

**Community Board 8
Brooklyn Children's Museum
145 Brooklyn Avenue (corner of St. Marks Ave)
Brooklyn, NY 11213
April 9th, 2026**

Members Present

Sharon Alexis-Pierre
Princess Benn
Dian Duke
Tamika Gibbs
Mohammad Hassan
Jamell Henderson
Tafari John-King
Jennifer Jordan
Frances Langley
Robert Lapointe
Dr. Sarah Lazur
Mimi Mitchell
Fior Ortiz-Joyner
Taraya Pettway
Robert Puca
Anika Roach
Conor Ross
Ezra Roth
Brian Saunders
Robin Smith
Lesley Steele
Dina Tate
Mark Thurton
Briana Uwa
Gib Veconi
Kimberly Watson
Sharon Wedderburn
Regina Wilson
Robert Witherwax
Deborah Young

Members Absent/Excused

Akua Aidoo
Isaac Andino
Peter Anekwe
Gail Branch-Muhammad
Barbara Cofield
Benny Faygen
Drew Gabriel
Nizjoni Granville
Lisa Maldonado
William Meehan
Kwasi Mensah
Yahya Raji
Meredith Staton
Katie Taylor
Dana Thompson
Ryan Tucker
Irsa Weatherspoon

Elected Official Representatives

David Lopez, State Senator Jabari Brisport
Khalid Jemmott – State Senator Zellnor Myrie
Tendai Watkins – Assemblymember Stefani Zinerman
Sean Gurl – Assemblymember Robert Carroll
Saira Amar – Assemblymember Phara Souffrant-Forrest
Isaiah Dawson – Assemblymember Phara Souffrant-Forrest
Elika Ruintan – Councilmember Crystal Hudson
Karen Chambers – KCDA Eric Gonzalez

Agency Representatives

Bklyn Boro Commissioner Martin Maher, Parks Department

CB8 Staff Present

Michelle George, District Manager
Julia Neale, Community Coordinator

The regular meeting of Community Board 8 was called to order at 6:09PM by Ms. Deb Young, Second Vice Chair.

Committee Updates –

Health and Human Services — Tamika Gibbs, Chair. Tamika Gibbs reported that the committee meets every other month and last met in March. She noted that the next meeting will be held at 151 Rochester Avenue, between St. Marks and Prospect, and that a scheduling request has been made to move the meeting to May 28th due to a scheduling conflict amongst members. She added that the upcoming meeting will be the committee's final meeting of the cycle before the summer recess.

Public Safety — Mark Thurton, Chair. Mark Thurton reported that the committee met on March 23 and held Women's History Month programming featuring Kings County Civil Court Judge Marva Brown. He reminded members that Public Safety meets on the fourth Monday and that upcoming meetings will be held at the 77th Precinct, and he invited broader attendance.

Economic Development — Brian Saunders, Chair. Brian Saunders reported that the committee meeting is scheduled for this Tuesday at the Brooklyn Children's Library and will feature a presentation for merchants from JPMorgan Chase. He stated that the committee is using a rotating series format in which different organizations present each month on resources available to support local businesses and community members.

Seniors — Frances Langley, Secretary. Frances Langley reported that the Seniors Committee meets on the first Wednesday at 1055 St. Johns Place. She shared that recent programming focused on educating seniors about scams, including phone-based scams, and how to avoid future fraud. She also noted that the prior meeting included hands-on activities such as herb planting, knitting, and working with lavender, and she thanked Gail Branch-Muhammad for consistently providing food for the committee.

Parks, Youth, and Education — Kimberly Watson, Chair. The Parks committee noted upcoming Earth Day programming at Brower Park and highlighted that the 77th Precinct will host a community day at Lincoln Terrace Park, with volunteers needed. Additional details were noted as forthcoming in the newsletter

Elected Officials and Offices –

District Attorney's Office – Karen Chambers from the District Attorney's Office stated that the office is available for meetings and that a phone number would be added to the meeting notes.

