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TO: Baptiste, Fred (Ex-Officio); Rod S. Herbert, Bishop Sylveta Hamilton
Gonzales, CB9 Member; Theresa Westerdahl, CB9 Member;
FROM: Debbie Timothy, Committee Chair
RE: Environmental Protection Committee Meeting
DATE: April 1, 2024

The meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee has been scheduled as follows:

DATE: April 4, 2024
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: 890 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11225

Livestreamed on CB9 YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCciPIIJ01pLvrG0xod1_LvQ

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Words of Encouragement: Bishop Hamilton-Gonzalez
3. Acceptance of the Minutes of March 1, 2024 & Meeting Agenda for April 4, 2024.
4. Introductions / Roll Call – Committee members and guests
5. New Business:
 - a. General Board meeting of March 26, 2024 – EP Committee proposed resolution to NYC DSNY re: NYS Comptroller's Street & Cleanliness Audit Report recommendations was voted on overwhelmingly by CB9 membership/Next steps
 - b. Community cleanup projects. There is an inundated amount of garbage all over the community. What is DSNY enforcement protocol for community businesses and residents
 - c. DEP will not present to the EP Committee this month
6. Old Business
 - a. Proposed EP Committee resolution requesting NYC DSNY response to the NYS Comptroller's Street & Cleanliness Audit Report recommendations.
7. Other Business
 - a. CB9 Fair info/updates
8. Adjournment

Brooklyn Community Board 9
890 Nostrand Ave
Brooklyn, New York 11225
Environmental Protection Committee Meeting

March 1, 2024
Meeting ID: 827 2407 4571

Attendance (Board Members): Debbie Timothy, Committee Chair; Rod S. Herbert, Sylveta Hamilton-Gonzales, Theresa Westerdahl

Attendance (Community Resident Members): N/A

Absent (Board Members): N/A

Absent (Community Resident Members): N/A

Guests: Tonya Hollingsworth (NYC-DOHMH), Karen Fung

Agency Representatives: Khalid J. Jemmott, Community Associate

- I. Call to order:**
 - a. Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm by Chair Debbie Timothy
 - II. Words of Encouragement**
 - a. Bishop Hamilton-Gonzales
 - III. Acceptance of the Minutes of February 1, 2024 & Meeting Agenda for February 1, 2024**
 - a. Chair Debbie Timothy motion to have minutes accepted
 - IV. Introductions/ Roll Call**
 - a. Committee members and guest
 - V. New Business**
 - a. Presentation
 - i. Tonya Hollingsworth, MPA, Public Health Educator
 - o Safe Gardening in New York City: How to Reduce Your Exposure to Contaminated Soil
 - o Soil Contamination
 - i. Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs) – chemicals produced during the incomplete burning of coal, oil, gas, garbage, tobacco
 - o Exposure and Health Risks
 - o Tips for Safe Urban Gardening
 - o Raised Garden Beds
 - o Resources
- www.Nyc.gov/parks/greenthumb
www.Nyc.gov/agriculture
www.Nyc.gov/oer
www.Nyc.gov/dsny
www.Usi.nyc

VI. Old Business

- a. Rat Academy information: <https://www.nyc.gov/site/doh/services/rats-control-training.page>
 - i. You can learn about safe and effective methods for rat prevention in your home and community at one of Rat Academy's scheduled free trainings.
 - ii. You can learn about safe and effective methods for rat prevention in your home and community at one of our scheduled free trainings.
 - iii. To sign up for community-based training or for more information on hosting or sponsoring a training, email ratportal@health.nyc.gov or call **311**.
- b. CB9 Community Fair updates
 - i. No updates at the moment, as the board gets closer to the date information will roll out
 - ii. The committee chair will contact the District Manager, Dante Arnwine to provide updates
- c. Proposed Resolution: Community Board 9 is requesting DSNY's Response to the NYS Comptroller's NYC Dept. of Sanitation Street & Sidewalk Cleanliness Audit (Report 2019-N-1)

VII. Other Business

- a. Clothing Bins on public sidewalks
- b. 311 Service request type for clothing bins
 - i. Obstruction – Donation Collection Bin

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Meeting was adjournment at 8:08 PM
 - i. Chair Debbie Timothy motioned to adjourn the meeting
 - ii. Theresa Westerdahl seconded the motion

Submitted by Khalid J. Jemmott



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Brooklyn Community Board 9 Resolution Implementation of NYS Audit recommendations by New York City Department of Sanitation

WHEREAS, During the period from January 1st, 2015, to September 27th, 2019, The Office of The New York State (NYS) Comptroller conducted a New York City (NYC) Street & Sidewalk Cleanliness Audit (2019-N-1.) Its purpose was to determine how effectively The NYC Department of Sanitation (DSNY) monitors the cleanliness of NYC Streets, using specific work processes, tools, and analysis of data; and

WHEREAS, the audit found that the DSNY needed to improve its communication, coordination, and record-keeping processes to address persistent cleanliness problems on streets and sidewalks. Subsequently, the audit generated four recommendations to address findings identified during the 2019 audit review period; and

WHEREAS, The NYS Office of The Comptroller's subsequent report, (2022-F-8), stated, "DSNY did not make progress in addressing problems identified in the initial audit report. None of the initial report's four recommendations to DSNY were implemented."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Brooklyn Community Board 9 requests the DSNY implement the four recommendations identified in the NYS Comptroller's subsequent report, (2022-F-8.), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the DSNY provide a timeline, with milestone dates including mid-point and final proposed date of implementation leading to final resolution of the NYS Comptroller's Audit Report.

For Reference:

[sga-2023-22f8.pdf \(ny.gov\)](#)

[sga-2020-19n1.pdf \(ny.gov\)](#)

ADOPTED: 3/26/2024