swain: Lillian is working with BRIC, a leading arts and media organization in downtown Brooklyn, to present to the committee hopefully next month
- Courtenay Loiselle: Prospect Park Alliance is undergoing several capital projects, including Lincoln Road Playground. The alliance has events planned for Black History Month. The alliance is also re-contracting and in the process of reviewing applicants

**III. Roll Call**

- Conducted by Denzel Oduro

**IV. Minutes**

- Courtney Loiselle moved to approve the meeting minutes. Julia Bryant seconded the motion.

**V. Public Comment:**

- Community interest in committee meeting: Gloria Briggs spoke to members of her garden, and they have expressed interest in participating in a community meeting
- Dog run: Community member Kseniya Kisevva wants to work with the board in creating a space for dog runs to foster a sense of community for pet owners

- Damaged sidewalks from tree roots: Khurshid raises concerns about damage stemming from tree plants planted on sidewalks being a hazard risk to community members. Planting and monitoring of trees should be a bigger initiative, and we need to organize around that actively

**VI. Recruitment and appointment of new Community Resident members**

- The committee is looking for new dedicated members who can attend committee meetings.
- The deadline for applying for board membership is tomorrow. The community is encouraged to apply.

**VII. Biennial Conference updates and planning**

- Nicolas Almonor is still looking for volunteers for the sub-committee. From early estimates, an ideal time to plan the conference is October.

**VIII. Calendar of activities setting and development for this fiscal year**

- Update to the last resolution submitted to CB9 (Sports Facilities Assessment): The resolution is ready, but it has not been able to be shared with the board due to roadblocks, including timing and quorum. Khurshid will try to get the resolution shared in the next board meeting.

**IX. Resolutions & Voting Items**

- The sports facilities assessment project is seeking the support of the community board at large in accessing the Department of Education's inventory of indoor and outdoor sports

**X. Old Business**

- Denzel consolidated a list of venues with liquor licenses that offer live music to help increase community engagement. Denzel will look at ways to get the word out into the community. Options include Friday's e-blast, the CB9 website, or social media apps such as Facebook, Reddit, and Nextdoor. Julia Bryant motions to continue this conversation, including looking at avenues such as WhatsApp. Courtenay seconded the motion.

**XI. New Business**

- N/A

**XII. Adjournment**

- The motion to adjourn by Julia Byrant was moved and seconded by Courtenay Loiselle. The meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM

**Minutes Submitted by:** Denzel Oduro

**Minutes Reviewed and Approved by:** Nicolas Almonor Member-at-Large - Chair of CB9 Parks, Recreation, and Culture Committee