Office of Assemblymember Stefani Zinnerman – Tendai Watkins from Senator Stephanie Zinnerman's office encouraged residents to reach out with concerns, including individual agency issues, and said the office can help connect constituents to the right agencies. The representative promoted an event on **Saturday, April 11** focused on new strategies for home improvement. The office also provided legislative updates related to deed theft and foreclosure surplus, including resources to ensure homeowners receive surplus funds and have avenues to challenge improper sales. The representative described proposed legislation that would prevent the sale of tax liens to private investors, limiting added fees and third-party costs and allowing homeowners to deal directly with the City. The office phone number provided was **718-399-7630**. When asked how to show support for the housing initiative, the office suggested calling and requesting the deed-protections flyer; a question about co-sponsors was noted as to be confirmed.

Office of Assembly Member Robert Carroll – Sean Gurl from Assemblymember Robert Carroll's office announced a paper shredding event on Thursday, April 30 (9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.) and referenced a spring cleaning event in a section of Windsor Terrace. Robert Puca asked

the office to relay community concern about Atlantic Yards-related payments and obligations. The office also mentioned a legislative assistant program with more details available in person, noted a memorial service for Dewayne Joseph, and referenced a graduate certificate program run by the Senator and encouraged outreach for recognition. The office contact information provided was 107 Nostrand Avenue and 718-284-7700.

Office of Assembly Member Phara Souffrant Forrest – Saira Amar from Assemblymember Phara Souffrant-Forrest's office announced two job fairs in the coming weeks, including one on April 15 at 250 Nassau and another at the Brooklyn Public Library on May 5. The office also promoted a tenant clinic on Wednesday, April 15 for residents facing landlord issues, harassment, or rent struggles, and shared the office number 718-596-0100 for support.

Office of Council Member Crystal Hudson – Erika Ruintan from Councilmember Crystal Hudson's office announced an April 11–19 series focused on helping new voters understand how to vote and how district spending works. The office also promoted a May 8 Mother's Day luncheon, noting RSVPs would be collected later in the month.

Office of Senator Jabari Brisport - David Lopez from Senator Jabari Brisport's office reiterated the office's discretionary funding announcements, noted that deed-theft prevention packages are being put in place, and highlighted priorities including "tax the rich" revenue proposals and universal healthcare. He also promoted an April 4 homeowners workshop.

Office of State Senator Zellnor Myrie: Khalid Jemmott brought greetings from the member, announcing the legislative assistance program pertaining to grants and funding ("member items") allocated by the NYS Legislature to local, not-for-profit organizations and municipalities, managed by agencies like Homes and Community Renewal. Specific programs include community development grants, criminal justice aid, and veteran services. Anyone interested in applying should call the Senator's office for additional information and instruction. Furthermore, there is a graduate certificate program sponsored by the Senator; if you know someone graduating this year in need of a certificate of the great work they are doing academically, please call office at 718.284.7240. Finally, he announced the memorial service to be held for Rodrick Daley, the former Chair of CB17.

Public Comments and Updates

Ryan Christman and sponsoring partner, Lydia, announced planning for a children's bike day on May 9, potentially to be held in Lincoln Terrace Park alongside other activities, and she said details are still being finalized. She described potential programming that may include learn-to-ride lessons through the City, free books from the Book Bodega, and other children's activities.

A second announcement promoted the June Balloon festival planned for June 27 at Brower Park, with face painting and additional local activities to be announced.

CHNA announced a free shredding event co-sponsored by the association on April 25 (11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.) at 1055 St. Johns Place in the parking lot on Sterling Place.

The Brooklyn Children's Museum shared that it is partnering with Pratt Institute and invited the community to contribute photos and materials for archiving.

David Custerberg with the Brooklyn Bus Network, raised concerns about bus issues, emphasizing bus speed rather than travel time, and referenced advocacy and a counterproposal related to the Brooklyn Bus Network Redesign. He stated that the MTA with the preliminary proposal, was seeking to increase travel time for riders to increase bus speed a negligible amount of time as fewer stops along a route does not speed up travel time for those needing public transportation. Instead, it merely increases the length of time riders take to get to a stop, causing an undue burden specifically on seniors and the mobility limited. A separate comment flagged issues with the condition of benches along Eastern Parkway.

