

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

Housing Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2026

Attendance (Board Members): Mayna Legoute, Committee Chair; Ronisha LaBarrie; Drew Johnston; Felice Roberston; Abigail Timm; Theresa Westerdahl; Vanya Mayers

Attendance (Community Resident Members): Marc Mann; Diane Sheppard

Absent (Board Members): Solange Benjamin; Christian Loubeau

Absent (Community Resident Members): None

Guests: Jakob Schneider, East NY Community Land Trust; Lois Newland; Victor Richardson; Jolee Cobb; Tabitha Julien

CB9 Staff: Allison Henry, Community Associate

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1. Call to Order
 - a. Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM.
 2. Welcome and Introductions by Board Members
 3. Presentation by Jakob Schneider, East New York Community Land Trust. He served on their board from 2022 then joined their staff as Senior Program Manager.
 - a. East New York Community Land Trust (CLT) was established in 2020 and is a part of the NYC Community Land Initiative (NYCCLI).
 - b. NYCCLI is a coalition of community land trust and other organizations that support the work to further the goals of collective land ownership. It was started in 2012 and grew out of a movement of unhoused people. Unhoused people were attempting to figure out what tools they could use instead of being homeless. Their first initiative was to count vacant property in NYC. They found that there was enough vacant housing to house all unhoused people in the city in need of housing.
 - c. Purpose of CLT – remove land from speculative housing; organize residents to hold land in a trust; prevent land from being sold on the market; keep people in their homes; own and manage land.
 - d. ENY CLT acquired its first property in 2024.
 - e. First CLT was established in Albany, Georgia in the late 1960s.
 - f. First CLT in NYC was Cooper Square in the Lower East Side.
 4. February meeting minutes approved by Common Consent.
 5. Update on Prospect Park Residential Development.

6. Update on BSA Fast Track proposal to modify its rules and practice procedures. Hybrid hearing to be held April 1st at 10AM at 253 Broadway. Written comments can be submitted by mail and must be post marked by March 31st.
7. Adjournment
 - a. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.