

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

Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2026

Attendance (Board Members): Nicolas Almonor; Abigail Timm

Absent (Board Members): None

Attendance (Resident Members): Brenda Pagan; David Romeo; Gloria Briggs; McAlexander

Absent (Resident Members): Courtenay Loiselle; Lillian Swain; Yoni Ronn; Shomari Ramsay; Denzel Oduro

Guests: Kyeian Cellet; T. Billi Martin

CB9 Staff: Mia N. Hilton, Assistant District Manager

1. Call to Order
 - . Nicolas Almonor called the meeting to order at 7:18 PM.
2. Roll Call / Attendance
3. Approval of Previous Minutes
 - . Minutes approved for January 8, 2026 and February 12, 2026.
4. Public Commentary
5. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
 - . Ribbon cutting for the supermarket on Bedford and Empire is coming up. When will the ribbon cutting for supermarkets on Nostrand Avenue between Montgomery Street and Sullivan Place take place?
6. Parks and Cultural institutions liaison reports:
 - . Major Owens Health and Wellness Center - There are changes with the advisory committee. There is a new development across the street at 1551 Bedford Avenue, the developer did a presentation yesterday, March 10, 2026 at the ULRRP Committee meeting. There are major concerns are open spaces, recreational space and parking.
 - . Arts - McAlexander is waiting to connect with the Brooklyn Museum.
 - . Sports - Shomari is still waiting for Community Boards, Canarsie, and Coney Island - the committee needs a proposal to facilitate basketball and soccer.
 - . Brooklyn Parks and Open Spaces Conference with the Prospect Park Alliance - the agenda is final. Parks Commission Tricia Shimamura was invited and might attend. We want to have a group photo. There will be box lunch available for purchase. Moderators meeting and panelists meeting to follow next week.

- . Maple Street Community Garden- The newsletter has the QR code for the Prospect Park Alliance Biennial Conference Resolution passed by the general boards. Arlene Roberts from the Maple Street Community Garden will be a panelist.
 - . We should strengthen the relationship between the Medgar Evers College Arts department and Community Board 9. Our plans for art summit should be done with Medgar Evers College art department. We will write a proposal to collaborate with MEC and have the summit there. The summit should address visual art-painting, sculpture and the performing arts- theatre, music, etc...
7. Sports Summit
- . We will engage Coach Screen and Coach Cooper and Zellnor Myrie's office for the sports Summit at Wingate Park. Let's see what we can get done.
 - . We must ask the developers to provide community benefits. Give the community something. The community has needs.
 - . If we can commit to having a weekly event people in the community will come. In the winter we could utilize the local schools and during the warmer months we can do something outdoors.
 - . Let's have some planning meetings in the Community Board 9 Office.
 - . We should consider having a music event in community gardens – Only acoustic event at Maple Steet Community Garden; amplified sound requires a permit.
 - . We are looking to get Dr. Richard Green involved. He had long experience in doing music performances in the parks.
 - . We need to meet more than once a month to plan and create a calendar.
 - . The Executive Board voted on a resolution for Biennial Conference and the and we still need to vote on Soccer Fest
 - . June 6 is confirmed for Community Resource Day. It's also Community Gardens Opening Day. For Union Community Garden both events will take place in the same place.
 - . March 21, 2026 we will make a calendar and planning in Union Street Garden and Community Development.
 - . We moved to forward the resolution for Soccer Fest.
 - . Abigail Timm, move to present at the executive board for approval and to the general board. David seconded the motion.
8. Interfaith Luncheon will probably take place in the Fall.
9. April 25, 2026 is the Youth Committee Town Hall at St. Francies de Sales School of the Deaf at noon. It's an open discussion with elite educators, superintendents and Dr. Ramsey interpreters are available.
- . We should have a meeting with the youth committee

10. Adjournment

- . Nicolas Almonor moved to adjourn the meeting and seconded by 8:50 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Abigail Timm

Minutes approved by: Chair, Nicolas Almonor