Action Items and Votes –

Parks, Youth, and Education

The PYE Committee met on Tuesday, March 2nd and again on April 7th to discuss the following applications before the committee:

1. Design for Mt. Prospect Park Skate Garden. Details of the design were as follows:
 - 11.16M in funding for the project stemming from both private donations and funding from various elected officials
 - Project size of 19,550 square feet
 - Project site is neither in a heat vulnerability area nor a rat mitigation zone
 - Three dead/dying trees to be removed; two tree stumps to be removed; one healthy tree to be removed due to design considerations; 19 new trees to be planted around the skate garden both as restitution for the lost trees as well as design considerations for the skate garden.
 - Specific site in the oval chosen for several reasons, mainly a) it is the most compacted and damaged area in the oval; and b) it is outside of the critical root zone of trees, thus minimizing tree loss.
 - Proposed site improvements include the following:
 - ☐ Green Infrastructure System to handle onsite drainage complete with sustainable practices (preservation of existing tree canopy, site appropriate resilient plant materials, reduction in stormwater runoff with subsurface infrastructure).
 - ☐ Security lighting along park pathways
 - ☐ 19 new trees in addition to 8,500 square feet of new shrubs, perennials, and grasses to be planted
 - ☐ Pavement improvements including a restored oval path from Eastern Parkway entrance. Path improvements will have intermittent threshold paving with Belgian blocks (for safety and to deter skaters from using the pathways with their skating devices)
 - ☐ Site furnishings, including new benches, drinking fountains, and trash receptacles
 - ☐ Creation of a neighborhood skate garden for skate opportunities for all ages and abilities that maintains site lines throughout the park
 - ☐ Replacement of old and rusty flagpole
 - Action Sports Community Priorities are as follows:
 - ☐ Skate paths and garden elements interwoven into cohesive and durable design
 - ☐ Designed for Gradual Progression: Accessible and encouraging obstacles for engagement and longevity with a mixture of both street and transition elements (street

elements include rails, A-frames, ledges, flat bars, stair sets, and the like. Transition elements include quarter pipes, bank ramps, bowl corners, pool coping, vert walls, launch boxes, and the like).

- ☐ Safety & Security of Skaters and Pedestrians: Delineate space to ensure proper usage for all patrons. This will include intermittent asphalt to deter skaters from actively using the paths for their craft and to protect pedestrians. The intermittent asphalt still allows for comfortable walking, jogging, and stroller usage, but effectively deters skating.
- ☐ Flow: Utilize basic flow principles to effectively connect strategically configured skatepark elements.
- ☐ Element Variety: Include tasteful balance of street and transition obstacles.

A snapshot of the design with features is on the last page of this document.

During the presentation at the March meeting, in subsequent emails between the March and April meetings, and during the April 7th meeting, the following statements and requests specifically about the design were made:

- Add dog water fountain (added for final design)
- Indicate location and number of bike racks (added for final design)
- Add a LINK kiosk near the skate garden or within the park/near the entrance. Parks' response: LINK kiosks do not fall under the jurisdiction of the Parks Department.
- Seek to reposition the location so it does not specifically bisect the oval. This was also a request from the Public Design Commission. Parks' response was that the location is sited specifically to be outside of the critical root zone as well as to preserve as many existing healthy trees as possible. Additionally, the agency stated that this is the most compacted portion of the oval.
- Several statements about relocating the fully funded skate garden to another park to preserve the green space at Mt. Prospect Park. Parks' response: no active programming was removed from Mt. Prospect Park to accommodate this skate garden.
- Several statements about heat island effect.
- Several statements to indicate the grade of concrete to create something lasting. Parks' response was that this is the design phase and the grade of concrete will not be known until a contractor is selected.
- Increase access control as there is supposed to be a gate around every skate park according to national standards.
- All of the plantings selected by DPR for the new plantings are poisonous to dogs and should be removed.
- Some present did not feel as though the greenery barricade was sufficient. Additionally, some felt as though BMX bikers would abuse the park's pathways by riding their bikes on them to access the skate garden. These members were informed that bikers can use the paths now even without the skate garden.

