

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

Economic Development Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2026

Attendance (Board Members): Vanessa Raptopoulos; Lisa Etienne

Attendance (Community Resident Members): Bruce Kirton

Absent (Board Members): Rohaan Menon; Joyce Williams

Absent (Committee Resident Members): None

Guests: None

CB9 Staff: Allison Henry, Community Associate

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1. Call to order
 - a. Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM.
 2. Approved April Minutes
 3. Received Passport Submissions and Feedback:
 - a. Some people requested a longer window. Pasha cafe was the only place to send in formal feedback, and it was quite positive. Overall, we heard all positive feedback from both community members as well as businesses. Utica Ave was especially happy with participation as they were the most skeptical.
 - b. Improvements we agreed that we need a clearer - No purchase necessary note and also better guidelines for what the winnings would be as well as more equal prizes. Maybe next year we suggest a \$25 value. Also, we need to get peoples email addresses, not just phone numbers.
 - c. Cafes and stores seemed to get the most traffic vs restaurants.
 - d. 25 people submitted passports:
 - i. 2 did not qualify because they only went to 2 avenues
 - ii. 14 people did 4 avenues
 - iii. 10 people did all 6 avenues
 - iv. Pulled the winners:
 - v. Vanessa announced the prize, Lisa pulled the names and Bruce was the witness
 - vi. Agreed that Vanessa would contact the winners

Awesome Brooklyn	Yes	3 - \$25 Gift card	Laura Phillipps, James Hassell, Jenny ulloba
Bonafini	Yes	\$75 gift card	Miles Earl
Drink PLG	Maybe	\$25 gift card	Jeff Sellers
Fiona's Bar	Yes	\$25 gift card	Jana Littleton
Granru Market	Yes	6 \$25.00 gift cards	Kay Armstrong, Rachel Miller & Fam, Esther Benchind, Luz Victoria Simon, Adam Ritz, Brianna Moore,
The - MVMNT Fitness and Health Studio	Yes	Swag bag, t shirt, pair of shorts, pack of The - MVMNT Bands, and a free guest pass to one of our classes	Zumi
Brix Haus	Yes	\$25 gift card with some Brix Haus swag	Margaret Farris
Classic cups	Yes	\$10 gift card	Hannah Benchimol
Rock Dove Strength Training	Yes	3 class pack	Mallea Brashevetky, Davina Shapiro, Chantel Miller,
Little Mo Wine & Spirits	Yes	T-Shirt + \$12 Wine	Abby Flint
Antojitos del Patron	Yes	\$25 e-gift card	Lacy Stevenson
Ix restaurant	Yes	\$25 e-gift card	Athena McAfee
Taqueria el patron Mexican grill	Yes	\$25 e-gift card	Jen Ligeti
Creative Custom Clothing	Yes	Hats	Isak Chancellor
Primary Source	Maybe	One-time 25% off discount code	Eli

4. Adjournment

- a. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.