At the April 7th committee meeting, following the conclusion of a presentation from Friends of Mt. Prospect Park encouraging and urging that the skate garden be constructed at a different park, the committee voted 10 in favor, 5 opposed, with 2 abstentions to support the design for the Mt. Prospect Park skate garden with the proviso that the Parks' Department consider making the following modifications:

1. Remove entirely or minimize toxic plantings in the 8500 square feet of new plantings
2. Increase access control, preferably via some type of fencing, between skaters and other parks users
3. Reiteration of the request to reconsider the siting to eliminate bisecting the oval with the skate garden.

The committee hopes the full Board will support its recommendation to approve the skate garden design with the aforementioned modifications.

NYC Parks and Recreation Brooklyn Borough Commissioner Marty Maher was present to go over additional details of the Skate Garden project and answer additional questions related to stormwater, accessibility, noise mitigation, and community engagement. Comments and questions from the community:

Gib Veconi raised concerns about flooding and asked whether the existing piping system has sufficient capacity; Commissioner Maher stated that the new project is expected to improve stormwater management, that sewer overflow is designed to handle excess, and that the plan was approved by DEP. Commissioner Maher further stated that the area would function as an “earth dam” intended to absorb most water.

Members asked about timeline, and the response was that the objective is to start in 2027, with EDC leading the project to move it forward, while trying to keep the park open outside the skating oval in the interim.

Additional questions addressed drainage debris, whether the City and Parks selected the site without adequate input, and whether other already paved locations were considered. Commissioner Maher responded that the location was selected because it sits near a cultural center and the agency seeks to select sites for new active programming in ways that are intended to avoid displacing other structured activities, and emphasized the goal of safe recreation across communities as sports use evolves.

Members asked about toxic plants, dog fencing, and signage, and Commissioner Maher stated plantings would be urban-hardy with fencing and additional signage considered.

Members asked about ADA compliance and outreach, and Commissioner Maher stated a public scoping meeting had been held with more than 300 attendees and that additional engagement followed with the skating community, with design intended to comply with ADA standards.

Noise mitigation was described as using trees and grass with an expectation of less noise than basketball. The design discussion also included “Belgian block” or cobblestone elements intended to be wheelchair-friendly while creating texture to interrupt skating in certain areas.

A question was raised about Brooklyn Botanic Garden opposition; Commissioner Maher stated there had been no opposition from the Gardens team.

The Chair read a statement attributed to Lisa Maldonado acknowledging long use of the park and support for a skate park in concept, but expressing that she could not support this specific plan due to concerns about dividing the space into three parts.

A motion to support the recommendation as made by Conor Ross, seconded by Dr. Sarah Lazur

23 Y, 6 N, the motion passes.

2. Brooklyn Museum of Art Deep Energy Retrofit (Solar Panels)

Mr. Daniel Gordon from Ramboll Engineering appeared on behalf of the Brooklyn Museum of Art to discuss their solar panel project. Mr. Gordon explained that the retrofit effort began in 2020–2021 when the Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) and the New York Power Authority (NYPA) commissioned an energy audit of the Brooklyn Museum. The audit recommended various energy conservation measures. DCAS & NYPA issued a design–build RFP in late 2023, proposals were received in early 2024, and the contract was awarded to Dynamic US in early 2025.

The final design consists of five ground level elevated solar panels along the east (Washington Avenue) and south (direction of Empire Blvd) side of the parking lot. About half of the lot will be impacted and the remaining portion along the western edge of the parking lot was not considered due to staging needs for events at the museum. The primary project goals are to reduce the museums greenhouse gas emissions by 60% by providing about 8-10% of annual energy uses. That is roughly the equivalent of about 6,657 tree seedlings. There is no need for energy storage systems as there is enough load at the museum for the panels to run year round without having to store any energy.

If approved by the Public Design Commission, the NYC Dept. of Cultural Affairs believes that solar panels will be installed within the next 8 months.

The committee voted unanimously with 16 in favor to support the energy waste reducing and forward-thinking proposal, in hopes that the full Board supports its recommendation.

A motion to support the recommendation as made by Robert Witherwax, seconded by Dr. Sarah Lazur

28 Y, 0 N, the motion passes.

SLA and Sidewalk Café Review Committee (SLAC)

The SLAC Committee met on Monday, April 6, 2026 at Stuy Park Houses. The committee discussed the following:

1. New liquor license applications:

A. Cain Sloan LLC, d/b/a A.Mano Brooklyn, 585 Dean Street – Beer/wine/cider (recorded music, licensed outdoor space)

Details include the following:

- 4 tables with 8 seats, 1 standing bar, max capacity 74
- Hours of operation Noon to 9PM daily
- Licensed outdoor area on private property with 7 tables and 16 seats to operate with same hours as interior space

- Applicant has been in operation since 2021 and is now seeking to add a liquor license

The committee voted unanimously with 11 in favor to support the application as presented. It hopes the full Board supports its recommendation.

Gib Veconi asked whether the location had always operated as a café. Kimberly Watson asked who owns the outdoor space and raised concerns that the space appears adjacent to park and dog-park uses, and she believed it may be owned by the Pacific Park Conservancy. Members clarified that the application concerns a recommendation and that the café area is not on a public sidewalk. Jamell Henderson asked whether the area is public or private property, and the discussion confirmed it is not public sidewalk space.

A motion to support the recommendation as made by Mimi Mitchell, seconded by Gib Veconi

27 Y, 1 N, the motion passes.

B. Grimm Tavern, 659-661 Vanderbilt Avenue – Full license with backyard

Details are as follows:

- In space of former Olmstead restaurant
- 10 tables with 40 seats; 1 service bar with 8 seats; max capacity 48
- Hours of operation 7AM to midnight daily
- Two licensed outdoor space
 - Rear garden with 10 tables and 40 seats to operate from Noon to 10PM daily
 - Sidewalk café with 5 tables and 20 seats to operate from 7am to 10pm daily

The committee voted 13 in favor with 1 abstention to support the license as presented and hopes the full Board supports its recommendation.

The Board discussed a Grimm Tavern item and raised questions about the proposed 7:00 a.m. start time for sidewalk café operations, including whether that is allowed within the community context. Members noted that a liquor license may allow alcohol service beginning at 8:00 a.m. on weekdays and 10:00 a.m. on Sundays, and that the Board's recommendation cannot override that statutory framework. The discussion also noted that if the application referenced "contiguous" space, it should be struck because "contiguous" is already incorporated into the standard application language. Members also asked whether there have been noise complaints and recorded that none were identified in the discussion. Concerns were raised about late-night outdoor activity, including the impact of people speaking outside at 10:00 p.m. when residents are trying to sleep. Members questioned whether the Board can vote without the applicant present and suggested either requiring the applicant to return or separating alcohol and outdoor-service approvals.

The Board voted to table the item to request an extension and additional applicant participation, on a motion by Tamika Gibbs and a second by Gib Veconi.

2. Bearded Lady - 686A Washington Ave (Bergen St & St. Marks Ave)

Sidewalk cafe: St. Marks Avenue side has 3 Tables with 6 seats; Washington Avenue side has 14 tables with 28 seats

Roadway cafe: St. Marks Avenue side: 4 Tables with 8 seats; Washington Avenue side has 4 tables with 8 seats

Both outdoor spaces operate from 12pm - 12am daily.

The committee voted 13 in favor with 1 abstention to support the municipal space applications as presented and hopes the full Board supports its recommendation.

The Board discussed the item for Bearded Lady and focused on the proposed daily schedule of 12:00 p.m.–12:00 a.m. Members noted that the Bearded Lady has appeared in prior applications and that hours had been reduced previously, and asked how extended hours had been approved at committee. It was clarified that the Board's role concerns alcohol service in the space rather than general hours of operation and that we could request from the State Liquor Authority that they have reduced service hours. Unfortunately, this does not remedy the fact that they can still operate the café under Dining Out regulations until midnight. Robert Puca asked whether the owner would change alcohol service to end earlier, and the owner stated a preference not to change. Members clarified that it is a Dining Out application allowed until 12:00 a.m. and that the Board's advisory role is limited.

A motion to support the recommendation with an amendment limiting hours to 10:00 p.m. on weekdays and 11:00 p.m. on weekends as made by Mimi Mitchell, seconded by Gib Veconi

11 Y, 12 N, 5 A, the motion fails.

A second motion with revised hours of 11:00 p.m. on weekdays and 12:00 a.m. on weekends was made by Robert Puca, seconded by Robin Smith

15 Y, 10 N, 1 A, the motion passes.

a. The Crown Inn - 724 Franklin Ave (Park & Sterling Places)

Sidewalk café with 5 tables and 10 seats to operate from 1PM to midnight Saturday and Sunday; 4PM to midnight Monday thru Thursday; and 2PM to midnight Friday.

The committee voted unanimously with 14 in favor to support the application with the modification that the space be reduced to 3 tables and 6 seats due to store front space restrictions. Members believed the space too small to comfortably and safely accommodate the number of tables and chairs they were seeking, and the 3 seats with 6 tables is what had been reflected on their Dining Out application when approved last year. The committee hopes the full Board supports its recommendation.

A motion to support the recommendation as made by Robert Puca, seconded by Frances Langley

15 Y, 11 N, 3 A, the motion passes.

Environment, Sanitation, Transportation (EST)

The EST Committee met on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at Brower Park Library. The committee discussed a resolution in support of Stop The Chop NY/NJ (STC), a grassroots organization formed to reduce helicopter noise and ban nonessential flights over the NYC Metropolitan Area. STC is seeking support for a legislation package consisting of 9 bills that will accomplish the aforementioned goal via taxes, redirections, and in some cases, true bans. Note: This will not impact NYPD, other emergency service helicopters, or even organ transplant copters. The bills merely impact leisure copter uses.

The resolution supported by the committee with 18 in favor, 1 opposed, with 2 abstentions, is as follows:

“WHEREAS:

- The proliferation of nonessential helicopter flights—including sightseeing tours, private commuter flights, and luxury charters—has led to significant concerns among residents about persistent noise pollution, public safety risks, and environmental impacts.
- Helicopter noise has been consistently cited by New York City residents as a major quality-of-life issue, particularly in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Staten Island, and along the Hudson and East rivers.
- Since 2000, a nonessential helicopter has crashed on average every two years in the New York City area, with several recent high-profile crashes underscoring the tragic consequences of such flights.
- Nonessential helicopters put unnecessary strain on the already overburdened traffic control system in highly congested New York City airspace.
- These flights disproportionately benefit a small number of individuals while imposing costs in the form of noise, safety risks, property value reductions, and environmental degradation on the broader population.
- Helicopter fuel emissions contribute to air pollution and climate change, in contradiction to the City’s stated goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and creating a more sustainable urban environment.
- NYC 311 received more than 26,000 helicopter noise complaints in 2024, an average of 40 complaints per day.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Environmental, Sanitation and Transportation Committee of CB 8 Brooklyn, urges the Mayor of New of York City to close the NYC-owned heliports (E. 34th Street and Downtown Skyport) to nonessential helicopter flights; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Environmental, Sanitation and Transportation Committee of CB 8 Brooklyn supports and urges passage of several bills that have been introduced at the city, state, and federal levels that would ban or reduce nonessential helicopter flights over the New York City metropolitan area. These bills are:

- H.R. 3196, the Improving Helicopter Safety Act of 2025, which prohibits nonessential helicopter flights within a 20-mile radius of the Statue of Liberty National Monument.
- NY City Council Int. 0070-2024, which prohibits all nonessential helicopter operations at heliports owned or operated by NYC.
- NYS Senate Bill S7381 / NYS Assembly Bill A6311, which bans helicopter sightseeing tours from any municipal facility.
- NYS Senate Bill S1140 / NYS Assembly Bill A5891, which establishes a tax on noise from nonessential helicopter and seaplane flights in cities with a population of one million or more. This bill would levy a tax of \$50/seat or \$200/flight, whichever is greater.
- NYS Assembly Bill A2583, which establishes a tax on noise from nonessential helicopter and seaplane flights in cities with a population of one million or more. This bill would levy a tax of \$100/seat or \$400/flight, whichever is greater; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Environmental, Sanitation and Transportation Committee of CB 8 Brooklyn urges the Mayor of New York City to work with the New York State Governor to close the West 30th Street Heliport, which is a dangerous and disruptive presence in Hudson River Park, and represents an alienation of public parkland in NY State.”

The committee hopes the full Board supports the resolution.

A motion to support was made by Fior Ortiz-Joyner and seconded by Conor Ross.

28 Y, 0 N, 0 A, the motion passes.

Open Streets

The following applications have been approved by the NYC Dept. of Transportation for an Open Street in 2026. The Board has an opportunity to comment on the approved applications. Comments can be as simple as, “approved as submitted,” or “approved with the following modification.”

1. **Vanderbilt Avenue from Atlantic Avenue to Park Place.** This OS will operate every Saturday from May 2, 2026 through September 26, 2026. The street will be closed to vehicular traffic from 11AM to 11PM.

DOT agency partner: Prospect Heights Open Street

2. **Franklin Avenue from Atlantic Avenue to Eastern Parkway.** This OS will operate every OTHER Saturday from June 6, 2026 through October 24, 2026. The street will be closed to vehicular traffic from 11AM to 7PM.

DOT agency partner: Bridge Street Development Corp

3. **Prospect Place from Classon Avenue to Grand Avenue.** This OS will operate every Saturday from July 4, 2026 through August 1, 2026. The street will be closed to vehicular traffic from 8AM to 9PM.

DOT agency partner: Prospect Place Block Association 2.0

The Board voted to support the Open Streets item on a motion by Jamell Henderson and a second by Robert Puca.

23 Y, 1 N, 4 A, the motion passes.

Second Vice Chair Young thanked everyone for attending. With no additional items to be discussed, she adjourned the meeting at 9PM.

Guests Present

Cheryl Walcott
Jacob Wasserman
Jackie Briggs
Ashley Burrell
Myra Hayden
Conetta Charles
Karen T.
Izzy Espejo
Rona Williams
Adrienne C.
Stephen Nixon
Jane Sternbach
Jane Comfort
Gary V.
Sarah Peppe
Alonso Castro
Ben Guise
Lucu Krevtz
Zubin Teherani
Tom Angela
Leo Descartes
Ethan Norville
John Comfort
Kai Chang
Aliver Canaria
Zoe Screwrala
Fons Chen
Erin Chen

Rodney Seymour
Tene Shaver
Marc Daniels
Anne Maegli
Jackia C.
Chris Page
Roger Myers
Constance Lesold
Neg L.
Gilah E.
Emrys Berkower
Justin Germek
Sam S.
Adham Salem
Erik Diaz
Darren Barany
Guerline Noel
George Sands
Hayley Goreberg
Helen K.
Lydia Gallant
Janet Linde
Michael Wagner
Kelley Surun
Ariel Surun
Hugo Stanley
Elliot Metviner
Ben Lockhart

Lorena Marin
David Kupferberg
Jeffrey Smith
Ryan Christman
Susan Cooke
Lauryn Jackson
Katherine Wells
Gwendolyn Nealy
Jared Kraminitz
Robert Dempsey
Ken Kurtz
Cristina Pastrana
Norman Z.
Chris F.
Jason Berke
Peter Chekowski
Earl Chekowski
Det. Wallen, K
Det. Marte, R
Xeexxema Jordan
Melina Bernardine
Crystal M.
Sandra Lynch
Diana Foster
Alan Mooiman
Jason Hur
Ken Curry
Isabel Schneider